PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Melothria dulcis* Wunderlin

**GENUS** *Melothria* **FAMILY** Cucurbitaceae

**COMMON NAMES** Ococa

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Fruit

The pulp of the fruit is used for juices. The fruit are enjoyed.

## DESCRIPTION

A pumpkin family plant. The leaves are simple and 14 cm long by 10 cm wide. The base is heart shaped and they taper to the tip. The edges are wavy and have teeth. It has simple tendrils. Male flowers are in groups and female flowers occur singly. The fruit are yellow to orange and the pulp is orange. Fruit are 7 cm long and 6 cm wide. The seeds are 1 cm long.

## HABITAT

A tropical plant.

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