PLANT FACT SHEET

Cucumis melo var. dudaim L.; (L.) Grebb.

GENUS *Cucumis* **FAMILY** Cucurbitaceae

COMMON NAMES Watermelon, Dudaim melon, Pomegranate melon

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

Fruit are eaten fresh.

DESCRIPTION

A pumpkin family plant. It is an annual herb. It has a creeping habit with stems lying along the ground. The leaves are thin and hairy. They have lobes. The leaves are 10-18 cm long. The flowers occur singly and male and female flowers are separate but on the same plant. The fruit are oval and yellow. They are 10-12 cm across and 16 cm long. The flesh is firm and white

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. In Argentina it grows below 200 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

Harvesting and Seed Production

A fruit can weigh 200 g. Plants take 85-115 days from planting to harvest.

NOTES

There are about 25 Cucumis species.

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