PLANT FACT SHEET

Sicyos australis Endl.

GENUS *Sicyos* **FAMILY** Cucurbitaceae

COMMON NAMES Star cucumber, Angled cucumber

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

DESCRIPTION

A pumpkin family plant. It is a scrambling herb. The stems can be 4 m long. It climbs with tendrils. The leaves are almost triangular. They can have lobes and are finely toothed. They are 5-8 cm wide. The upper surface is rough to the touch. The flowers are greenish and 5 mm across. Several flowers occur together. The fruit are about 10 mm long. They have soft spines.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows on rocky limestone ground. Tasmania Herbarium.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed.

NOTES

There are about 50 Sicyos species.

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