PLANT FACT SHEET

Cucumis hystrix Chakravarty

GENUS *Cucumis* **FAMILY** Cucurbitaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Vegetable, Leaves

The fruit are eaten fresh as a vegetable. They are used in salads.
The leaves are boiled and eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A pumpkin family plant. It is a vine. The stems are angular. It has simple, narrow tendrils. The leaves are oval or triangle shaped and 6-13 cm long by 6-10 cm wide. They have 3-5 irregular lobes. There are teeth along the edge. Male and female flowers occur singly. They are yellow. The fruit are oblong and 4-5 cm long by 1-2 cm wide. The seeds are narrowly oval.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in forests between 800-1,500 m above sea level. In Yunnan.

NOTES

There are about 25 Cucumis species.

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