

# **Glossonema edule**

**AL-Ater and its fruit Yarawa**

**Common name: ater- Atry - Kabish - antar- anteer**

**Scientific name: Glossonema Edule**

**Synonym name: Glossonema varians – Asclepiadaceae**

- **HERBAL PLANT** round straight branchy reaches the height of 10 - 20 cm and wavy Its leaves are serially placed green dusty semi-circular covered with strings with a wavy edge.
- **Flowers** are single yellow Five-petalled or in group long armed leaves.
- **Florescence** in March or April
- **Fruits** are called ( Al-Jarawa-or as locally known Al-yarawa) oval shaped with pointy heads and soft spiky Growths carrying compacted seed covered with silky layer. about 2-3 cm in length, could be eaten raw like cucumber or cooked (al-Madwa locally famous dish or pickled.
- when cutting anywhere on the plant, a milky liquid will discharge.
- grows in small group consist of four to seven plants
- it grows in sandy muddy and stony soil as well as sewage system. it grows in Qatar and Oman
- the edible part: fruits with white inside as called by some locals (jrewat Al-Ater) also called Al-ater horns. sweet and delicious in taste. There is also some spikes on the fruit that is also edible as well and it has soft texture.
- good plant for Grazing