PLANT FACT SHEET

Melothria cucumis Vell.

GENUS *Melothria* **FAMILY** Cucurbitaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw or used in pickles.

DESCRIPTION

A climber. It grows each year from seed. The leaves are round with 5 angles or lobes. They are 3-9 cm long. The fruit are oval and 30-40 mm long by 20-25 mm wide. The seeds are oval and 7 mm long by 3.5 mm wide.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. In Argentina it grows from sea level to 1,000 m above sea level.

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