PLANT FACT SHEET

Ranunculus multifidus Forssk.

GENUS *Ranunculus* **FAMILY** Ranunculaceae

COMMON NAMES African buttercup

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Roots, Tuber, Vegetable

The leaves are occasionally cooked and eaten.
The roots are eaten raw by boys.

DESCRIPTION

A herb. It keeps growing from year to year. It has swollen tubers. The stems are erect. It grows 1 m high. The leaves are mostly in a ring at the base. The leaves are twice divided and the leaflets have irregular teeth. The flowers are small and bright yellow. They are 2 cm across. They are on long branched, hollow stems.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in damp places. It grows in wet grassland and along river banks. In Zimbabwe it grows up to 2,000 m above sea level.

NOTES

There are about 400 Ranunculus species.

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