

Indigenous

**Common names:**

**Ecology:** An understory shrub or small tree common in Uganda at forest edges, particularly in Central and Western Regions, Mengo, Sesse, Masaka and Ankole.

**Uses:** Food (fruit), live fence.

**Description:** A bushy shrub or tree to 5 m, the branches hanging down. Many stems hairy. **BARK:** rather smooth. **LEAVES:** **dull green, more or less opposite**, long oval 2-7 cm long, the tip drawn out but blunt, shortly stalked. The thin leaves are aromatic when crushed and when held against the light gland dots are visible. **FLOWERS:** 3-9 together on thin stalks next to leaves, the 4-5 tiny petals are persistent, fragrant, white, sometimes a little pink. **FRUIT:** purple-black, about 1.5 cm, turning hard brown like coffee berries with the calyx enlarged.

**Propagation:** Seedlings, wildings.

**Seed:** Squash fruit when ripe and separate seeds,

**treatment:** not necessary,

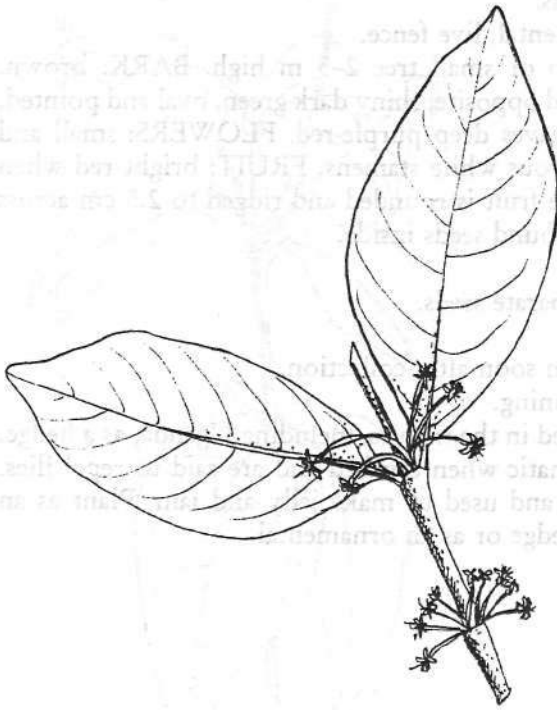
**storage:** seed may store up to four months.

**Management:**

**Remarks:** Farmers should be encouraged to grow this plant. The edible fruit is similar to that of guava and the shrub is beautiful when in flower. Plant as an orchard tree or living fence. The former name was *Eugenia bukobensis*.

*Eugenia capensis* subsp. *nyassensis*

Myrtaceae



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Food (fruit), ornament  
An evergreen shrub or tree 3-7 m high. BARK: Brown.  
LEAVES: simple and alternate, ovate, dark green, pointed.  
FLOWERS: small and  
FRUIT: bright red when  
ripe. The soft seed  
with hard surface  
Seedlings  
push fruit and separate  
not necessary  
seed should be sown as  
It loses heavy pruning  
It is widely cultivated in  
The leaves are aromatic when  
The fruit are juicy and used  
orchard tree as a hedge or

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