PLANT FACT SHEET

Gymnopetalum chinense (Lour.) Merr.

GENUS *Gymnopetalum* **FAMILY** Cucurbitaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, fruit, Shoots

The unripe fruit with the seeds removed is candied or used as a flavouring.
The young leaves are cooked and used as a vegetable and as a potherb.
CAUTION: Mature fruit are poisonous.
Young fruit are edible. They are cooked with dried fish. They are also used for chutney.

DESCRIPTION

A pumpkin family plant. It is a creeping or climbing herb. It has a tendril at every node opposite the leaf. The leaves have veins spread out like fingers on a hand. The leaves are an angular oval shape. The flower buds occur between the tendril and the leaf stalk. Male and female flowers are separate. The flower tubes are white.

HABITAT

A tropical plant.

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