PLANT FACT SHEET

Astragalus mongholicus Bunge

GENUS *Astragalus* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES Milk vetch, Hwanggi

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Roots

The roots are eaten in soups often with chicken and meats. They are dried and sliced.
It is also used in teas, wine and dilute rice porridge.

DESCRIPTION

A sprawling herb. It keeps growing from year to year. It grows 40-60 cm high and 30-45 cm wide. The roots are pale yellow. The leaves are light green and alternate. The leaves are 3-8 cm long and compound with 12-18 pairs of leaflets. The flowers are pea-like and pale yellow. They are 2 cm long. The fruit are papery pods. They are 2.5 cm long. The seeds are dark brown and kidney-shaped.

HABITAT

A temperate plant. It is native to northern China. It is hardy to frost. It suits hardiness zone 5.

NOTES

It is used in medicine.

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