PLANT FACT SHEET

Use with caution

This plant can be harmful if it is eaten raw, in large amounts or without the right preparation. Read the whole fact sheet before use.

Spartium junceum L.

GENUS *Spartium* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Spanish Broom

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Flowers

The flowers are used to make liqueurs and other drinks.

DESCRIPTION

A deciduous shrub. It grows 2.5-3 m high and 2.2-3 m wide. The leaves are very small and spear shaped. The leaves fall off almost immediately and the green branches process sunlight. The flowers are pea-like. They are rich yellow. The fruit are seed pods. These are brownish-black. They are flat and split open when ripe.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It can tolerate light frosts. It can grow in dry places. It needs well-drained soils. It needs full sun. It is often on calcareous soils. In Argentina it grows below 500 m above sea level. It suits hardiness zones 6-9. Tasmania Herbarium.

PRODUCTION

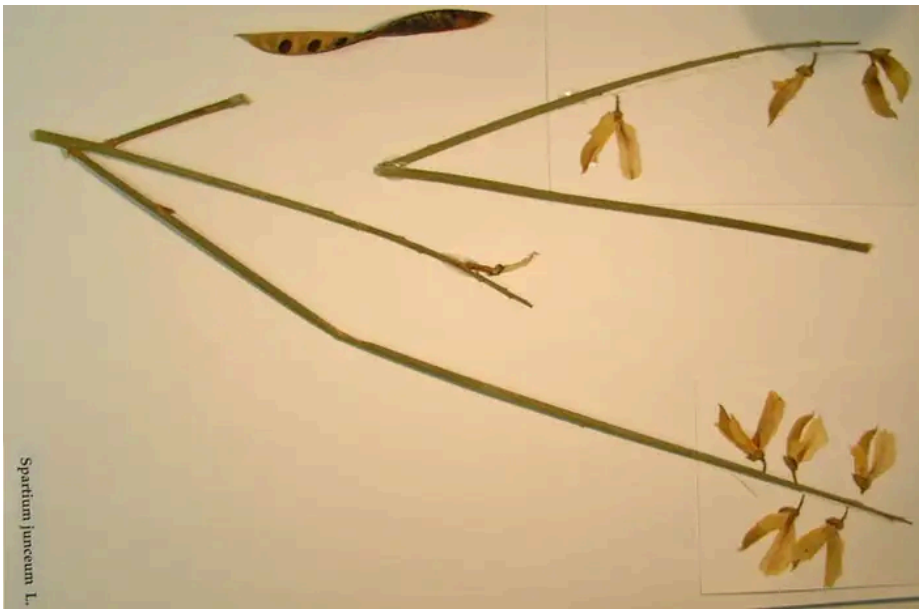
Harvesting and Seed Production

It is fast growing.

NOTES

There is only one Spartium species. It is cultivated for essential oils. It can be invasive.

PICTURES



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