

***Vicia faba* L. (Fabaceae)**

Seed.

General shape: oblong to oval

Normal size: 5-24 mm L x 10 mm W x 5-7 mm D

Color: beige, green or brownish, the color vary with age

Texture: smooth and dull

Distinguishing features: seed slightly flattened, with two sides. The hilum (located at the base) is deeply sunk, linear, white or black and it is as long as the width of the seed; sometimes overcome by the funiculus. The micropyle is apparent and located near the hilum.

Embryo: curved, accumbent; cotyledons are big and thick.

Note: the fruit is a pod.



Seeds of *Vicia faba*

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