PLANT FACT SHEET

Cynanchum orangeanum (Schltr.) N. E. Br.

GENUS *Cynanchum* **FAMILY** Apocynaceae

COMMON NAMES Wilde piesand

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The young fruit are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

An erect herb that keeps growing from year to year. It grows up to 20 cm tall. The leaves are simple and like threads. They are 3-5 cm long and 1 mm wide. The flowers are small and white to green. They occur as 1-5 in a group. The fruit are spindle shaped and occur in pairs with many seeds.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows in hot and arid zones. It is often on rocky or sandy soils. In southern Africa it grows between 1,000-1,500 m above sea level. It can grow in arid places.

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