

Beach pea

Pois de mer

*Lathyrus japonicus*



*Lathyrus japonicus* is native to New Brunswick as well as temperate parts of Europe, Asia, North and South America. It is most commonly found along coastal shady/gravelly beaches although it can also be found lakeshore and field edges. Flowers begin blooming in June and continue thru July. The leaves of the plant are used in Chinese traditional medicine and the COOKED seeds and pods have been used in years of crop failure as human food.