

***Trichosanthes cucumerina* L. (Cucurbitaceae)**

Seed.

General shape: oblong

Normal size: 6-18 mm L x 4-8 mm W x 3-5 mm D

Color: grey or dark brown

Texture: rough

Distinguishing features: seed with two flat faces. The outline is wavy.

The surface of the seeds is more or less sculptured, with a slight, longitudinal groove.

The hilum is located in the apical indentation.

Sometimes, a black spot is seen on one or both faces.

Embryo: the embryo and the cotyledons fill in the whole seed

Note: food plant



Seeds of *Trichosanthes cucumerina*

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