PLANT FACT SHEET

Astragalus creticus Lam.

GENUS *Astragalus* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Gum

The gum is used to chicken sweets.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It loses its leaves during the year.

HABITAT

It is a temperate or Mediterranean climate plant. It grows in the mountain in the Balkans. It is best in well-drained soil. It needs a sunny position.

NOTES

This plant yields tragacanth. There are 2,000 Astragalus species.

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