PLANT FACT SHEET

Trichosanthes pilosa Lour.

GENUS *Trichosanthes* **FAMILY** Cucurbitaceae

COMMON NAMES Japanese snake gourd

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Tubers, Root, Vegetable

The immature fruit are preserved in salt or miso.
The tubers are used for starch.

DESCRIPTION

A pumpkin family plant. It is a climbing vine. The stems are slender and grooved. They are hairy. The leaves are oval or round and 5-13 cm long by 5-12 cm wide. They are pale green underneath. The fruit are oval and orange to red. They are 6-7 cm long by 4-6 cm wide. They are smooth and have a beak.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows in dense forests and on mountain slopes between 600-1,700 m above sea level in China.

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