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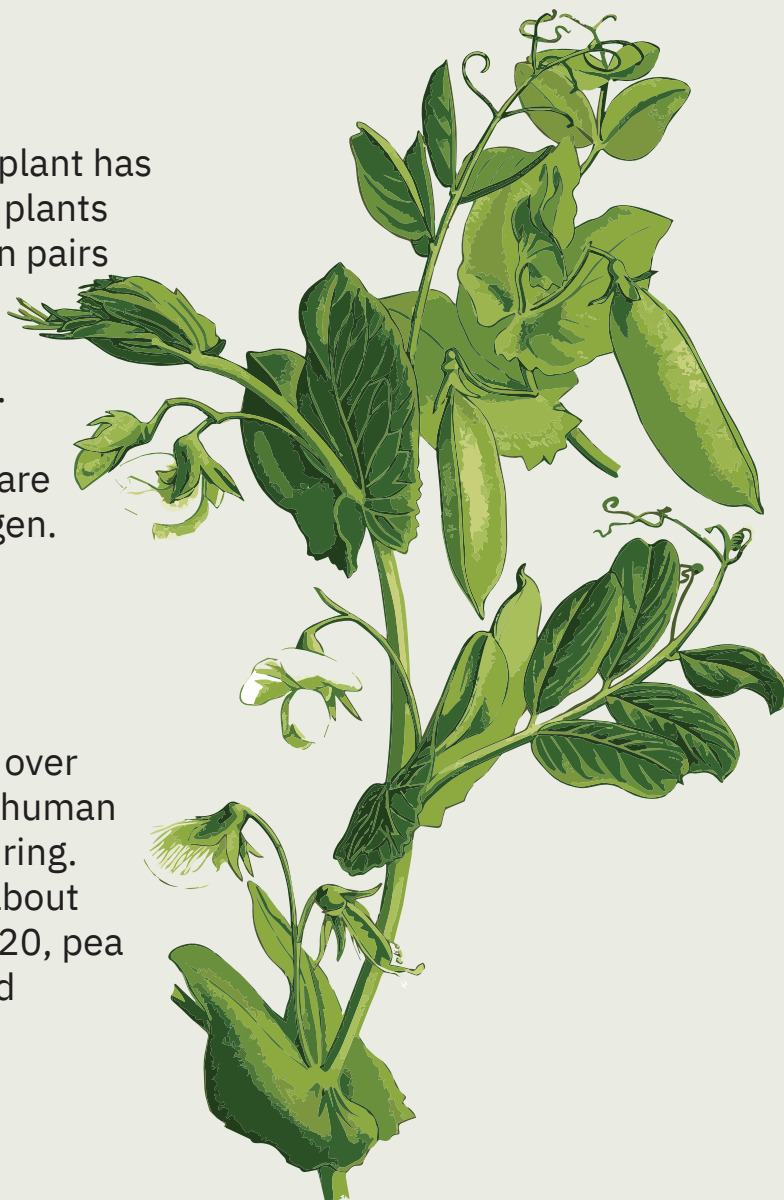
Pea

Ärt

Pisum sativum

Overview

Pea is an annual legume. The pea plant has tendrils by which it clings to other plants for support. The flowers are held in pairs on racemes and are generally white or pink. The pea generally flowers in late June and early July. The pod contains 6 – 10 seeds. During the growing season, a hectare of peas can fix 40 – 80 kg of nitrogen.



Use

Pea has been grown in Finland for over 2500 years. The crop is grown for human food, animal feed and green manuring. The protein content of dry pea is about 23%, depending on cultivar. In 2020, pea was grown on 24,900 ha in Finland (1.2 % of the arable area).



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