PLANT FACT SHEET

Trichosanthes villosa Blume

GENUS *Trichosanthes* **FAMILY** Cucurbitaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The young fruit are boiled before eating.
The leaves are cooked and eaten and used as flavouring.

DESCRIPTION

A pumpkin family plant. It is a climber. It can be 10 m long. The stem is slightly grooved. The leaves are broadly oval. The leaves are reddish brown and velvety underneath. The fruit are round and red. They can be 10-13 cm across. The pulp inside the fruit is white.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows at about 900 m altitude in Yunnan in China. It grows in monsoonal rainforest.

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