



# *Wisteria frutescens* (L.) Poir.

**Family:** Fabaceae

**Common name:** American wisteria

**Importance:**

- It is valued for its summer flowers and can be trained on walls, columns and arbors.
- Fresh flowers can be eaten in salad or dipped in batter and fried as fritters.
- The leaves can be used as a tobacco substitute.
- Source of canavanine which serves as a defense compound against herbivores and provides a vital source of nitrogen for the growing plant embryo.