

# Winged Bean

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**Botanical name:** *Psophocarpus tetragonolobus* of the LEGUMINOSAE (Pea & Bean) family

Other names: Four angled bean, Princess pea



Above : Fresh Beans on vine  
Right : Dried Beans with seeds for planting

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## Tropical summary

This highly productive vine dies back in winter but can regrow in spring, from under ground tubers. Most parts of the plant are edible, the flowers, young beans, mature seeds, young leaves and storage roots. Fertile, well drained soils with a pH of 6.5 are best. Plants are usually grown from seed planted at the foot of 2m high trellis. Plant from September to November but Flowering is initiated by shortening day lengths and continues from March onwards till the temperature becomes too cool. Aphids, pod borers and nematodes can reduce yields but rarely cause crop failure. Leaf spot can occur in humid sheltered positions and root rot will be a problem in swampy soil.



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