PLANT FACT SHEET

Melothria campestris (Naudin) H. Schaef. & S. S. Renner

GENUS *Melothria* **FAMILY** Cucurbitaceae

COMMON NAMES Cerrado watermelon

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A climbing plant. The stems can be 4 m long. The leaves have deep lobes. The flowers are small and yellow-green. The fruit are cylinder shaped and berry like. They are striped light and dark green. They are juicy sweet pulp.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in seasonally dry areas. It has been recorded at 1,150 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

PLants can be grown from fresh seed.

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