PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Trichosanthes wallichiana* (Seringe) Wight

**GENUS** *Trichosanthes* **FAMILY** Cucurbitaceae

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Seeds

The seeds are pickled.
CAUTION: The fruit are poisonous.

## DESCRIPTION

A pumpkin family plant. It is a climber. The leaves have stalks. The leaves are less than round. The upper surface is slightly hairy. The lower surface is smooth. The leaves are divided like fingers on a hand into 3-9 lobe. These are oblong or sword shaped. They taper to a tip and have teeth along the edge. The flowers are of separate male and female sex. They are white. The fruit are oval.

## HABITAT

A tropical and subtropical plant. In Nepal plants grow between 600-2700 m altitude. They grow in moist, shady places.

## PRODUCTION

### Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

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