PLANT FACT SHEET

Cucurbita andreana Naudin

GENUS *Cucurbita* **FAMILY** Cucurbitaceae

COMMON NAMES Wild giant squash

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Oil

Roots and fruit are bitter.

DESCRIPTION

A pumpkin family vine. The vine grows each year. The flowers are bright orange to yellow. The fruit are dark green and oval. The fruit are bitter and not edible.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant.

NOTES

It can form hybrids with Cucurbita maxima.
It has anticancer properties due to cucurbitacins.

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