PLANT FACT SHEET

Stapelia kwebensis N. E. Br.

GENUS *Stapelia* **FAMILY** Apocynaceae

COMMON NAMES Stapelia

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Stems, Root

The stem is eaten raw. It is also roasted in the ashes.
The roots are used in vegetable dishes. They are also roasted in the ashes.

DESCRIPTION

A succulent herb which keeps growing from year to year. It does not have leaves. It forms compact clumps 5-50 cm across. It grows 15 cm high. The stems can be 20 cm long by 1-2 cm thick. The flowers are hairy and there are 1-3 flowering stalks per stem with 1-6 flowers each. The flowers are 2-5 cm across. The flowers vary in colour from purple to green or red or brown.

HABITAT

A subtropical plant. They grow in dry arid locations. It suits semiarid tropical and subtropical regions. It can grow in areas with a dry season of 6-11 months. It is often on soils from limestone rock. In southern Africa it grows between 600-1,900 m altitude. It can grow in arid places.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by division.

NOTES

There are about 50 Stapelia species.

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