PLANT FACT SHEET

Vangueria pygmaea Schltr.

GENUS *Vangueria* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

COMMON NAMES Hairy gousiemtebossie

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten as a snack.

DESCRIPTION

A small shrub. It has a woody rootstock and short irregular branches arise from this. The leaves are narrowly sword shaped and 11 cm long by 3 cm wide. They are more pale underneath. The leaves are crowded towards the ends of branches. The flower is a tube with barrow pointed lobes. The fruit is 2.5 cm across.

HABITAT

It is a tropical and subtropical plant. It grows in grassland and sandy soils and on termite mounds between 1,170-2,280 m above sea level. In Swaziland it grows in the high veld only.

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