PLANT FACT SHEET

Melothria pendula Linn.

GENUS *Melothria* **FAMILY** Cucurbitaceae

COMMON NAMES Creeping cucumber

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves

The fruit are pickled when green.
They are eaten when ripe.

DESCRIPTION

A pumpkin family herb. It is a vine. The leaves are almost heart shaped and have 5 angles or lobes. They are 3-7 cm long by 3-7 cm wide. There are teeth along the edge. The fruit are smooth and black. They are 1 cm long. They have small white seeds.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. In Argentina it grows from sea level to 1,000 m above sea level.

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