PLANT FACT SHEET

Lespedeza pilosa (Thunb.) Siebold. & Zucc.

GENUS *Lespedeza* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Tie ma bian

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

DESCRIPTION

A herb which keeps growing from year to year. The stems lie along the ground and are slender. They are 60-100 cm long. The leaves have 3 leaflets. These are broadly oval and the end leaflet is 2 cm long by 1-1.5 cm wide. The flowers are in the axils of the leaves. They are yellowish white. The pod is oval and 3-4 mm across.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows in waste land and grasslands below 1000 m altitude in central China. In Sichuan.

NOTES

The plant is used in medicine. There are about 100 Lespedeza species.

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