PLANT FACT SHEET

Vangueria vestita (Robyns) ined.

GENUS *Vangueria* **FAMILY** Rubiaceae

COMMON NAMES Velvet leaf

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 2-4 m high. The bark is brown. It is rough and flaky. Young shoots are covered with densely woolly hairs. The leaves are broadly oval. They are 2-8 cm long by 1.6-7.5 cm wide. They are covered with woolly hairs. They are dull green above and yellowish underneath. The base is lobed and almost clasps the stem. The flowers are greenish-yellow and 6 mm long. The flowers occur in clusters of 10-12 in the axils of leaves. The fruit are round and 1.5 cm across. They taper towards the base. They are densely covered with soft hairs. Fruit are yellow-brown when mature.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It occurs in open woodland often among rocks.

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