PLANT FACT SHEET

Use with caution

This plant can be harmful if it is eaten raw, in large amounts or without the right preparation. Read the whole fact sheet before use.

Food Plants International: Fruit - caution

Apodanthera undulata A. Gray

GENUS *Apodanthera* **FAMILY** Cucurbitaceae

COMMON NAMES Melon loco

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds

CAUTION: The fruit have been recorded as being eaten during times of serious famine. They are very bitter with a bad smell.

DESCRIPTION

A pumpkin family plant. The vine can be 3 m long. The leaves are kidney shaped with wavy edges. They are white underneath. The flowers are yellow.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows in desert and uplands. It can grow in arid places.

NOTES

The fruit pulp is used as medicine.

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