PLANT FACT SHEET

Momordica boivinii Baill.

GENUS *Momordica* **FAMILY** Cucurbitaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

The leaves are used as a flavouring and as a potherb.
They are also considered a medicine.

DESCRIPTION

An annual herb. It climbs by tendrils. These are not branched It grows from a tuberous rootstock. The stems can be 5 m long. The leaves are alternate. They are about 3 cm long by 3 cm wide. They are shallowly divided into 3 lobes. Male and female flowers can be on the same plant or on separate plants. The flowers are orange. There are 1 or 2 female flowers in the axils of leaves. The male flowers are in clusters of 2-5. The fruit is cylinder shaped and 3 cm long by 4 mm wide. It has 2 seeds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It can grow in stony or sandy soils as well as clays and loams. It grows in woodland. It grows between 300-1,950 m above sea level. It can grow in arid places.

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