

HYACINTH BEAN

Lablab purpureus (LAB-lab pur-PUR-ee-us)

ANNUAL VINE I FABACEAE FAMILY

ZONES: 10-11

EXPOSURE: SUN

MATURE HEIGHT: 10-25 FEET

BLOOM: PINK/PURPLE I SUMMER-FALL













Hyacinth Bean has been used in Asia as a stimulant, to reduce fever, to reduce flatulence, to stimulate digestion, and as an antispasmodic. Also for treating cholera, vomiting, diarrhea, leucorrhoea, gonorrhoea, and alcoholic intoxication.

- Therapeutic*: anticholesterolemic, antidote, antivinous, carminative, hypoglycaemic. Prolongs coagulation time. Mature seeds are anthelmintic, antispasmodic, aphrodisiac, astringent, digestive, febrifuge and stomachic (cook or roast mature seeds).
- The tender pods, seeds, young leaves, and flowers are edible. The beans are a good source of protein and phosphorus; the leaves are protein-rich.
- Plants are fairly fast growing and the bacteria on the roots enrich the soil with nitrogen

<u>Caution</u>: Toxic in large quantities. Keep away from pets. Consult your doctor before taking if on medications or pregnant.



