

Wild Indigo



Wild indigo is a leguminous plant with a shrub-like growth habit. The leaves are alternate and three-parted.



Flower color varies by species; shown here are the creamy white flowers of wild white indigo, *Baptisia leucantha*.



A striking feature of wild indigo are the inflated, black seed pods. Each pod contains several seeds.



Seed. Seed are kidney-shaped, orange-brown and have a length of approximately 4.0 mm.

Life cycle: perennial.

Toxic Plant: all parts of the plant are reported to be toxic because of the compounds, baptisin and cytisine, which are moderately toxic if eaten. Animals may show nausea, vomiting and diarrhea as symptoms.