

# Khok kra om



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Scientific Name : *Cardiospermum halicacabum* L.

Common Name : Balloon vine, Heart pea ☐

Family Name : SAPINDACEAE

Habit Desc. : Annual, climbing herb

Leaf Desc. : Ternately pinnate, alternate; leaflets deltoid or ovate

Flower Desc. : Inflorescence in axillary, long-stalked corymb or raceme with a pair of simple coiled tendrils near the base

Fruit Desc. : Capsule, broadly pyriform, 3-cornered, membranous, 3-celled; seeds spherical, black with white heart-shaped scar

Used Desc. :

Leaf: antiasmatic; diuretic. Leaf juice: increases menstrual discharge; cough remedy. Stem: antipyretic. Flower: increases menstrual discharge. Fruit: crush with small amount of water and apply to relieve burn inflammation. Whole plant: treatment of arthritis; combine with other ingredients, decoction used as antiasthmatic. In animal tests, leaf extract possesses hypotensive and anti-inflammatory activities