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Cyclea peltata (Lam.) Hook.f. & Thomson

GENUS *Cyclea* **FAMILY** Menispermaceae

COMMON NAMES Pata root, Raj patha

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Tubers

The tubers are cooked and eaten as a vegetable.
CAUTION: It contains an alkaloid cycleine. This is used in medicine.

DESCRIPTION

A slender twining shrub. It can climb tall trees. It has tubers. The leaves are alternate and heart shaped. They are 3-10 cm long by 3-4 cm wide. The flowers are pale yellow. They are in groups in the axils of leaves. The fruit are oval and fleshy. They are brown or red.

HABITAT

A tropical plant.

NOTES

It is used as medicine.

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