PLANT FACT SHEET

Harpagophytum zeyheri Decne, (Engl.) Ihlenf. & Hartm.

GENUS *Harpagophytum* **FAMILY** Pedaliaceae

COMMON NAMES Grapple plant

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: flower - nectar

The flower nectar is eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A herb that lies along the ground. It has a succulent taproot. It produces annual stems. The leaves are opposite. They are broadly oval. The edges have rounded teeth or deep lobes. The flowers are pink with a yellow throat. They occur singly in the axils of leaves. The fruit is a capsule with 4 lines of backward curving spines. There are some subspecies.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in dry open woodland and on Kalahari sand. It can grow in the desert. It grows in hot arid places with a marked dry season. The dry season can be 6-11 months. It grows between 350-1,430 m above sea level. It can grow in arid places.

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