PLANT FACT SHEET

Lathyrus humilis (Ser.) Spreng.

GENUS *Lathyrus* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Pods

The seeds and pods are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It keeps growing from year to year. It grows 20-30 cm tall. The stems are slender, erect and sometimes branching. They are hairy. The leaves have leaflets along the stalk. There are weak tendrils. There are 3 to 4 pairs of leaflets that are oval and 15-30 mm long by 10-20 mm wide. There are 2-5 flowers in a group. They are red to purple. The pod is 4-5 cm long. The seeds are oval and red-brown.

HABITAT

It grows in cold desert in north India. In north China it grows on the edges of forests and in grasslands below 2,500 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In China plants flower in May to July and fruit August to September.

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