PLANT FACT SHEET

Cucumis melo var. reticulatus Naudin

GENUS *Cucumis* **FAMILY** Cucurbitaceae

COMMON NAMES Netted melons, Cantaloupe

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Vegetable

Fruit are eaten fresh.

DESCRIPTION

A pumpkin family plant. It is an annual herb. Flowers can be male and of both sexes. It has a creeping habit with stems lying along the ground. The leaves are thin and hairy. They are 10-18 cm long and have lobes. Flowers occur singly in the axils of leaves. The fruit have a net-like marking on the skin and the flesh is orange.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

NOTES

There are about 25 Cucumis species.

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