PLANT FACT SHEET

Momordica tuberosa (Roxb.) Cogn.

GENUS *Momordica* **FAMILY** Cucurbitaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruits

The fruit are used as a vegetable. They are also preserved as sun dried chips. They are also pickled.

DESCRIPTION

A pumpkin family plant. It has a woody tuberous root. It is a climbing herb with stems that last one or more years. They are branched and have lines along them. The leaves are round or kidney shaped. They are heart shaped at the base. They have 5-7 lobes. The fruit are pear shaped or a broad long shape. They are fleshy dark green and have 8 ribs.

HABITAT

A tropical plant.

NOTES

There are about 50 Momordica species.

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