

Crotolaria laburnifolia

Family Fabaceae

Shrub or small tree to 3m.

Propagate by seed. Cultivate to support Danaus butterfly reproduction.

Pyrrolizidine alkaloids are present in Crotalaria (particularly in flowers and seeds) and Danaus male butterflies sequester pyrrolizidine alkaloids from the nectar and leaves for defence and reproduction.

Source Steve Collins

In South Africa Crotalaria Laburnifolia are recorded as larval food to Utetheisa pulchella – Crimson Speckled Footman





Danaus chrysippus - male (c) Zeynel Cebeci



Utetheisa pulchella – Crimson Speckled Footman