

Psoralea corylifolia

Scientific classification

Kingdom : Plantae
(unranked) : Angiosperms
Order : Fabales
Family : Fabaceae
Genus : *Psoralea*
Species : *P. corylifolia*



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Description

Psoralea corylifolia grows 50–90 cm tall and is an **annual plant**. It has pale-purple flowers in short, condensed, axillary spikes. Its corolla is pale purple. Flowers one-seeded fruits. The most distinctive feature is the occurrence of minute brown glands which are immersed in surface tissue on all parts of the plant, giving it a distinctive and pleasant fragrance.

Use in traditional medicine

- *P. corylifolia* L., or *bu gu zhi* in traditional Chinese medicine, is an herb used as a supposed therapy for several disorders having limited clinical evidence, such as treatment of lichen-induced dermatitis by psoralen extract combined with sunlight exposure.
- **Psoralea corylifolia** has multifarious **uses** as it is an important component of ayurvedic as well as allopathic system of medicines.
- It is used in the treatment of psoriasis, leucoderma and in many **medicinal** formulations.
- It is valued in Chinese herbal medicine as a tonic remedy and is used to improve general vitality.