PLANT FACT SHEET

Vangueria cyanescens Robyns

GENUS *Vangueria* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

COMMON NAMES Smooth wild medlar, Kalahari wild medlar

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It has many stems and grows 4 m high. The bark is smooth and grey. The leaves are broadly sword shaped. They are 18 cm long by 7 cm wide. They are arranged opposite one another. There are many flowers on branched stalks. The flowers are greenish tubes. The fruit are round and about 3 cm across. They have a ring at the top. They are green but turn yellow-brown when ripe. There are about 5 seeds. The fruit are edible.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in areas of mountainous savannah. It grows in hot arid places with a marked dry season of up to 6-11 months. It can grow in the desert. It grows between 930-1,110 m above sea level. It can grow in arid places.

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