PLANT FACT SHEET

Wisteria floribunda (Willd.) DC.

GENUS *Wisteria* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Japanese wisteria, Many-flowered Wisteria

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers, Leaves, Seeds

CAUTION The seeds are poisonous to many animals.
The young leaves and flowers are boiled and eaten.
The flowers are thoroughly boiled, washed and eaten with oil and salt.

DESCRIPTION

A climber which can grow 6-9 m long. It can climb over trees 20 m high. The leaves are light to mid green and composed of up to 19 leaflets. The flowers are violet-blue. The flowers are fragrant. The flowers are in drooping racemes 30 cm long. They taper along the length. There are several named varieties.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It suits hardiness zones 5-10.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It has creeping underground stems which can develop roots. It can also be grown from seed.

Harvesting and Seed Production

It is fast growing.

NOTES

There are 10 Wisteria species. It can be invasive.

PICTURES



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