PLANT FACT SHEET

Solanum trilobatum L.

GENUS *Solanum* **FAMILY** Solanaceae

COMMON NAMES Climbing brinjal

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Fruit

The leaves are cooked and eaten as a vegetable. They are used as a potherb.
The fruit is eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A woody climbing shrub. The stems are prickly. The leaves are simple and alternate. The leaves are broadly oval and 4-8 cm long by 3-4 cm wide and have lobes. The flowers are purple with bright yellow stamens. The fruit is a bright red berry when ripe. It is about 1 cm wide.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It can grow in tidal swamps. In Sri Lanka it grows in the dry regions.

NOTES

There are about 1400 Solanum species. The fruit and leaves contain solasodine.

PICTURES



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