PLANT FACT SHEET

Macroptilium lathyroides (Linn.) Urb.

GENUS *Macroptilium* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Phasemy bean

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds

DESCRIPTION

An erect herb. It grows 1.5 m high. It can grow each year from seed or take 2 years to complete its life cycle. The leaflets are narrowly oval and 3-8 cm long by 1-4 cm wide. They can be hairy underneath. The flower stalk is 15-40 cm long with flowers in pairs in the upper part. The pods are 6-10 cm long by 2-3 mm wide. They are hairy. There are 18-30 seeds. They are 3 mm across.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. In Argentina it grows between sea level and 1,000 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

It is fast growing.

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