PLANT FACT SHEET

Vigna vexillata var. wightii (Bedd.) Babu & S. K. Sharma

GENUS *Vigna* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Wynaad sweet pea

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Pods

The pods are cooked and eaten as a vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

A climbing bean. It is twining and hairy. The end leaflets is 8.5 cm long by 6 cm wide the the side leaflets are 7 cm long by 4.5 cm wide. The base is rounded and there is a sharp tip at the top. The leaves are hairy. The flowering shoots are 10 cm long with 2-4 flowers. They are in the axils of leaves. The flowers are light purple. The pods are 13 cm long by 0.8 cm wide. The seeds are black and 6 mm long by 4 mm wide.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in moist deciduous forest.

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