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Crotalaria polysperma Kotschy ex Schweinf.

GENUS *Crotalaria* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Flowers

DESCRIPTION

An annual herb or shrub. It can grow to 1.2 m high. It is erect with many branches. These are covered with hairs. The leaves are compound with 3 leaflets. The leaflets are 3-7 cm long by 2-4 cm wide. They are narrowly oval and pointed. The flowers are in loose groups or 12-20 flowers. The flowers are blue. The fruit is a pod 4-5 cm long. The seeds are 3.5 mm long.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It can grow up to 1,050 m above sea level. It grows in grassland. It is common along the Zambezi River valley.

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