

***Phaseolus vulgaris* L. (Fabaceae)**

Seed.

**General shape:** reniform, or oblong to oval

**Normal size:** 8-15 mm L x 5-10mm W x 4-10 mm D

**Color:** uniform white to dark brown, sometimes patterned red or black

**Texture:** smooth and glossy

**Distinguishing features:** seed slightly flattened, with two convex sides. The hilum is located in the middle of the ventral edge; elliptical, usually whitish, generally not flat. The micropyle is visible near the hilum as a dark dot.

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

Note: the seeds vary greatly depending on the variety regarding the size, shape and the color and the patterns of the seed.

Note: the fruit is a pod



Seeds of *Phaseolus vulgaris*

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