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Abuta obovata Diels

GENUS *Abuta* **FAMILY** Menispermaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit mesocarp

DESCRIPTION

A woody creeper. It grows 4-5 m long. The vine can be 20 cm across. The leaves are 4-8 cm long by 3-5 cm wide. The base is narrowly wedge shaped. The edges curl over. The flowering shoots are in the axils of the leaves with usually 3 flowers. The flowers are white. The fruit is fleshy and 2 cm long by 1 cm wide. They are yellow when ripe.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. In Venezuela it is recorded between 1,065-1,220 m above sea level.

NOTES

The Menispermaceae are mainly tropical rainforest plants. There are 32 Abuta in tropical America.

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