PLANT FACT SHEET

Vicia bakeri Ali

GENUS *Vicia* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Bunkala

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The tender fruits are boiled and pickled.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows to 3 m high. The leaves have stalks. The leaves are divided into leaflets along the stalk. These end with a tendril. There are 14-23 leaflets. These are oblong. They are 7-25 mm long. The flowers are pale lilac. They droop. The fruit is a pod. It is 40 mm long and 8 mm wide.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. In Nepal they grow between 2500-3200 m altitude. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

NOTES

There are about 140 Vicia species. They are mostly temperate.

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