PLANT FACT SHEET

Kedrostis africana (L.) Cogn.

GENUS *Kedrostis* **FAMILY** Cucurbitaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Fruit, Roots, Tubers

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It is a pumpkin family plant. It is a plant with a succulent stem and tendrils which allows it to climb into trees. It can climb 6 m high. It keeps growing from year to year. The leaves have 3-5 lobes. Male and female flowers are separate on the same plant. The flowers are yellowish-green and 6 mm across. They occur as a few in a cluster in the axils of leaves. The fruit are orange red and 5-15 mm across. The seeds are 5 mm long and 3.5 mm wide.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in hot arid places. It grows in areas with a rainfall between 50-700 mm per year. It cannot tolerate frost. It grows in stony and sandy soils. It grows between 200-2,100 m above sea level. It can grow in arid places.

NOTES

There are about 23 Kedrostis species.

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