PLANT FACT SHEET

Kedrostis pseudogijef (Gilg.) C. Jeffrey

GENUS *Kedrostis* **FAMILY** Cucurbitaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Vegetable, Fruit

The leaves are cooked and eaten. Because it has an unpleasant smell when cooking the first water is often thrown away.

DESCRIPTION

A climbing plant. It loses its leaves during the year. The stems are light grey and have ridges. They are rough and have tendrils. The leaves are 5 cm long and have 3 leaflets. There are teeth around the edges. Male and female flowers are separate. There are many male flowers and a few female flowers. They are born in clusters. The fruit are in clusters of 1-7. They are cone shaped and roughly hairy. They have grooves They are 2 cm long and fleshy.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. In Kenya it grows in dry rocky soil between 500-1.200 m altitude. It is in areas with a rainfall between 450-600 mm per year.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown by cuttings. It can also probably be grown from seeds.

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