PLANT FACT SHEET

Cucumis melo var. cantalupensis L., Naudin

GENUS *Cucumis* **FAMILY** Cucurbitaceae

COMMON NAMES Musk melon, Cantaloupe, Rock melon

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds, Vegetable

Fruit are eaten fresh.

DESCRIPTION

A pumpkin family plant. It is an annual herb. It has a creeping habit and stems lie along the ground. The leaves are thin and have long soft hairs. The leaves have lobes and the leaves are 10-18 cm long. The flowers occur singly and with both sexes separate but on the same plant. The fruit are round or oval. The fruit have pale coloured raised ridges forming a network.

HABITAT

A warm temperate to tropical plant. It suits hardiness zones 8-11

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

NOTES

There are about 25 Cucumis species.

PICTURES



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