PLANT FACT SHEET

Cyclanthera explodens Naudin

GENUS *Cyclanthera* **FAMILY** Cucurbitaceae

COMMON NAMES Artillery cyclanthera, Exploding cucumber

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The small extensions over the fruit are eaten in salads. They are also pickled or boiled.

DESCRIPTION

A pumpkin family plant. The vines are 3-5 m long. The flowers are very small and yellow and in clusters . Male and female clusters are separate on the same plant. The fruit are spiny and 5 cm long. The extensions on the fruit can explode when ripe.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It cannot tolerate frost.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds.

Harvesting and Seed Production

It grows quickly.

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