PLANT FACT SHEET

Cistanche deserticola Ma

GENUS *Cistanche* **FAMILY** Orobanchaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Stem, Medicine

DESCRIPTION

A parasite that grows attached to shrubs and grasses. It is a herb. It grows 04.-1.6 m tall. The stems are 2-10 cm across. The lower leaves are oval and 1-2 cm long and wide. The leaves higher up are narrow and 2.4 cm long by 5-10 mm wide. The flowers are in spikes and 15-50 cm long.

HABITAT

It is a cool temperate plant. In north China it grows 200-1,200 m above sea level. It grows in deserts in north-western China. It can grow in arid and sandy places.

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