PLANT FACT SHEET

Melothria heterophylla (Lour.) Cogn.

GENUS *Melothria* **FAMILY** Cucurbitaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Fruit, Roots

The unripe fruit are eaten raw and used as a vegetable. The ripe fruit are also eaten. They are sweet when ripe.

DESCRIPTION

A pumpkin family plant. It is a creeper. The leaves fall off each year. The leaves are big and triangle shaped. The roots are thick and fat. The flowers are white. The fruit are oval and 3-4 cm long by 2 cm wide.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows along roads and in open spaces. In Yunnan.

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