Golden Creeper/Manchu Tubergourd/Red Hailstone (*Thladiantha dubia*) Identification

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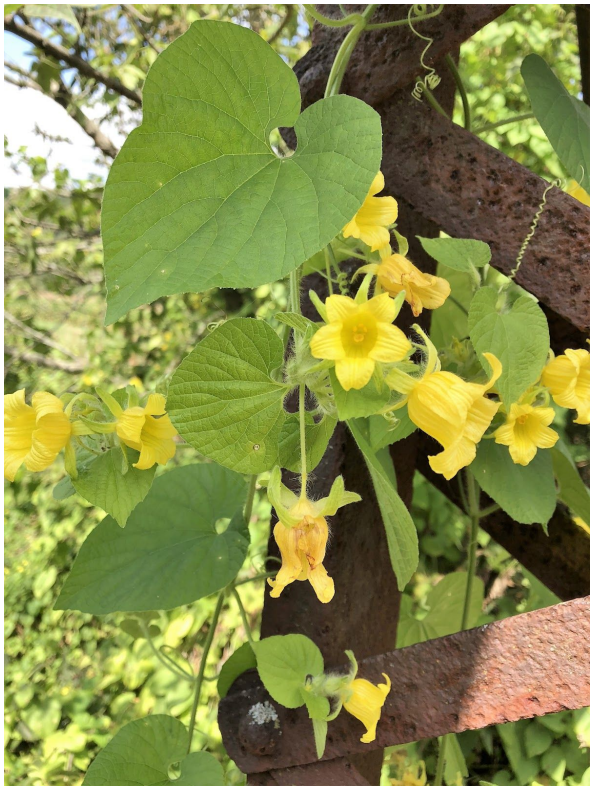

Overall: perennial vine that dies back each winter, with potato-like tubers

Leaves and Stems: leaves are alternate and heart-shaped, opposite each leaf is a long tendril that twines around nearby objects and plants, leaves/stems/tendrils are hairy with many hooked hairs which catch on clothing and fur

Flowers: about 1 inch long, yellow bell-shaped flowers with recurved petals bloom June-September

Fruit: female plants produce a red cucumber-like fruit covered in hairs

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