PLANT FACT SHEET

Colutea istria Mill.

GENUS *Colutea* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Bladder senna

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds

DESCRIPTION

A shrub that loses its leaves. It grows 2 m high and spreads 2 m wide. The stem is erect and branching. The leaves have leaflets along the stalk. They are small and oval. The flowers are yellow and red. They are pea shaped. The fruit are inflated pods 5-6 cm long. It contains a few seeds.

HABITAT

It is a Mediterranean climate plant. It will grow on most soils. It grows in protected sunny positions. It is resistant to drought and sensitive to frost. It can grow in arid places.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown by seeds.

NOTES

There are about 26 Colutea species.
Possibly misapplied to Colutea abyssinica.

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