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Zehneria mucronata (Cogn.) Fosberg & Sachet

GENUS *Zehneria* **FAMILY** Cucurbitaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Medicine

DESCRIPTION

A pumpkin family herb. It has a stout vine 4-10 m long. The stems are 2-3 mm across. The leaves are oval and 5-15 cm long by 4-11 cm wide. They can have 3 lobes. Male and female flowers are separate. The flowers are white. The fruit occur singly on a long stalk. They are 2-4 cm long by 1-1.5 cm wide. The fruit are red when ripe.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in the wet tropics. It occurs up to 2,600 m above sea level.

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