



Vachellia nilotica

(previously Acacia nilotica)

Family: Fabaceae, Leguminosae – Mimosaceae

ENG Gum Arabic Tree /Egyptian Acacia

KSW Mgunga

GIR Muoti

Tree 5 to 20M. Self seeded.

This is the ancient *Egyptian tree of life* and the name Acacia is derived from Greek.

Flowers are visited by bees and butterflies. Bush babies eat the gum. I wake up to a cacaphony of birds sitting in the tree. The leaves are larval host to azanus species of butterfly.

The roots and stem bark are uses as medicines for coughs

Available - Kivukoni Indigenous Tree Nursery.



Vachellia may be host to the below butterflies (refer Vachellia Butterflies):

- Azanus jesus - African Babul Blue
- Eicochrysops hippocrates- White Tipped Blue
- Chloroselas pseudozeritis -Brilliant Gem
- Anthene amarah - Leaden Ciliate Blue
- Anthene otacilia - Kikuyu Ciliate Blue
- Aphnaeus zanzibarensis - East African Silver Spot
- Charaxes zooline - Club-tailed Charaxes
- Axiocerses punicea - Rainforest Scarlet
- Axiocerses harpax - Common Scarlet

