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Triumfetta rhomboides

Family: Malvaceae

Eng: Chinese burr
Ksw: Mkimwe, Kikweme

A herb or small shrub growing to 1.5 meters tall. Hairy leaves with small yellow star shaped flowers. Round seed capsule covered in burrs.

The leaves, flowers and roots are used medicinally. Bark fibres are used for rope and baskets and fishing nets.

Attractive to bees and butterflies.
Grows from seed.

Larval host to : Acraea species



Acraea satis (c) Pierre van der Wielen



Acraea cuva (c) TB Larsen OUP