PLANT FACT SHEET

Lathyrus davidii Hance

GENUS *Lathyrus* **FAMILY** Fabaceae

COMMON NAMES David's vetchling, Itachi-sasage

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers, Leaves, Seeds, pod

The young plants including stems pods and flower stalks are parboiled then eaten as a potherb, fried, roasted and use in soups.
The leaves are stems can be cooked and eaten separately.

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It keeps growing from year to year. It can be a climbing plant. It grows 80-100 cm high. The stems can be 3 m long. The leaves have leaflets along the stalk. There is a branched tendril at the end. There are 4-8 leaflets. They are oval and 3-10 cm long by 2-3 cm wide. The flowers are yellow. They are 2 cm long. They are along a stalk 10-20 cm long. The pods are cylinder shaped and 8-11 cm long. The seeds are oblong and brown.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows wild in northern China. It grows below 1,800 m above sea level.

NOTES

There are about 150 Lathyrus species.

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