PLANT FACT SHEET

Cucumis pustulatus Naud. ex Hook. f.

GENUS *Cucumis* **FAMILY** Cucurbitaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A pumpkin family plant. It is a climbing herb. It grows 2 m long. The leaves are broadly oval and 3-10 cm long by 3-8 cm wide. There are teeth around the edge. There are 5 lobes spread like fingers on a hand and they are oval to triangle shaped with the central one being largest. The fruit is narrowly oval to cylinder shaped and 5-7 cm long by 3-5 cm wide. It is green and turns yellow when ripe. The seeds are 6 mm long.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows between 300-1,600 m above sea level.

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