PLANT FACT SHEET

Alysicarpus rugosus (Willd.) DC.

GENUS *Alysicarpus* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Rough chainpea, Red moneywort

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds

DESCRIPTION

An erect herb or shrub. It has a woody rootstock. It grows up to 40-60 cm tall. The leaves are sword shaped. They are 2-5 cm long by 0.7-1.5 cm wide. The ends of the leaves are blunt. The flowers are at the end of the branch. It has a pea like flower. There are yellow and mauve colours on the flower. The pod is 1 cm long by 0.3 cm wide. The pod is constricted between the seeds. These sections break off. They have marks across them. The seed is dark brown and oval. It is 1.5-2 mm long by 1.5 mm wide.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in seasonally waterlogged grassland. It flowers and fruits from January to June in Australia. In southern China it grows in moist places in dense forests between 600-1,200 m above sea level. In Yunnan.

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