PLANT FACT SHEET

Edibility uncertain
It has not been confirmed that this plant is safe to eat. Do not eat it on the strength of this fact sheet alone.

Austrobryonia micrantha (F. Muell.) I. Telford

GENUS *Austrobryonia* **FAMILY** Cucurbitaceae

COMMON NAMES Desert Cucumber, Mallee Cucumber

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

DESCRIPTION

A pumpkin family plant. It is a climbing or trailing herb. It has a woody rootstock. The stems are 1-4 m long. The leaves are 1.5-6 cm long by 1-4.5 cm wide. The leaf stalks are 1-3 cm long. They are broadly oval. The base is heart shaped. There can be rounded or sharp teeth along the edge. The leaves can also have 3-7 lobes. The leaves have rough hairs underneath. The flowers are 0.6 cm across. They are cream or yellowish-green. The male flowers have 2-5 flowers in each cluster. The female flowers also have 2-5 flowers in a cluster and these are usually in the same axil as the male flowers. The fruit are 1-1.4 cm long by -.7-1.3 cm wide. They are oval and greenish-yellow.

HABITAT

It grows in central Australia. It grows in sands and clay loams along waterways. It suits semi-arid warm temperate regions and seasonally dry subtropical regions.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed or cuttings.

NOTES

There are 10 Mukia species. They grow in the tropics. This species may be renamed.

PICTURES



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