



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.

Crotalaria karagwensis Taub.

GENUS *Crotalaria* FAMILY Fabaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds

Caution: Many *Crotalaria* contains toxins.

The seeds are eaten in Kenya. They are presumably cooked.

DESCRIPTION

An erect annual herb. It grows 1 m tall. There are hairs on the stems. The leaves are simple and alternate. The leaf blade is narrow and 2-11 cm long by 2-12 mm wide. There are 10-24 flowers in a group at the top of the plant. These are yellow with red veins. The fruit is an oblong club shaped pod. It is 2.5 cm long by 3.5 cm wide and narrows to the base. There are 15-34 seeds. These are small and heart shaped. They are 2-4 mm across.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows between 1,100-2,300 m altitude in grassland and woodland.

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