



Vachellia robusta ssp. usambarensis

(previous name *Acacia robusta*)

Family: Fabaceae, Leguminosae – Mimosaceae

KSW Mgunga

GIR Mtsemeri / Mgunga

Self seeded. This is a small to medium, upright, deciduous thorn tree consisting of a narrow crown. Up to 10m. Creamy pompom flowers

The strongly scented flowers attract bees and butterflies, and many other insects. The seed pods are eaten by herbivores and monkeys. *Vachellia* roots are nitrogen fixing making it suitable for underplanting.

Larval host to many butterflies.

The roots and stem bark as medicines for chest pains, colds and coughs

Available: Kivukoni Indigenous Tree Nursery



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

- Azanius 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

