PLANT FACT SHEET

Use with caution

This plant can be harmful if it is eaten raw, in large amounts or without the right preparation. Read the whole fact sheet before use.

Securigera varia (L.) Lassen

GENUS *Securigera* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Purple crown vetch

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

DESCRIPTION

A low growing bean family vine. It grows 25-50 cm tall. The flowers are pink and white and in small clusters.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant.

NOTES

It can be an invasive weed.

Caution: It is toxic to non-ruminant animals due to nitroglycosides.

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