PLANT FACT SHEET

Herpetospermum pedunculosum C. B. Clarke

GENUS *Herpetospermum* **FAMILY** Cucurbitaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Fruit

The seeds are fried and eaten.
The fruit are cooked as a vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

A pumpkin family plant. It is a weak climber. The tendrils are twice divided. The leaves are oval or heart shaped. They taper to the tip. There are teeth along the edge. There are a few hairs. The flowers are yellow. The sepals or outer ring of flower parts are hairy. The fruit are 7-8 cm long by 3-4 cm wide. The seeds are oblong and pale grey. They are 12 mm long by 5 mm wide and 2-3 mm thick.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. In Nepal it grows between 1000-3000 m altitude. It grows along the edge of the forest. In Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

NOTES

There is only one Herpetospermum species.

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