PLANT FACT SHEET

Cucumis ritchiei (C.B.Clarke) Ghebret. & Thulin

GENUS *Cucumis* **FAMILY** Cucurbitaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves

The fruit are eaten.
The leaves are eaten as a vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

A pumpkin family plant. It is a climber. The leaves are alternate and 2-4 cm long by 2-4 cm wide. They are simple and oval. The have 3-5 small lobes and teeth. The male flowers are in groups and the female flowers occur singly. The fruit are berries 1-1.5 cm long. They are narrowly oval.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows along hedges.

REFERENCES

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