PLANT FACT SHEET

Solanum wendlandii Hook. f.

GENUS *Solanum* **FAMILY** Solanaceae

COMMON NAMES Costa Rican Nightshade

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

CAUTION: The green fruit contain an alkaloid.
The young spiny leaves and stems are boiled and eaten as a green.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen twining climber. It can climb 7 m high. The leaves are simple or with uneven lobes. The leaves can have small hooked prickles. The flowers rotate. They are star shaped and 5 cm across. They are violet. The petals are fused at the edges and have notches. The fruit are yellow and 10 cm long.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It needs moderate moisture. It needs an average to fertile, well-drained soil. It does best in full sun. It suits hardiness zones 10-12.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are usually grown from cuttings.

NOTES

There are about 1400 Solanum species.

PICTURES



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