PLANT FACT SHEET

Kalaharia uncinata (Schinz) Moldenke

GENUS *Kalaharia* **FAMILY** Lamiaceae

COMMON NAMES Cat's claw, Kalahari-sand cat's-whiskers

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Root

The root is used as a vegetable.
The fruit are eaten as a snack.

DESCRIPTION

A herb or shrub with spines. It grows 40-90 cm tall. It has a woody rootstock. The stems are angular and spread out. The branches are straight and 60 cm long. The leaves are in opposite pairs. They are dull bluish-green. They have soft white hairs. The leaves are oval and taper to both ends. They are 2 cm long. There are 2 hooked thorns near the base of the leaves. The flowers are bright red. They are 5 irregular petals. The lower two are the longest. The flowers are red and about 4 cm across. The fruit are berries. The fruit are 1-2 cm across. They have slight lobes and are fleshy.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows well in deep sand. It grows in semi desert in the Kalahari.

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