PLANT FACT SHEET

Crotalaria medicaginea Lam.

GENUS *Crotalaria* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Trefoil rattlepod

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

The young leaves are occasionally used as a potherb.

DESCRIPTION

A herb or small shrub. It can lie along the ground or be erect. It grows 1 m tall. The branches are slender and have silky hairs. The leaves have 3 leaflets. These are oval to oblong and 2-3 cm long by up to 1 cm wide. They have silky hairs underneath. There are many flowers in a group at the ends of branches or opposite the leaves. The flowers are yellow. The pods are round and 3-5 mm across. They have 2 seeds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical and subtropical plant.

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