PLANT FACT SHEET

Sicyos angulatus L.

GENUS *Sicyos* **FAMILY** Cucurbitaceae

COMMON NAMES Bur cucumber, Angle cucumber

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves

The leaves are boiled as a green vegetable.
The fruit is used as a vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

A pumpkin family plant. It is a long slender climber. The stems are weak. The leaves are heart shaped or divided like fingers on a hand. They are thin textured and give off a bad smell if touched. The flowers are separately male and female but in the axil of the same leaf on separate spikes. The female flowers are in short dense clusters. The fruit are oval and 1 cm long. They are densely covered with prickles.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows on stream banks and the edges of forests.

NOTES

There are about 50 Sicyos species.

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