PLANT FACT SHEET

Momordica cardiospermoides Klotzsch

GENUS *Momordica* **FAMILY** Cucurbitaceae

COMMON NAMES Bitter gourd

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

DESCRIPTION

A slender climber in the pumpkin family. It has a bad smell. The stems have ribs. The stems lie along the ground. They can be 10 m long. The leaves are compound. The leaflets are in groups of 5 or 17 and have 15-17 leaflets. The leaves are opposite and with a few pairs of opposite leaflets. These are also divided. There are teeth along the edge. The flowers occur singly in the axils of leaves. Flowers are yellow. The fruit are oval and have a knobbed surface. The fruit are 7 cm long by 3 cm across. There are many flat seeds.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in wooded grassland between sea level and 1,400 m above sea level.

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