



PLANT FACT SHEET

Senna spectabilis (DC.) Irwin & Barneby

GENUS *Senna* FAMILY Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Yellow cassia

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: fruit

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 7 m high. The leaves have 6-15 pairs of leaflets. These are 3-7 cm long by 1-2 m wide. They are oval with pointed tip. They have fine hairs underneath. The flowers are yellow. They are in large unbranched clusters at the ends of twigs. The fruit are pods 18-25 cm long by 1 cm wide. They are black and glossy.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in mixed forests up to 2,000 m above sea level. In Argentina it grows from sea level to 1,000 m above sea level. In XTBG Yunnan (As Cassia)

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds. Boiling water is poured over the seeds and then they are allowed to soak to 24 hours. Plants can be grown from cuttings.

NOTES

Also as Caesalpinaceae.

PICTURES



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