

# Jack Bean

## *Canavalia ensiformis*

**Family:** Papilionaceae (puh-pil-ee-uh-NAY-see-ay)

**Genus:** *Canavalia* (kan-uh-VAY-lee-uh)

**Species:** *ensiformis* (en-see-FORM-iss)

### Category

Annuals

Vegetables

### Bloom Time

Mid Summer

Late Summer/Early Fall

Mid Fall

### Height

24-36 in. (60-90 cm)

### Foliage

Grown for foliage

### Spacing

3-6 in. (7-15 cm)

6-9 in. (15-22 cm)

### Other details

Drought-tolerant; suitable for xeriscaping

### Hardiness

### Soil pH requirements

5.1 to 5.5 (strongly acidic)

5.6 to 6.0 (acidic)

### Sun Exposure

Full Sun

Light Shade

### Propagation Methods

From seed; sow indoors before last frost

From seed; direct sow after last frost

### Danger

### Bloom Color

Magenta (Pink-Purple)

### Seed Collecting

Allow pods to dry on plant; break open to collect seeds

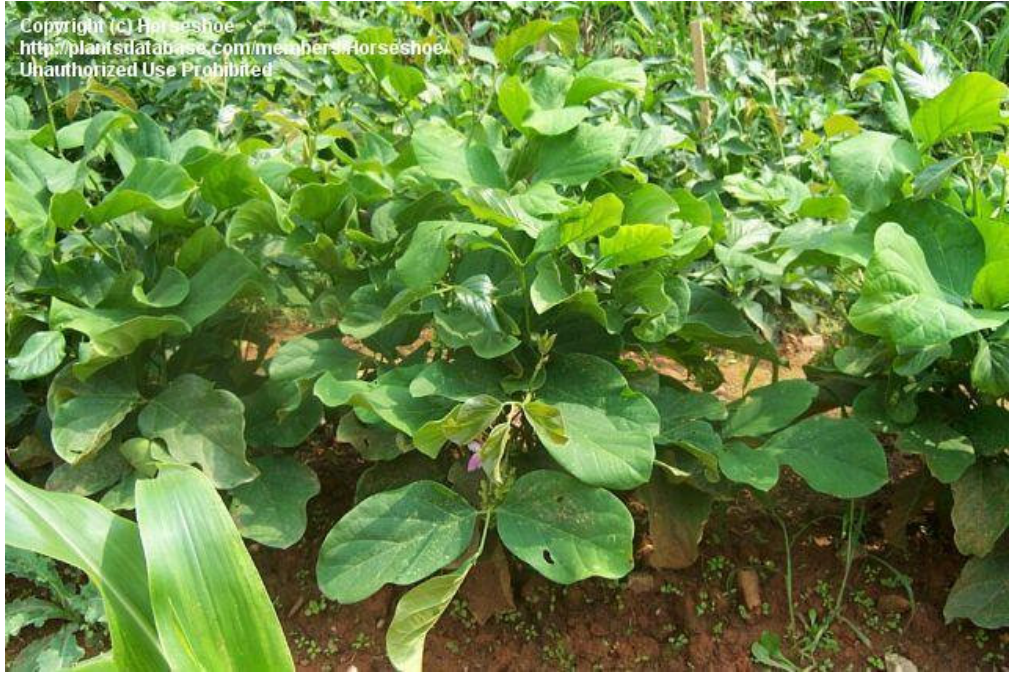
**Shown here are somewhat immature seeds but gives you an idea of their home within their pod!"**



**Showing young beans and also the flowers. Pretty, eh?"**



**A good view of the whole plant. Nice foliage, eh? "**



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