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 PLANTS Profile
 

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*Vigna unguiculata* (L.) Walp.  
 cowpea

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Symbol: **VIUN**  
 Group: Dicot  
 Family: Fabaceae  
 Duration: Annual  
 Growth: Vine  
 Habit: Forb/herb  
 Native: L48 I  
 Status: PR I  
           VI I



Tracey Slotta. Provided by ARS Systematic Botany and Mycology Laboratory. Costa Rica.

Other common names:  
 blackeyed pea  
 field pea

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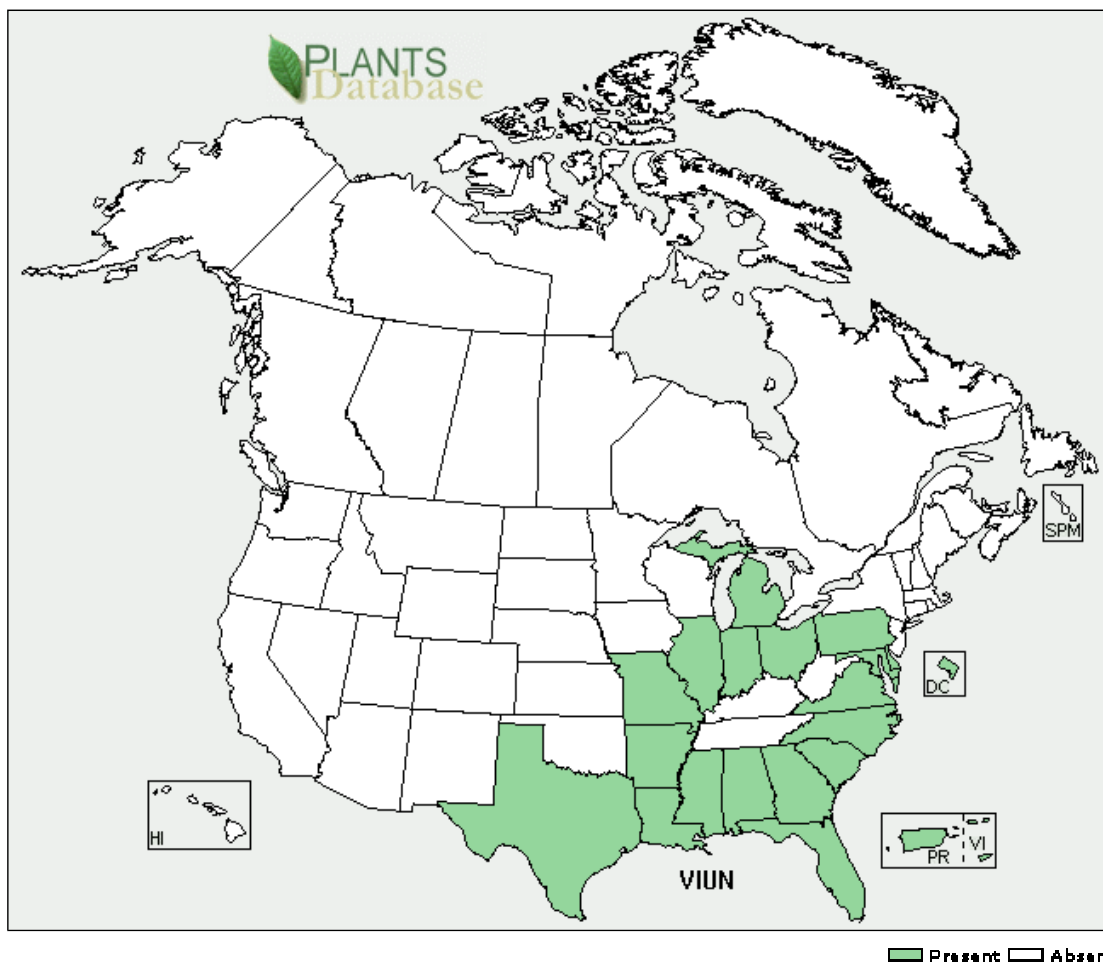
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*Vigna unguiculata* (L.) Walp. More than one image is available in the PLANTS Image Gallery. Click on the thumbnail (s) below to view other versions of this printer-friendly PLANTS profile with a full-sized image and a high-resolution publication image (when available).



**Distribution by State:**

*Vigna unguiculata* (L.) Walp.



*Vigna unguiculata* (L.) Walp. distribution:

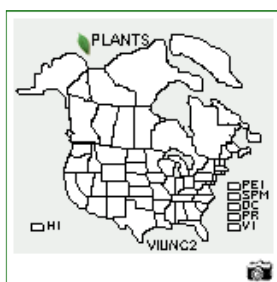
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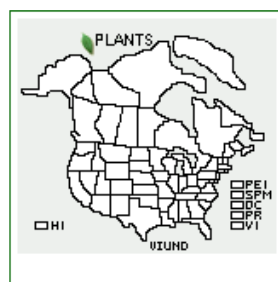
**Related Taxa:**

*Vigna unguiculata* (L.) Walp.

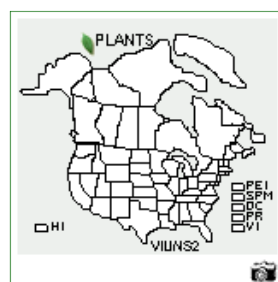
236 genera in Fabaceae, 27 species in *Vigna*



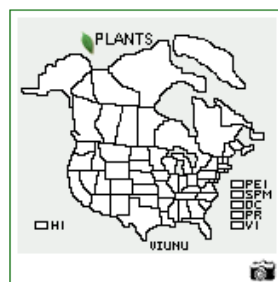
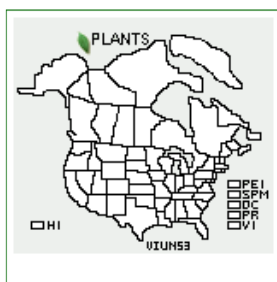
*Vigna unguiculata* ssp. *cylindrica*  
catjang



*Vigna unguiculata* ssp. *dekindtiana*  
blackeyed pea



*Vigna unguiculata* ssp. *sesquipedalis*  
yardlong bean



*Vigna unguiculata* ssp. *stenophylla**Vigna unguiculata* ssp. *unguiculata*  
southern pea

 Noxious
  Threatened and Endangered
  Native
  Introduced
  Wetland
  Image

**Classification:***Vigna unguiculata* (L.) Walp.

Kingdom	<i>Plantae</i> – Plants
Subkingdom	<i>Tracheobionta</i> – Vascular plants
Superdivision	<i>Spermatophyta</i> – Seed plants
Division	<i>Magnoliophyta</i> – Flowering plants
Class	<i>Magnoliopsida</i> – Dicotyledons
Subclass	<i>Rosidae</i>
Order	<i>Fabales</i>
Family	<i>Fabaceae</i> – Pea family
Genus	<i>Vigna</i> Savi – cowpea
Species	<i>Vigna unguiculata</i> (L.) Walp. – cowpea

**U.S. Weed Information:***Vigna unguiculata* (L.) Walp.

blackeyed pea

This plant can be weedy or invasive according to the authoritative sources noted below. This plant may be known by one or more common names in different places, and some are listed above.

SWSS Southern Weed Science Society. 1998. *Weeds of the United States and Canada. CD-ROM*. Southern Weed Science Society. Champaign, Illinois.

**Introduced Information:***Vigna unguiculata* (L.) Walp.

This plant is introduced to some part of the PLANTS Floristic Area, though it may be native in other parts.

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