Ethnobotany of the Turkana: Use of Plants by a Pastoral People and their Livestock in Kenya¹

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Evidence from the south Turkana area of Kenya throws light on the manner and extent to which a nomadic pastoral people make use of the plant species in their environment.

The Royal Geographical Society South Turkana Expedition spent 3 field seasons during 1968–70 collecting over an area of 9,500 km² to the south and west of Lake Turkana (Fig. 1). Altitudes range from 251–1,375 m (Caukwell, 1971; Baker and Lovenbury, 1971). Ground conditions are variable, including crystalline metamorphics, lavas, sandstones and sands derived from these, and there are alkaline springs. Rainfall is believed to average less than 250 mm/yr with a rainy season normally during March–May, but highly variable in both quantity and periodicity (Gwynne, 1969; Morgan, 1971).

A reconnaissance classification of the ecology of the area is provided by Hemming (1972) and a detailed account of a sample area by Morgan (1971). The dominant vegetation type is semidesert thorn scrub with Acacia tortilis (Forsk.) Hayne and A. reficiens Wawra and Peyr. ssp. misera (Vatke) Brenan prominent above small browse plants, commonly including Indigofera spinosa Forsk. and Sericocomopsis hildebrandtii Schinz. A belt of riverine forest along the Kerio river is dominated by well-developed Acacia tortilis and Cordia sinensis Lam. (synonyms: C. rothii Roem. and Schult. and C. gharaf (Forsk.) Aschers).

The 3 collecting seasons may be characterized as dry; very dry; and receding rainy season; and it is believed that the 1,111 specimens collected are reasonably representative. From this collection, 512 species or subspecies were identified, consisting of 366 Dicotyledons and 101 Monocotyledons, including 65 Gramineae. The use made of the plants and their vernacular names were recorded at the time of collection, and a large proportion were further discussed by groups of informants at base camp. The results are presented in the Appendix.

Gulliver (1950, 1955) referred briefly to the use made of plants in his study of Turkana society. Notes on Masai and Kipsigis use of plants were published following an ecological survey of the comparably pastoral but less arid Narok District of Kanya Masailand (Glover et al., 1966). Medicinal uses of plants in east Africa are summarised in Kokwaro (1976) and Watt and Breyer-Brandwijk (1962).

CLASSIFICATION AND VERNACULAR NAMES

Of the 512 species or subspecies identified, 359 were given vernacular names, although there were only 252 names in total, due to two or more plants sharing the same name. Vernacular names are spelled largely as dictated by literate Turkana informants, reflecting the system used at the Lokori mission school near the base camp.

Of the 252 names, 184 (73%) are specific to one species. Subspecies are not

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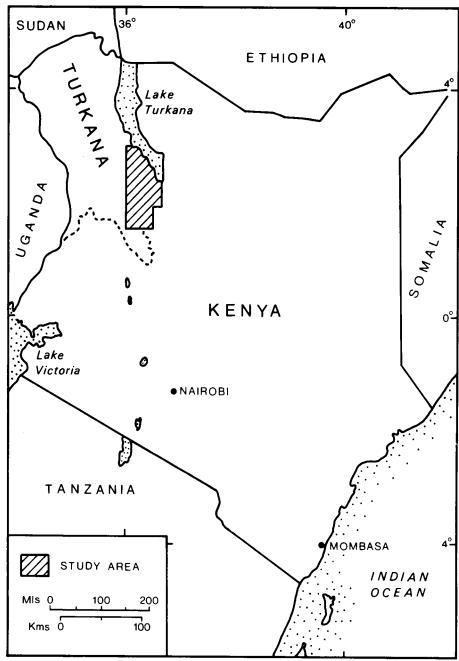


Fig. 1. Location of the study area.

identified. The only example of a distinction being made between subspecies is in *Kohautia caespitosa* (Rubiaceae) but this is probably due to a misuse of the name "Ekoromamwae" which is also used for *Digera muricata*. It is significant that, among the numerous and conspicuous *Acacias* (Mimosaceae), each species is separately named but no distinction is made among the subspecies of *A. mellifera*, *A. seyal* and *A. tortilis*. It is possible however that certain distinctions,

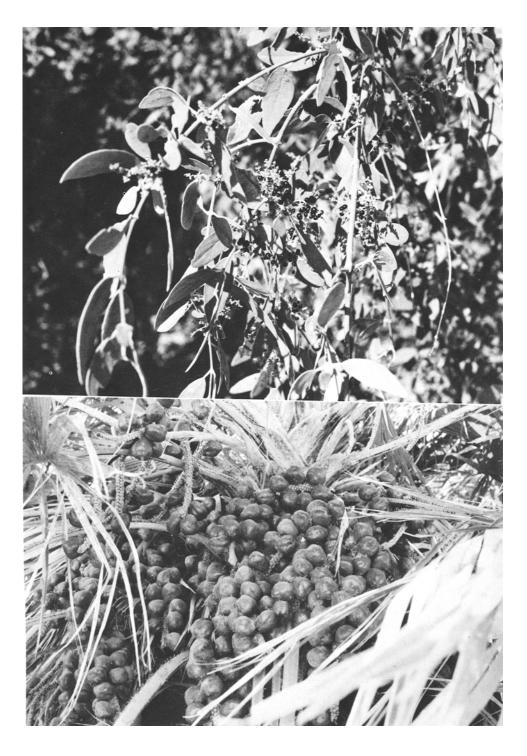


Fig. 2-3. Fig. 2. The popular and plentiful berries of Salvadora persica. Fig. 3. The fruit of the palm, Hyphaene ventricosa. The thin layer of fibrous flesh is attractive only in times of hardship, or to the poor. It stains the teeth brown.

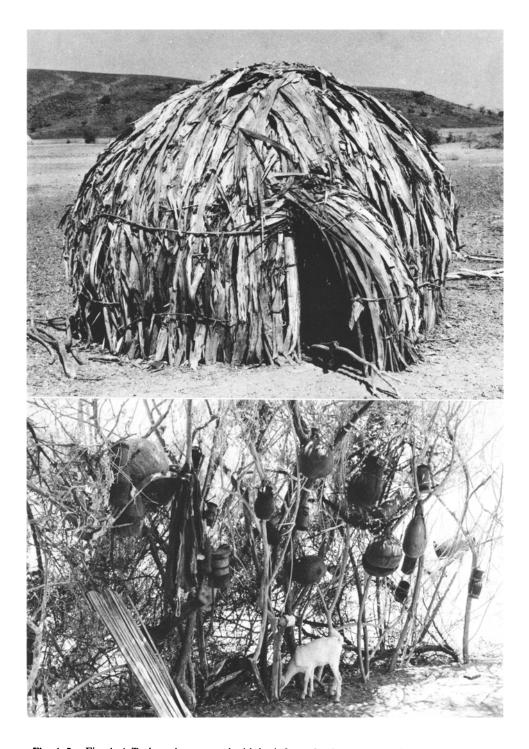


Fig. 4-5. Fig. 4. A Turkana hut covered with bark from *Cordia sinensis*. Fig. 5. Turkana household utensils, largely of wood, gourds, and skins.

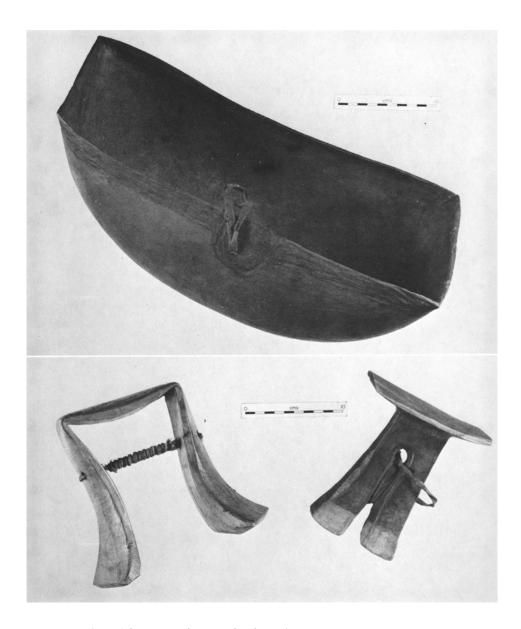


Fig. 6-7. Fig. 6. A large general purpose bowl ("atuba") carved from a single piece of wood. Fig. 7. Two wooden stools. On the left is one made of bent wood ("emakuk") while that on the right is carved ("eporokocho"). The latter is of unusual design.

not necessarily taxonomic, within a species may be reflected in the 11 plants for which 2 names are recorded. The commonest of these is the use of "Etir" for a young *Acacia tortilis* and "Ewoi" for a mature specimen which is marked by a different shape and size of thorns.

Another 30 names are used for more than one species but confined within one genus. Of these, however, only 9 are specific to a genus in that it is the only name applied to any species within it.

In addition it may be noticed that "Emeret" includes most of the common browse plants in *Crotalaria* and *Indigofera* (Papilionaceae), and "Ekekeriau" describes most of the *Cyperus* (Cyperaceae), sedges.

A further 11 vernacular names refer to more than one genus but are confined to use within one family. In only one case, however, is it completely specific. This is the distinctive parasitic family of Loranthaceae, all 7 species of 3 genera collected being given the name "Edwel."

This leaves a further 29 names which refer to more than one family, including 7 which refer to 3 families. Presumably these are nontaxonomic descriptions. One term which is so freely used that it is not given in the Appendix is "Emakwe," which subsumes a number of browse plants with separate names, e.g., Emukuya (Indigofera spinosa), Emaritoit (I. cliffordiana), Locikiria (Leucas pododiskos) and Lopupu (Blepharis fruticulosa). The informants also acknowledged that they would use the same name for different plants if they grew in geographically separated areas, e.g., the hills and the plains; which plant was referred to would be clear by the context.

From the above discussion it is clear that the basis of Turkana identification and classification of plants is at the species level. Subdivision to subspecies does not occur. In only 9 cases was identification at the level of genera and in only one case at that of the family.

Derivations were obtained for 125 of the names. Of these 64 are descriptive of appearance and 26 of the use made of the plant.

HUMAN FOOD

The contribution of wild plants to the Turkana diet in quantity is not known but the use of 53 species was recorded. Wild fruits provide welcome snacks for herd boys but parties of women may also be seen harvesting such fruits as those of Cordia sinensis and Salvadora persica (Fig. 9, 2). That wild products are of more than casual significance is suggested by the preparation needed to render them edible. Thus, for at least 6 species, the fruits need to be boiled and reboiled several times: Balanites orbicularis, B. pedicellaris, Boscia coriacea, Dobera glabra, D. loranthifolia and Maerua subcordata. The pods (but not the seeds) of Acacia tortilis may be dried and ground into a flour known as "apoonet." The pods are known as "ngitet," and are sufficiently important to give the place name: Kangatet. Gulliver describes the grinding for storage of a flour from the seeds of Terminalia spinosa, but this was not recorded for our area. He also provides a list of 14 plants used as a main food and 11 plants used for snacks, although only identified by Turkana names (Gulliver, 1950, p. 34 and Appendix 3, pp. 256-7).

MEDICAL USES

Medical uses of 67 plants were recorded from the usual informants and not from specialist practitioners in indigenous medicine. Gulliver referred to the difficulty of meeting such people (Gulliver, 1950, p. 235). Under this category we have included 6 species used for delousing humans or livestock. A certain amount of "sympathetic magic" may be involved in these "medicines." This seems likely in the 5 species which are used in the treatment of yellow jaundice. The disease and one of the plants used in its treatment (Vahlia viscosa) are both called "lon-

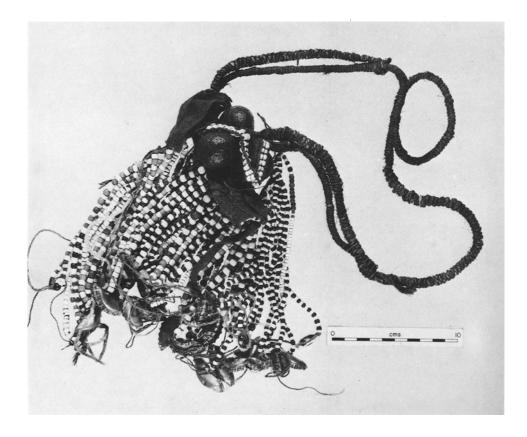


Fig. 8. A fertility charm made from 3 small fruits of Hyphaene ventricosa.

gyang," meaning yellow, and a soup made with the roots turns yellow. Nevertheless, some of the plants are known to yield active pharmaceutical substances (Watt and Breyer-Brandwijk, 1962).

MISCELLANEOUS DOMESTIC USES

The nomadic Turkana solve the problem of housing by making new shelters of natural plant products when they are required following a move. A sleeping hut is made of poles lashed together with plant fibres and covered with bark (e.g., Cordia sinensis) or palm Hypaene ventricosa (Fig. 4, 3) or other leaves. In heavy rain these will be surmounted by skins. The women are good judges of the sources of suitably pliant sticks and fibre, and the construction of a hut will normally only take a couple of hours and be accompanied by a light shelter for shade during the day (Fig. 5) and one or more thorn enclosures for livestock.

Most household goods are of plant products. Clay pots are not made by Turkana and only a few are to be found, obtained by trading. Their place is taken by a striking use of wood, gourds and skin to fashion bowls, storage jars, plates and also spoons (Fig. 6). For each of these objects there is a preferred group of woods. Obtaining adequately sized pieces of wood may be difficult in a region where large-bole trees are not common. Most men carry a small wooden stool, also used as a neckrest or "pillow," and, while this may be carved from a solid

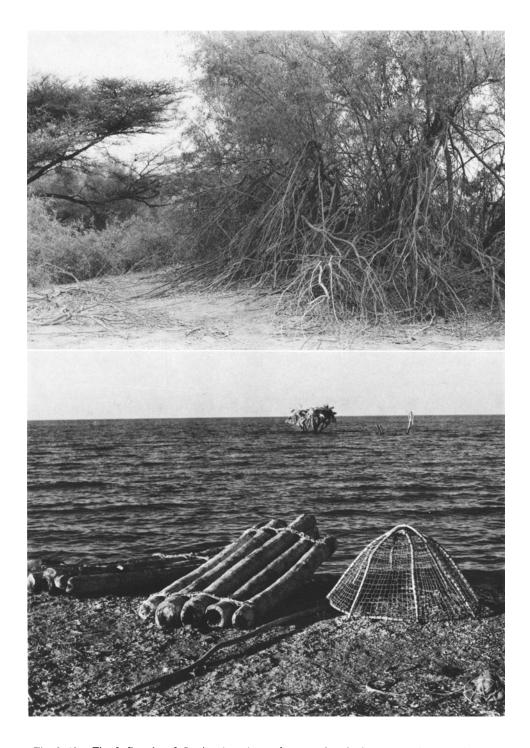


Fig. 9-10. Fig. 9. Boughs of *Cordia sinensis* cut down so that the leaves may be eaten by goats and sheep. It is rare to find this species growing to a natural shape. Fig. 10. A raft used in fishing and a fishing basket on the shore of Lake Turkana. The basket is repeatedly plunged onto the bed of the lake or river until a fish is trapped. The raft is of *Hyphaene ventricosa*.

piece of wood to make an "eporokocho," another version may be fashioned from a more easily available piece of bent wood into the "emakuk" form (Fig. 7).

Where personal possessions are limited, as also are clothes, decoration of the person is important to both males and females, and 15 plant species were recorded as being put to this use. Plants also provide glue, toothbrushes (4 species) and 5 species were known to be used in magic (Fig. 8). Altogether, 65 species were recorded in various domestic uses.

PASTORAL USE

Questions were asked about which plants are eaten by what livestock. Clearly this must depend in part on what choice is available, and in detail there are scales of preference and such special features as the *Cassia* spp., which make goats ill when green but which are edible when dry. The incompleteness of the record, especially for the Gramineae, is unfortunate, but it is sufficient for a general picture to emerge.

Goats bear out their reputation with the widest range of appetite (187 species), with cattle being most selective (102 species). The difference is due to the smaller number of Dicotyledons eaten by cattle, which also explains the small total for donkeys (120 species). Neither will browse from most of the larger trees such as Combretum spp., Commiphora spp., most of the Acacia spp., Delonix elata or Ziziphus mauritiana, nor will they eat from such locally common bushes as Salvadora persica, Dobera glabra or Grewia tenax. Cattle do not eat what is probably the most common of all small browse plants, Indigofera spinosa. In order to allow goats and sheep to reach the foliage of some trees and large shrubs, they are frequently lopped (Fig. 9). Although the sample of Gramineae species is small, it seems that camels eat fewer of them than other livestock, a feature referred to by Gulliver (1955, p. 27).

This degree of overlap or separation in grazing and browse habits is one of the factors influencing the structure and movement of Turkana herds. The use of all 5 kinds of stock enables a wide spectrum of the available flora to be utilised but each has its optimum ecology. Goats and sheep (164 species) run well together as mixed herds of "shoats" and to some extent with camels (163 species), whereas cattle are more specific to environments which would also favour donkeys. Other factors are involved, however, including water requirements and whether they are milch herds or not (Gulliver, 1955, pp. 27–31).

DISCUSSION

The Turkana are shown to make a great use of the range of plant species available to them. Of the 222 species on which use or non-use was determined, 64% (143 species) had one or more domestic use and 87% (193 species) were eaten by one or more of the 5 types of livestock kept. With this level of use goes an intense interest in the flora such that 72% of the species are named. For the Dicotyledons only, the proportion rises to 89%. Differentiation is at the species level, as would be expected, and 36% were precisely identified by a name unique to the species.

The density of population in Turkana is high compared with the carrying capacity of the land and the shortage of food in the dry season is made worse by irregularly occurring droughts. Any increment of sustenance from wild plants is

therefore welcome and, when herding or on the move, a source of supply at hand, which does not have to be carried, is particularly convenient. Fruits and vegetables also add variety to a diet largely composed of milk and, to a lesser extent, blood, meat and sorghum. Transport problems are also greatly lessened by fashioning shelter from naturally available materials rather than carrying tents or other forms of mobile homes.

Where a people are dependent upon their livestock for survival, knowledge of grazing is vital and it becomes a common ingredient of conversation. By keeping 5 different types of livestock, the proportion of the flora that is utilized is increased. Cattle, and their milk, are particularly highly prized but they are the most selective in the plants consumed and this is one of the factors leading to the maintenance of separate herds.

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Check List, Vernacular Names, Domestic and Pastoral Uses:^a

DICOTYLEDONS:

ACANTHACEAE

Barleria diffusa (Oliv.) Lindau Mathew 6666, 6815 K

Barleria acanthoides Vahl Mwangangi 1019 EA; Mathews Logolito

6319, 6516 K

Medicine for stomach-ache: drink decoction of roots;

eaten by GSCD

Barleria quadrispina Lindau (as B. acanthoides) Logolito

Mwangangi 1509 EA

Blepharis ciliaris (L.) B. L. Burtt Mathew 6188 K; Ekuleu (=froth, when boiled)

Mwangangi 1229, 1532 EA

Eaten by KGCD

Blepharis fruticulosa C.B.Cl. Mwangangi 1128 EA Lopupu

Eaten by GSCD

Medicine for fever: drink decoction of plant; eaten by

KGSCD

Dicliptera verticillata (Forsk.) Chiov. Mathew 6391 K;

Mwangangi 1440 EA

Eaten by KGSCD

Disperma eremophilum Milne-Redh. Mathew 6649, 6780 K;

Mwangangi 1074, 1480 EA

Eaten by KGSCD

Ecobolium anisacanthus (Schweinf.) C.B.Cl. Mathew 6229, Aparait

6817 K

Justicia caerulea Forsk. Mathew 6213 K

Justicia exiqua S. Moore Mathew 6190, 6862 K

Justicia heterocarpa T. Anders. Mathew 6811 K

Justicia matammensis Oliv. Mwangangi 1060 EA

Justicia matammensis Oliv. Mwangangi 1000 EA

Lopara

Eret

Edyae

Atonoko

treatment)

Eaten by GSC

Justicia odora (Forsk.) Vahl Mathew 6423, 6618 K

Medicine: drink infusion of roots for female stomachache and fertility; bark is twisted into a sweet smelling

necklace; eaten by GSCD

Lepidagathis scariosa Nees Mathew 6843 K

Monechma debilis (Forsk.) Nees Mathew 6520 K

Eaten by C

Peristrophe bicalyculata (Retz.) Nees Mwangangi 1150 EA

Ruellia petula Jacq. Mathew 6259, 6589, 6654 K;

Mwangangi 1082, 1347, 1515 EA

Eaten by KGSCD

Egogongotim (egogong = hairs, ngitim = strong)

Echekepus (Echeke = hairs,

Apoo (=hare, used as hare's

Lojemei (=sores, used in

"form")

Naukuchin

pus = green)

^a Grazing by livestock is indicated by K = cattle, G = goats, S = sheep, C = camels, D = donkeys.

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AIZOACEAE Corbichonia decumbens (Forsk.) Exell Mathew 6231, 6442, Lokabalabalae 6715 K Gisekia pharnaceoides L. Mathew 6212, 6309 K Edyae Gisekia pharnaceoides L. var. pseudopaniculata Jeffrey Edyae Mathew 6433 K Glinus lotoides L. Mathew 6768 K; Mwangangi 1235,1222,1218 EA Eaten by C Glinus setiflorus Forsk. Mwangangi 1378 EA Eaten by GSCD Limeum viscosum (J. Gay) Fenzl. var. kenyense Friedr. Epatapus (Apata = flat, pus = Mathew 6793 K green; prostrate habit, greenishwhite flowers) Eaten by KGSCD Mullugo cerviana (L.) Seringe var. spathulifolia Fenzl. Esedokomom (Edokom = what is left over, a remnant; common as Mathew 6211 K; Mwangangi 1346, 1407, 1475, 1489 EA basal growth following grazing.) Eaten by KGSCD Mullugo nudicaulis Lam. Mathew 6221 K; Mwangangi 1484 F.A Sesuvium sesuvioides (Frenzl.) Verde Mathew 6466 K Trianthema triquetra Willd. Mathew 6468 K; Mwangangi Epespes 1158 EA Eaten by KGSCD Trianthema triquetra Willd. ssp. triquetra Mwangangi 1219 Edea-lochi Eaten by KGSCD Zaleya pentandra (L.) Jeffrey Mathew 6316, 6458, 6785 K Edea **AMARANTHACEAE** Achyranthes aspera L. Mathew 6583 K; Mwangangi 1021, 1146 EA Eaten by KGSCD Aerva lanata (L.) Juss. Mathew 6570, 6743 K Epel (looks white at a distance) Eaten by GC Aerva persica (Burm.) Merrill Mathew 6359, 6469 K; Ekwanga (= white; from flowers Mwangangi 1065, 1144, 1355 EA and general appearance) Medicine for swollen liver ("lolwiro" = malaria?): drink infusion of stems (emetic); white flowers used to stuff a pillow; eaten by KGSCD Alternanthera pungens H.B. + K. Mathew 6377 K; Mwangangi 1145 EA Eaten by KGSCD Alternanthera sessilis (L.) R.Br. Mwangangi 1374 EA Amaranthus angustifolia Lam. var. silvester Thell. Louyong'orok Mwangangi 1124 EA Boiled as a vegetable; eaten by GSC Amaranthus graecisans L. Mathew 6275, 6342 K Amaranthus sparganiocephalus Thell. Mathew 6539 K Louyong'orok Amaranthus spinosus L. Mwangangi 1181, 1361 EA **Epespes** Eaten by KGSCD Celosia anthelmintica Aschers. Mwangangi 1439 EA Eaten by KGSCD

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Celosia schweinfurthiana Schinz Mathew 6782 K Celosia stuhlmanniana Schinz Mwangangi 1351 EA Amarias (From its fast growth after rain) To delouse camels: apply infusion of crushed leaves; eaten by KGSCD Dasysphaera prostrata (Volkens ex Gilg) Cavaco Mathew Natilio (Flowers like a rabbit's 6297, 6358, 6446 K tail, etilero = rabbit) Medicine for stomachache: drink infusion of stems (emetic); eaten by KGSCD Digera muricata (L.) Mart. Mathew 6232, 6308, 6444 K Ekoromwamwae (From the word for beads) Nothosaerua brachiata (L.) Wight Mathew 6276, 6346 K; Mwangangi 1182 EA Pupalia lappacea (L.) Juss. Mathew 6230, 6290, 6596 K; Etanako (From the seed heads Mwangangi 1197, 1464, 1409 EA sticking to people) Decoration: prickly seeds used to bind coloured mud to hair; eaten by KGSCD Sericocomopsis hildebrandtii Schinz Mathew 6307, 6337 K; Ekabonyo (From its bushy habit) Mwangangi 1059, 1173 EA Medicine for "Apid" or "Anakakinet" (no appetite, little breath): drink decoction of crushed roots with meat soup (emetic); eaten by KGSCD Ekabonyo (From its bushy habit) Sericocomopsis pallida Schinz Mathew 6590 K Volkensinia prostrata (Volkens) Schinz Mwangangi 1210 EA APOCYNACEAE Adenium obesum R. & S. Mwangangi 1162, 1424 EA Egeles (From being different from other plants, e.g., yield poison, only eaten by hyrax) To delouse camels: apply infusion; infusion of fleshy stem used as arrow or fish poison. Adenium somalense Balf. F. Mathew 6320 K Egeles (As above) ARISTOLOCHIACEAE Aristolochia bracteata Retz. Mathew 6214, 6351, 6777 K Losurulaich (From use to delouse camels, suru = send away, laich = liceAristolochia bracteolata Lam. Mwangangi 1353, 1382 EA Eaten by GSC **ASCLEPIADACEAE** Calotropis procera (L.) Ait. Mathew 6223 K; Mwangangi Etesuro 1099 EA For cough in camels: drink infusion of roots; used to build quickly constructed, temporary shelter; eaten by G Caralluma dicapuae (Chiov.) Chiov. ssp. dicapuae Mathew Lochen (From use in placing a 6586,6848 K curse, ngichen = curse) Caralluma dummeri (N.E.Br.) E. A. Bruce Mwangangi Lochen (As above) 1151, 1460 EA Magic: father chews when cursing a son, make friends again by holding each end and cutting; medicine: drink decoction of stems with fresh milk or chew for chest pains, apply sap for wounds.

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Caralluma russelliana (Courb. ex Brougn.) Cufod. Mathew

Caralluma somalica N.E.Br. Mwangangi 1056, 1471 EA

Lokosurio (From use as decoration, akusir = pretty)

Medicine: apply sap to wounds; magic: to protect animals from theft or witchcraft place a piece on either side of entrance to boma; decoration: the (stinking) flower may be worn by women as a decoration.

Curroria volubilis (Schltr.) Bullock Mathew 6841 K Sap makes glue for joining spearhead to shaft; eaten by K

Cynanchum defoliascens K. Schum. Mathew 6274, 6367, 6710 K

Medicine: drink infusion of plant to assist menstruation; used to thread beads or fashioned into woman's necklace at wedding; eaten by GSC

Cynanchum hastifolium N.E.Br. Mathew 6738 K

Lokorokori (Lokori = spot, from brown-spotted fruit and bird with similar markings)

Food: fruit boiled in fresh milk; eaten by GC Drega rubicunda K. Schum. Mathew 6387 K; Mwangangi 1177, 1437 EA

Eaten by GSC

Echnidnopsis watsonii Bally Mathew 6389 K Kanahia laniflora (Forsk.) R.Br. Mathew 6226 K; Mwangangi 1037, 1358 EA

Eaten by KGSCD

Leptadenia hastata (Pers.) Decne. Mathew 6312 K; Mwangangi 1096, 1148, 1396 EA

Eaten by GCD

Pentatropis spiralis (Forsk.) Decne. Mwangangi 1476, 1477

Stems used to bind round sweet-smelling lopara (Justicia odora) to make necklace; eaten by GSC

Pergularia daemia (Forsk.) Chiov. Mathew 6501, 6736 K

Medicine: apply milky sap to keep flies from wounds

Sarcostemma viminale R.Br. Mathew 6403, 6556 K; Mwangangi 1114, 1268 EA

BALANITACEAE

Balanites orbicularis Sprague Mathew 6421 K; Mwangangi 1106, 1205, 1428 EA

Fruits edible after frequent boiling, throwing away water; used for smoking out gourds; to preserve and flavour milk; for making stools; eaten by C

Balanites pedicellaris Mildbr. & Schlect Mathew 6860 K

Elamach

BIGNONIACEAE

Kigelia africana (Lom.) Benth. Mwangangi 1442 EA

Fruit used with sugar or sorghum to make beer; medicine: for "ejiju" disease (Anaemia?): drink decoction of roots or pods (causes vomiting and diarrhoea); wood used to make 3 leg stools and large bowls ("atubai") for watering

cattle; eaten by KGSCD

Koligo

Lokisitio

Elagama (From alagama = necklace)

Edungoi

Ekamogo (From way this climber hangs down)

Elagama (From use as a necklace, alagama = necklace)

Echekepus (From echeke = hairs, pus = green)

Eligoi

Ebei

Erdot (From its hanging fruit, edodasi = hanging)

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Cordia sinensis Lam. Mathew 6311 K; Mwangangi 1042, 1045, 1102 EA

Fruit eaten; wood made into stools; bark used to cover huts; string from inner bark; musical pipes from bark; sticks for making fire ("ngipip"); eaten by KGSCD

Cordia cf. crenata Delisle Mathew 6805 K

Edome (edos = yolk, refers to colour of flesh of fruit)

Ebit-osin (Ebit = coming out, osin = anus, from shape of fruit)

Esigirait (From white flowers,

esigirait = white)

Etunituni

Esigirait

Esigirait

Esigirait

Eisigirait

Esigirait

Fruit eaten; wood generally useful, cf. C. sinensis; eaten by KGSCD

Cordia sp. aff. rothii Roem. et Schult. Mathew 6600 K
Fruit eaten; wood generally useful, cf. C. sinensis; eaten
by KGSCD

Heliotropium longiflorum Hochst. et Steud. ex DC. Mathew 6327, 6540, 6719 K

Heliotropium ovalifolium Forsk. Mathew 6349, 6763, 6769 K; Mwangangi 1392, 1377 EA

Leaves for tobacco; eaten by KGSCD

Heliotropium rariflorum Stocks Mathew 6406, 6717 K;

Mwangangi 1061, 1085 EA Eaten by KGSCD

Heliotropium somalense Vatke Mwangangi 1369 EA

Leaves for tobacco; eaten by KGSCD

Heliotropium steudneri Vatke Mathew 6665 K; Mwangangi Esigirait 1188 EA

Heliotropium subulatum (Hochst. ex DC.) Martelli Mathew

6272, 6460 K; Mwangangi 1390 EA Leaves for tobacco; eaten by KGSCD

Heliotropium supinum L. Mathew 6776 K; Mwangangi 1380 Esigirait

EΑ

Eaten by GSCD

Heliotropium ?pectinatum Vaupel aff. H. steudneri Mathew 6366, 6720 K; Mwangangi 1027 EA

Eaten by KGSCD

Trichodesma hildebrandtii Guerke Mathew 6650 K

BURSERACEAE

Boswellia neglecta S. Moore Mathew 6318, 6400 K; Mwangangi 1163, 1456, 1402, 1498, 1517 EA

Ekinyate (Stems are chewed, akinya = to chew, yate = to pull out)

The gum is chewed and used as incense; wood used for woman's stool (not strong); eaten by KGSCD

Commiphora africana (A. Rich.) Engl. Mathew 6303, 6684 K; Mwangangi 1038, 1193 EA

Wood widely used for stools, containers, spoons, ear plugs (decoration), etc.; eaten by GS

Commiphora boiviniana Engl. Mathew 6756 K; Mwangangi Edweite 1521, 1516 EA

Wood for containers; eaten by GSC

Commiphora samharensis Schweinf. S. lat. Mathew 6551, 6828 K

Sap to glue vulture feathers to arrow; eaten by GC

Commiphora bruceae Chiov. Mathew 6284, 6708 K; Mwangangi 1447 EA Ekadale (From its soft roots)

Erumosing (From aromatic sap, euru = smell)

Lolewi (Bark peels like skin, elou = skin)

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Stem chewed for sweetness; wood for milk containers; eaten by GSC

Commiphora rostrata Engl. Mathew 6304, 6751 K; Mwangangi 1455 EA

Bark used as tea; medicine for coughs or colds; chew bark or drink decoction, also apply sap for eye diseases; used as toothbrush; eaten by GSC

Commiphora schimperi (Berg) Engl. Mathew 6552 K
Medicine for diarrhoea: drink decoction of bark; wood for containers; drunk as tea; eaten by GSC

Ekwangorom (From its white bark, ekwa = white)

Emany/Lokaleso (Used as medicine by Nikaleso group of

Lokimeta (From oily sap,

akimet = oil)

CAESALPINACEAE

Cassia italica (Mill.) F. W. Andr. subsp. micrantha Brenan Mathew 6277, 6470 K; Mwangangi 1125 EA

Cassia longiracemosa Vatke Mwangangi 1215 EA

Cassia obtusifolia L. Mwangangi 1143, 1408 EA

Cassia occidentalis L. Mathew 6243 K; Mwangangi 1025

Emany

Cassia occidentalis L. Mathew 6243 K; Mwangangi 1025 EA Delonix elata (L.) Gamble Mathew 6526 K; Mwangangi

1081, 1207 EA
Wood used for water containers, stools, spoons, etc.:
eaten by GSC

Ekurichanait

Turkana)

CAPPARACEAE

Boscia angustifolia A. Rich. var. angustifolia Mathew 6493 K; Mwangangi 1506 EA

Bark used for tea

Boscia coriacea Pax Mathew 6404, 6506 K; Mwangangi 1023, 1101, 1105 EA

Fruit eaten after boiling: to smoke out gourds, etc.; to make spoons; eaten by KGSCD

Cadaba farinosa Forsk. Mathew 6245, 6559 K; Mwangangi 1423 EA

Cadaha farinosa Forsk. subsp. farinosa Mwangangi 1156

Medicine: drink infusion of roots for venereal diseases; toothbrush; eaten by GSC

Cadaba glandulosa Forsk. Mathew 6745 K; Mwangangi 1457 EA

Medicine: drink infusion of roots for stomach pains; various magical uses; eaten by KGSCD

Cadaba mirabilis Gilg Mathew 6555 K; Mwangangi 1492 EA

Cadaba rotundifolia Forsk. Mwangangi 1226 EA Capparis fascicularis DC. var. fascicularis Mathew 6347 K

Capparis cartilaginea Decne. Mathew 6669 K; Mwangangi 1071, 1508 EA

Used in magic (evil)

Capparis tomentosa Lam. Mwangangi 1179 EA Eaten by GC

Cleome angustifolia Forsk. Mathew 6755 K Cleome brachycarpea DC. Mathew 6760 K

Cleome parvipetala R. A. Graham Mathew 6333, 6407, 6492, 6502 K; Mwangangi 1079, 1527 EA Medicine for "enomokere" disease (ulcers, leprosy?)

Emejan (From being used for tea, emejan = tea leaves)

Erdung

Ereng (Used as charm, ereng = good luck)

Eiva

Emakak (From witchcraft use, akamak = declining, refusing to come)

Emakak (As C. glandulosa)

Epuu Ekaburu Lokapilak

Ekorokoroite

Epemorok Lomesek

Lonomokerio (From use for treating enomokere disease)

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Cleome scaposa DC. Mathew 6235, 6455 K; Mwangangi

1107, 1195, 1467 EA

Eaten by KGSCD

Cleome tenella L. Mathew 6434 K

Crataeva adansonii CD. Mathew 6378 K; Mwangangi 1176 EA

Wood used for containers, spoons, etc.; eaten by C

Gynandropsis gynandra (L.) Briq. Mathew 6806 K

Eaten by KGSCD

Maerua crassifolia Forsk. Mathew 6711 K; Mwangangi 1066, 1133 EA

Eaten by KGSCD

Maerua oblongifolia (Forsk.) A. Rich. Mathew 6293, 6441

K; Mwangangi 1091, 1151, 1208 EA

Eaten by KGSCD

Maerua subcordata (Gilg) de Wolf Mathew 6241, 6286 K;

Mwangangi 1043, 1376 EA

Fruit edible; medicine for eyes: wash eyes in decoction of leaves and apply steam from boiled crushed leaves;

eaten by GSCD

CELASTRACEAE

Maytenus senegalensis (Lam.) Exell Mathew 6265 K;

Mwangangi 1178, 1384 EA

Wood used for stools, containers, etc., also for bells: eaten by GSC

CHENOPODIACEAE

Chenopodium album L. Mathew 6623 K

Chenopodium pumilo R.Br. Mwangangi 1388 EA

Suaeda monoica J. F. Gmel. Mwangangi 1212, 1265, 1259, 1230, 1225, 1529 EA

Eaten by GSCD

COMBRETACEAE

Combretum aculeatum Vent. Mathew 6734 K; Mwangangi 1255, 1479 EA

Seeds are edible; pliable stems used for donkey panniers; eaten by GSC

Combretum hereroense Schinz subsp. grotei (Exell)

Wickens Mathew 6336, 6408 K Combretum volkensii Engl. Mwangangi 1171 EA

Eaten by GSC

Terminalia spinosa Engl. Mathew 6733 K; Mwangangi 1154. 1448 EA

Bark used as tea; medicine: drink decoction of bark for yellow jaundice or to remove afterbirth; wood used for stools; eaten by GSC

COMPOSITAE

Aspilia mossambicensis (Oliv.) Wild Mathew 6521 K Eaten by KGSCD

Blumea aurita DC. Mwangangi 1373, 1419 EA Eaten by GSD

Epemorok

Eyoroit

Etonomakolong (Withers quickly, etanom = burn, kolong = sun)

Ereng (From use as charm, ereng = good luck)

Epipa

Erut (After sound of camels eating: "rut rut")

Ekaburu

Akwanga Loikima

Echamee/Echamuyee (From "something that cannot be

hidden")

Ekereru

Ewapetoit

Ewapetoit

Epetait (From spreading habit,

lopeta = growing sideways)

Echekekuyan (From its hairy leaves, echeke = hairs, akuyen = leaves)

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Blainvillea gayana Vass. Mathew 6179 K Conyza floribunda (H.B.K.) Sch. Bip. Mwangangi 1364 EA Lojul (From hairy fruit, najul = hair, other than human) Delamerea procumbens S. Moore Mathew 6855 K; Nauru Mwangangi 1047 EA Eaten by GSCD Ekapioton (From fruit bursting if Dicoma tomentosa Cass. Mathew 6678 K Eaten by GSCD wetted, akipet = to kick) Eclipta prostrata (L.) L. Mathew 6330 K; Mwangangi 1169, Ekalibatubwa (From its large 1363 EA leaves shaped like an "atuba" = Eaten by GSCD milk bowl) Erlangea boranensis (Benth. ex Oliv.) S. Moore Mathew Lolurae 6525 K Helichrysum glumaceum DC, Mathew 6334, 6524 K; Edidi Mwangangi 1503 EA Galinsoga parviflora Cav. Mwangangi 1414 EA Esuja Geigeria acaulis (Sch. Bip.) Benth. et Hook. f. ex Oliv. & Akeju-apoo/Akuleu-nachi (1. Hiern Mathews 6186, 6228 K; Mwangangi 1269, 1349 EA From similarity to rabbit's foot, Eaten by GS akeju = leg, apoo = rabbit; 2.pl. of Ekulea-lochi, see Blepharis linariifolia) Hirpicium diffusum (O. Hoffm.) Roessler Mathew 6513 K Nachorongae (From having few but large thorns like camel's canine teeth = ngichorongae) Kleina sp. nr. longiflora DC. Mathew 6544, 6825 K Elila (From its not becoming dry Medicine for "ekwakowit" disease of camels (wasting): in dry season) drink infusion; eaten by camels Launaea cornuta (O. & H.) C. Jeffr. Mwangangi 1245 EA Echokokile (From its milky sap, Medicine for eye diseases: apply sap; eaten by GSC kile = milkLaunea hafunensis Chiov. Mathew 6523 K Nachorongae (From having few but large thorns like camel's canine teeth = ngichorongae) Osteospermum vaillantii (Decne.) T. Norl. Mathew 6587 K Nachorongae (From having few but large thorns like camel's canine teeth = ngichorongae) Pegoletia senegalensis Cass. Mathew 6560 K Lokosima (Like a tail, ekosim = Eaten by KGSCD tail) Senecio discifolius Oliv. Mathew 6672 K; Mwangangi 1244 Eididi (From blowing in wind like feather, akiididi = feathers used Medicine for eyes: apply infusion; eaten by KGSCD in headdress) Sphaeranthus gomphrenoides O. Hoffm. Mwangangi 1362 Enyangareng EA Eaten by GCD Sphaeranthus ukambensis O. Hoffm. Mwangangi 1359 EA Lomeskin (From being favourite Medicine for yellow jaundice: drink infusion with fresh food of sheep, emeskin = milk; eaten by KGSCD sheep) Vernonia cinerascens Sch. Bip. Mathew 6577 K Ejulot (Plant with many hairs, Eaten by KGSCD naju = chest hairs) CONVOLVULACEAE

Evolvus alsinoides (L.) L. Mathew 6571 K Hildebrandtia obcordata S. Moore Mathew 6676, 6826 K; Mwangangi 1449 EA

Infusion of roots with milk drunk as a laxative; eaten by GSCD

Eosin-akeny

Egong (From its strong stem, egogong = hard, strong)

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Nakipi (From growing in or near Ipomoea aquatica Forsk. Mathew 6764 K water, akipi = water) Ipomoea cicatricosa Bak. Mathew 6538 K Ekuyenit (From having large leaves, akuyen = leaves) Ipomoea donaldsonii Rendle Mathew 6528 K; Mwangangi Nakora (From being eaten by male goats, ngikora = male 1490 EA goat) Ipomoea hochstetteri House Mathew 6628 K Lokile Ipomoea kotschyana Choisy Mathew 6792 K Appii Ipomoea obscura (L.) Ker-Gawl. Mathew 6599 K Achekepus Ipomoea sinensis (Desv.) Choisy subsp. blepharosepala (A. Appii Rich.) Verdc. Mathew 6861 K Ipomoea spathulata Hall. f. Mathew 6432, 6674 K Ekuyenit (From having large leaves, akuyen = leaves) Seddera hirsuta Hall. f. Mathew 6299, 6398, 6716 K; Lomanang Mwangangi 1155 EA Medicine: laxative and antihelmint, drink infusion of roots & bark; eaten by GSCD **CRUCIFERAE** Diceratella sinuata (Franch.) Oliv. Mathew 6681 K Lomalae (Provides gum for fixing Sap used as glue for fixing small arrowhead used to bleed arrowhead, emal = arrow) camels and cows; eaten by GSCD Erucastrum arabicum Fisch. & Mey. Namunio Eaten by GSCD Farsetia stenoptera Hochst. Mathew 6687, 6747 K; Ekidir (From being straight, one stemmed plant, idiri = a straight Mwangangi 1491 EA Eaten by KGSCD thing) **CUCURBITACEAE** Citrullus colocynthis (L.) Schrad. Mathew 6461 K; Ekir Mwangangi 1175 EA Coccinia grandis (L.) Voigt Mathew 6262, 6348, 6350, 6390, Ekadala (From its hanging fruits) 6579, 6635 K; Mwangangi 1486 EA Fruit edible; eaten by GSC Coccinia sp. nr. microphylla Gilg Mathew 6431, 6799 K Eyarabos/Lomunio (1. From rotten smell of fruit, eiyarab = offensive smell; 2. climbs like a snake, emun = snake) Cucumella kelleri (Cogn.) C. Jeffrey Mathew 6626 K Eyarabos (see C. microphylla) Cucumis dipsaceus Ehrenb. ex Spach Mathew 6279, 6515 Ekaleruk K; Mwangangi 1049 EA Seeds cooked and eaten; eaten by GSC Cucumis melo L. Mathew 6704 K Ekaleruk Cucumis prophetarum L. subsp. propheratum Mathew Ekaleruk 6456, 6655 K Kedrostis foetidissima (Jacq.) Cogn. Mathew 6393 K Erikoi Kedrostis gijef (J. F. Gmel.) C. Jeffrey Mathew 6285, 6382 Eyarabos (see C. microphylla) K; Mwangangi 1034, 1139 EA Momordica rostrata A. Zimmer Mathew 6491 Lodirin (From being eaten by eland, edir = eland) Momordica sessilifolia Cogn. Mathew 6659 K Lodirin (see M. rostrata) Momordica trifoliolata Hook. f. Mathew 6263 K; Erikoi Mwangangi 1035 EA Fruit eaten by children; eaten by GSC

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DICRASTYLIDACEAE	
Cyclocheilon eriantherum (Vatke) Engl. Mathew 6740 K	Angog
EBENACEAE	
Diospyros scabra (Chiov.) Cufod Mathew 6573 K	Elim
Diospyros sp. nov. Mwangangi 1199 EA	Elim
Wood used for stools; eaten by KGSCD	
EUPHORBIACEAE	
Acalypha fruticosa Forsk. Mathew 6371, 6622 K;	Etetelait (From being used to make
Mwangangi 1438 EA	woven panniers = etetele)
Medicine for wounds: apply dried & powdered leaves; used to make woven shields or panniers; eaten by KG	
Acalypha fruticosa Forsk. var. villosa Pax Mwangangi 1189, 1473 EA	Etetelait
Acalypha indica L. Mathew 6217, 6373 K; Mwangangi 1354 EA	Louyongorok
Cooked as vegetable; eaten by GCD	P
Chrozophora plicata (Vahl) A. Juss. Mwangangi 1236, 1381 EA	Epongait
Croton somalensis Vatke & Pax Mathew 6667 K	Losuroi
Dalechampia scandens L. Mwangangi 1084 EA	Ekwanga (From white flowers, ekwang = white)
Euphorbia agowensis Hochst. ex Boiss. Mathew 6322 K	Lojemei (From use to treat sores ajemai = sores)
Euphorbia arabica Hochst. et Steud ex Boiss. Mathew 6198 K; Mwangangi 1135, 1202, 1459 EA	-
Euphorbia cuneata Vahl Mathew 6395, 6661 K; Mwangangi 1116, 1429, 1520 EA	Echokokile (From its milky sap, kile = milk)
Medicine: apply sap to wounds or eyelids (not eyes) for eye disease; eaten by G	
Euphorbia granulata Forsk. var. dentata N.E.Br. Mathew 6236 K	Lokile
Euphorbia granulata Forsk. var. glabrata (Gay) Boiss. Mathew 6193, 6467 K; Mwangangi 1522 EA	Lokile
Euphorbia heterochroma Pax Mathew 6615 K Euphorbia hirta L. Mathew 6706 K; Mwangangi 1055, 1367, 1406 EA Eaten by KGSCD	Echorokog
Euphorbia uhligiana Pax Mathew 6405 K; Mwangangi 1041 EA	Emus
Medicine: for wounds, apply sap, for colds drink decoction of inner stem	
Euphorbia uhligiana Pax var. rupicola Bally et Carter Mathew 6660 K	Emus
Jatropha dichtor Macbr. Mathew 6858 K: Mwangangi 1232 EA	Etirai
Eaten by GC	Latan
Jatropha fissispina Pax Mathew 6339, 6447 K; Mwangangi 1088, 1523 EA	Lotou
Medicine for wounds, apply sap Jatropha parvifolia Chiov. Mathew 6662 K	Ebulon
Jatropha villosa (Forsk.) Muell. Arg. var. glandulosa Vahl	Ebulon

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Phyllanthus amarus Schumach. & Thonn. Mathew 6713 K Lokaleso Phyllanthus aspericaulis Pax Mathew 6409, 6795 K Epetakou (From habit of sideways Medicine for wounds: apply sap; eaten by KGSCD growth, epata = flat, akou = head) Phyllanthus maderaspatensis L. Mathew 6563 K Lojemei (From use in treating sores, ajemei = sores) Phyllanthus pseudo-niruri Muell. Arg. Mathew 6356 K Akoromait-nachi (From being a Eaten by GSC small plant growing beneath, ekoromait = Acacia seyal, nachi = small) Phyllanthus reticularis Poir. Mathew 6313 K; Mwangangi Echekereng/Epuatakelae (From 1. 1147. 1238 EA refers to hairs = echeke, 2. use Used as tooth brush; eaten by GSC as tooth brush, epuata = to rub, ekelae = tooth)Ricinus communis L. Mwangangi 1240 EA Ebune (From something hollow) Apply dried powdered leaves to festering cut; oil from seeds as hair oil and used with snuff Securinega virosa (Willd.) Pax & K. Hoffm. Mwangangi Elakis 1483 EA Edible fruit; eaten by GSC Tragia? sp. nov. Mathew 6836 K Lonye (From irritant hairs which Boiled as a vegetable; eaten by KGSCD can be passed on, lonye = to pass on) **GERANIACEAE** Monsonia senegalensis Guill. & Perr. Mathew 6680 K Lominyani **HYDNORACEAE** Hydnora johannis Becc. Mathew 6850 K Auriango LABIATAE Basilicum polyatachyon (L.) Moench. Mathew 6345, 6390 K; Mwangangi 1142 EA Eaten by KGSD Becium obovatum (E. Mey.) N.R.Br. Mathew 6514, 6569 K Capitanya otostegiodes Guerke Mathew 6488 K Eblakitoe (From being brittle, abila = to break, ekitoe = tree) Coleus barbatus Benth. Mathew 6829 K Akurau Leucas glabrata R.Br. Mathew 6562 K Nakuchin Medicine for burns: apply dried and powdered leaves, eaten by KGSCD Leucas jamesii Bak. Mathew 6335, 6613 K Ekareterete (From noise if broken Eaten by KGSCD or put into fire) Leucas pododiskes Bullock Mathew 6219, 6269, 6593 K; Mwangangi 1076, 1127, 1204 EA Leucas urticifolia R.Br. Mathew 6614 K Lounorok Ocimum basilicum L. Mathew 6374, 6511 K; Mwangangi 1394 EA Eaten by KGSCD Ocimum staminosum Bak. Mathew 6797 K Losiru Ocimum suave Willd. Mwangangi 1253 EA Ichoke Stems make sweet smelling bangles for women Orthosiphon pallidus Royle Mathews 6218, 6396, 6594 K Orthosiphon somalense Vatke Mwangangi 1054, 1395 EA Plectranthus igniarius Schweinf. Mathew 6612 K Akurau

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LORANTHACEAE			
Loranthus curviflorus Benth. Mathew 6784 K; Mwangangi 1080, 1113 EA	Edwel (Leaves hang down like woman's apron, edwel = apron)		
Loranthus sagittifolius (Sprague) Danser Mwangangi 1421, 1502 EA Eaten by KGSC	Edwel		
Loranthus sansibarensis Engl. Mathew 6664 K	Edwel		
Loranthus schimperi Hochst. ex A. Rich. Mathew 6606, 6804, 6823 K; Mwangangi 1044, 1138 EA	Edwel		
Loranthus ugogensis Engl. Mathew 6301, 6508, 6608, 6677	Edwel		
LYTHRACEAE			
 Lawsonia inermis L. Mathew 6267, 6427, 6750 K; Mwangangi 1191 EA Medicine for malaria: drink decoction mixed with meat stew; stems used for frames of fishing baskets; flowers worn for sweet smell; eaten by GSCD 	Esajait		
MALPHIGIACEAE			
Caucanthus albidus (Nied.) Nied. Mathew 6749, 6813 K Eaten by GC	Nakora (From being eaten by male goats, ngikora = male goat)		
MALVACEAE			
Abutilon figarianum Webb Mwangangi 1068 EA Eaten by KGSCD	Ekuyen (From large leaves always green, akuyen = leaves)		
Abutilon fruticosum Guill. & Perr. Mathew 6252, 6566, 6721 K; Mwangangi 1131, 1360, 1465 EA Eaten by KGSCD			
Abutilon hirtum (Lam.) Sweet Mathew 6624 K	Asrilipog (Refers to dry appearance when wet)		
Abutilon mauritianum (Jacq.) Medic. Mathew 6722, 6726 K	Akwanga		
Gossypium somalense (Guerke) J. B. Hutchinson Mathew 6816 K			
Hibiscus calyphyllus Cav. Mwangangi 1472 EA Medicine for wounds: apply leaves; eaten by KGSC	Nauru-kasikou (From smelling lik old men, nauru = smell, kasikou = old men)		
Hibiscus cannabinus L. Mathew 6383 K	Abune		
Hibiscus dictyocarpus Webb Mathew 6744 K	Akwanga		
Hibiscus micranthus L. f. Mathew 6271, 6634, 6679 K	Akwanga		
Hibiscus rhabdotospermus Garcke Mathew 6425 K	Akwanga		
Hibiscus vitifolius L. subsp. vulgaris Exell & Brenan Mathew 6437 K	Echekereng (From hairs = echeke)		
Pavonia patens (Andr.) Chiov. Mathew 6380, 6512, 6723 K	Akwanga		
Sida alba L. Mathew 6718 K	Loyongorok		

Lonya

Sida ovata Forsk. Mathew 6620 K

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MELIACEAE

Trichilia roka (Forsk.) Chiov. Mwangangi 1186, 1444 EA Fruits edible; wood used for stools and containers; eaten by G

always green, akuyen = leaves)

Turraea parvifolia Deflers Mathew 6739 K Eaten by GC

Enampapa (From stems being intermixed, inapapa = something sloping out of vertical)

Ekuyen (From its large leaves

MENISPERMACEAE

Cocculus hirsutus (L.) Diels Mwangangi 1443 EA Medicine for lonyang disease (yellow jaundice?): drink infusion of roots; also for stomach pains; eaten by **GSCD**

Lokitoe-kayep (From being a climber hanging down, lokitoe = tree, yep = hanging down)

Cocculus pendulus (J. R. & G. Forst.) Diels Mathew 6314 K; Mwangangi 1371, 1487 EA Eaten by KGSCD

Lokitoe-kayep (See C. pendulus)

MIMOSACEAE

Acacia albida Del. Mwangangi 1436 EA Wood used for water containers; eaten by G Edurukoit

Esanyanait

Acacia elatior Brenan ssp. turkanae Brenan Mathew 6854

K; Mwangangi 1100 EA

Bark used as tea; wood used for stools; large thorns used as needles; eaten by GSC

Acacia mellifera (Vahl) Benth. Mathew 6305, 6640 K; Ebonyo

Mwangangi 1057, 1093, 1422 EA Gum is chewed; medicine for stomach pains: drink infusion; eaten by GSCD

Epetet

Acacia mellifera (Vahl) Benth. subsp. mellifera Mathew 6426 K; Mwangangi 1112, 1422 EA (See A. mellifera)

Ebonyo (See A. mellifera)

Acacia nubica Benth. Mathew 6256, 6602 K; Mwangangi 1117, 1120 EA

Medicine for "libai" disease (rheumatism?): drink infusion

of bark mixed with beef stew; eaten by GSCD Acacia paolli Chiov. ssp. paucijuga Brenan Mathew 6746 Eiyelel (Refers to its sharp thorns)

K; Mwangangi 1086 EA Medicine for "libai" disease (rheumatism?): drink infusion of bark mixed with beef stew; eaten by GSCD

Acacia reficiens Wawra & Peyr. subsp. misera (Vatke) Brenan Mathew 6291, 6737 K; Mwangangi 1129, 1434

Eregai

Wood may be used for stools; eaten by GSCD

Acacia senegal (L.) Willd. var. keniensis Schweinf. Mathew Ekunoit 6268, 6300 K; Mwangangi 1067, 1203 EA

The gum is chewed; eaten by GSC

Acacia seyal Del. var. fistula (Schweinf.) Oliv. Mwangangi Ekoromait 1234 EA

Wood used for stools; eaten by GSC

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Acacia seyal Del. var. seyal Mathew 6343 K Ekoromait Ewoi/Etir (Older and younger Acacia tortilis (Forsk.) Hayne Mwangangi 1058, 1104 EA Pod edible: wood used for stools, frame for huts, to specimens) construct cattle boma; eaten by KGSCD Acacia tortilis (Forsk.) Hayne subsp. spirocarpa (A. Rich.) Ewoi/Etir Brenan Mathew 6436, 6761 K Acacia sp. nr. etbaica Schweinf. Mwangangi 1470 EA Eluwo (From being different & between, e.g., neither A. tortilis Gum is chewed; wood used for stool; eaten by GSCD nor A. reficiens, eluwa = between) **MORACEAE** Ekuyen (From large leaves always Ficus populifolia Vahl Mathew 6819 K green, akuyen = leaves) Echoke (Refers to hairs around Ficus sycomorus L. Mwangangi 1187 EA Edible fruit; wood used for stools, containers, etc.; eaten flowers) by KGSCD MORINGACEAE Etebusoit (From its thick trunk, Moringa stenopetala (Bak. f) Cuf. Mathew 6668 K Medicine for leprosy: drink infusion of leaves etebusa = man with large belly) NYCTAGINACEAE Boerhavia coccinea Mill. Mathew 6238, 6239 K Edea/Elete (2. refers to flat, spreading habit) Boerhavia diffusa L. Mathew 6802 K Edea/Elete Boerhavia repens L. Mathew 6197 K; Mwangangi 1050, 1159 EA Lokucin/Losurulaich (1. Gives Commicarpus plumbagineus (Cav.) Standl. Mathew 6315, 6372 K; Mwangangi 1024, 1030, 1141 EA goats diarrhoea, loku = swelling, ngachin = goat Apply infusion of whole plant to delouse humans or droppings; 2. Used to delouse camels; eaten by KGSCD camels, suru = send away, laich = lice) Commicarpus verticillatus (Poir.) Standl. sensu lato Mathew Nakuchit 6250 K **NYMPHACEAE** Nymphaea lotus L. Mathew 6771 K Gurum Root is eaten fresh or boiled **OCHNACEAE** Lokiridingai (From ekerid = very Ochna inermis (Forsk.) Schweinf. Mathew 6842 K thin)

OLEACEAE

Jasmimum fluminense Vell. Mwangangi 1254 EA Apply dried and powdered fruit with water or ghee to delouse humans or camels; string derived from stem

ONAGRACEAE

Ludwigia erecta L. Mwangangi 1416 EA

Epelech

Amarum

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Cistanche tubulosa (Schenk.) Hook. F. Mathew 6317 K;

Mwangangi 1075 EA

Eaten by G

PAPILIONACEAE

Clitoria ternatea L. Mathew 6329, 6389 K; Mwangangi 1251 EA

Crotalaria deflersii Schweinf. Mathew 6227 K

Crotalaria massaiensis Taub. Mathew 6234, 6253 K

Crotalaria polysperma Kotschy Mathew 6509 K

Indigofera arrecta Hochst. ex A. Rich. Mathew 6503 K

Indigofera cliffordiana Gillett Mathew 6529 K; Mwangangi 1121 EA

Indigofera colutea (Burm. f) Merrill Mwangangi 1493 EA

Indigofera costata Guill. & Perr. ssp. gonoides (Bak.) Gillett Mathew 6592 K

Indigofera hochstetteri Bak. Mathew 6598 K

Indigofera schimperi Jaub. et Spach. var. schimperi

Mathew 6384, 6714 K

Indigofera spinosa Forsk. Mathew 6255 K; Mwangangi 1098, 1160, 1200, 1504 EA

Eaten by GSCD

Indigofera tinctoria L. Mathew 6225, 6361 K; Mwangangi 1122, 1239, 1352 EA

Eaten by G

Ormocarpum trichocarpum (Taub.) Engl. Mathew 6388,

Rhynchosia malacophylla (Spreng.) Boj. Mathew 6364,

6381, 6588 K

Sesbania sericea (Willd.) Link Mathew 6762 K

Sesbania sesban (L.) Merr. var. nubica Chiov. Mwangangi 1237 EA

Tephrosia nubica (Boiss.) Bak. Mathew 6617, 6748 K;

Mwangangi 1433 EA

Tephrosia uniflora Pers. Mathew 6568 K

Vatovaea pseudolablab (Harms) Gillett Mathew 6504 K;

Mwangangi 1454 EA

Roots cooked and flowers and fruit eaten fresh; eaten by KGSCD

PASSIFLORACEAE

Adenia venenata Forsk. Mathew 6549 K Sap used as glue for spearhead

Elemu (Refers to limp stems

Lorimoch

Emeret **Emeret**

Emeret

Emeret

Emaritoit

Emeret

Emeret

Emeret

Emukuya

Achor/Emeret

Akurau

Auk-egile (From being a climber similar to egilai = Vatovaea

pseudolablab)

Nakaleso

Achor/Emaritoit

Amuriat

Egilai

hanging down)

APPENDIX: Continued

Adenia volkensii Harms Mathew 6490 K Fruit cooked; medicine for ''lotegerin'' disease (swelling): drink infusion of roots	Loarakimak		
Tryphostemma volkensii Harms Mathew 6791 K	Lonye (Irritant hairs easily transferred, lonye = to pass on)		
PEDALIACEAE			
Pterodiscus ruspolii Engl. Mathew 6260, 6338 K To remove afterbirth in cows: drink infusion; eaten by KSGD	Lotuk (From use for medicine for cows, lotuk = cow)		
Sesamothamus rivae Engl. Mathew 6424 K; Mwangangi 1445 EA	Loboria (From use in treatment of stiff hips, arbor = hips)		
Eaten by G			
Sesamum alatum Thonn. Mathew 6341 K	Loupe		
POLYGALACEAE			
Polygala erioptera DC. Mathew 6192, 6453 K; Mwangangi 1201, 1425, 1445, 1528 EA Medicine for enomokre disease (ulcers? leprosy?), powdered bark for wounds; eaten by GS	Lonomokerio (From use in treatment of "enomokere" disease)		
Polygala kilimanjarica Chod. Mathew 6582 K	Amakak		
Polygala liniflora Boj. Mathew 6344 K	Emaret		
POLYGONACEAE			
Oxygonum sinuatum (Meisn.) Dammer Mathew 6812 K Medicine for coughs: drink decoction mixed with fresh milk; eaten by KGSCD	Nakwa (From having numerous small thorns, niukwa = thorns)		
Polygonum senegalensis Meisn. Mwangangi 1389 EA Segments of hollow stems used to make "natarosa" = holders for feathers in mud hair-cap	Lotorosa (From use to make "natarosa")		
PORTULACEAE			
Portulaca oleracea L. Mathew 6326 K; Mwangangi 1183, 1221 EA Eaten by KGSCD	Elete (Refers to flat, spreading habit)		
Portulaca quadrifida L. Mathew 6189, 6685, 6786 K; Mwangangi 1488 EA Eaten by KGSCD	Echadae (From flowers like white underpart of hare, used to make bracelet called "echadae")		
Talinum portulacifolium (Forsk.) Schweinf. Mathew 6548 K	Ekalibochat (Refers to water in leaves and stem)		
RHAMNACEAE			
Berchemia discolor (Klotzsch) Hemsl. Mathew 6758 K Edible fruit; medicine for yellow jaundice (?); drink decoction of bark; wood used for stools, etc.; eaten by G	Emeyan		
Ziziphus mauritiana Lam. Mathew 6264 K; Mwangangi 1095, 1110 EA Edible fruit; eaten by GSC	Ekalalee		
RUBIACEAE			

Conostomium microcarpum Bremek. Mathew 6656, 6794 K Lonomokerio (From use for Used in treatment of "enomokere disease" (ulcers? leprosy?) "enomokere" disease)

APPENDIX: Continued

Conostomium quadrangulare (Rendle) Cuf. Mathew 6429 K; Lokoroumwe (From white bead-Mwangangi 1348 EA shaped fruit)
Flowers are sweet to suck; medicine for eye disease: wash

in decoction of roots; eaten by KGSCD

Gardenia jovis-tonantis Hiern aggreg. Mathew 6808 K
Used to make the "swizzle-stick" to remove coagulant
from blood; eaten by G

Ekore (Refers to being thin but
strong)

Kohautia caespitosa Schnizl. Mathew 6199, 6233 K:

Mwangangi 1400 EA

Eaten by KGSCD

Ekorimwumwe (From word for beads)

Kohautia caespitosa Schnizl. var. hispidula Brenan
Mwangangi 1073, 1494 EA
Medicine for enomokere disease (leprosy?)

Enomokere (Used for "enomokere' disease)

Oldenlandia linearis DC. Mwangangi 1385 EA Ewosinaiken Eaten by KGSCD

Oldenlandia somala Chiov. Mathew 6353 K Edyae

Otomeria oculata S. Moore Mathew 6820 K

Lodukae (From being food of hyrax = adukwae)

Pentodon pentander (Schum.) Vatke Mwangangi 1393 EA Loupe
Medicine for "etid" disease (malaria?): drink infusion of
roots; hollow stems for beads; eaten by KGSCD

Tarenna graveolens (S. Moore) Bremek Mathew 6575 K
Medicine for "lomasei" disease (rheumatism?): drink
decoction, also for "lonyang" disease (yellow jaundice?);
eaten by KGSC

Lomesei (From treatment of "lomasei" disease)

SALVADORACEAE

Dobera glabra (Forsk.) DC. Mwangangi 1119, 1192 EA
Fruit edible after frequent boilings; eaten by GSC

Dobera loranthifolia (Warb.) Harms Mathew 6741 K

Salvadora persica L. Mathew 6270 K; Mwangangi 1020,

Edapal (From seeds similar to "edapal" = plate)

Edapal (See D. glabra)

Esekon

Salvadora persica L. Mathew 6270 K; Mwangangi 1020, E 1103, 1216 EA

Edible fruit; medicine for "apid" or "anakakimet" disease (saliva thick, faeces gummy): drink decoction of roots; twigs used as toothbrush; wood used for clubs; eaten by GSC

SAPINDACEAE

Cardiospermum corindum L. Mathew 6821 K
Seeds used as beads

Cardiospermum halicacabum L. Mwangangi 1252 EA

Etiriamit

SCROPHULARIACEAE

Seeds used as beads; eaten by GSC

Anticharis linearis (Benth.) Hochst. Mathew 6261, 6292 K; Ewasinaiken
Mwangangi 1087 EA
Eaten by GS

Aptosimum pumilum Benth. Mathew 6595 K

Akule-nachi (See Blepharis linariifolia)

Lindenbergia sinaica Benth. Mwangangi 1072 EA

APPENDIX: Continued

Lindenbergia sp. nov. aff. sinaica Benth. Mathew 6671 K Echama (From use in love potion, Pseudosopubia hildebrandtii (Vatke) Engl. Mathew 6332, echama = to love) Magic: sap for love potion, plant tied to tail of camel or cow that has refused its young; eaten by KGSCD SOLANACEAE Ebune (Referring to something Datura stramonium L. Mwangangi 1039 EA hollow) Lycinum europaeum L. Mathew 6273, 6321, 6420, 6709 K Ekabekebeke (From noise made by dried fruits) Solanum dubium Fresen. Mathew 6278, 6610 K; Esikele (From use to coagulate Mwangangi 1051, 1410 EA milk, esikele = to solidify) Seeds put in to milk to coagulate, eaten by GSCD Solanum hastifolium Hochst. ex Dunal Mathew 6487, 6553, Lodongamuroi (From its thorns, lodong = to prick, amoi = legs) 6796 K Medicine for "akakinet" disease (of stomach): drink infusion of roots with milk; eaten by GC Solanum incanum L. Mathew 6803 K; Mwangangi 1249 EA Etulelo Roots used as medicine for colds; eaten by GSD Solanum nigrum L. Mathew 6379 K; Mwangangi 1397. 1411 EA May be boiled as vegetable; eaten by KGS Withania somnifera (L.) Dunal Mathew 6376 K; Emotoe Mwangangi 1140, 1418 EA **STERCULIACEAE** Hermannia kirkii Mast. Mathew 6310, 6438 K; Mwangangi Eosin-Aikeny 1248 EA Lonyang (From "lonyang" disease) Hermannia sp.? nov. aff. boranensis K. Schum. Mathew 6801 K Used to treat "lonyang" disease (yellow jaundice?) Melhania ovata (Cav.) Spreng. Mathew 6500 K Akwanga Melhania velutina Forsk. Mathew 6818 K Akwanga Sterculia rhynchocarpa K. Schum. Mwangangi 1458 EA Etete (From sound of seeds in Edible fruit; eaten by KGSC pod) Sterculia stenocarpa H. Winkl. Mathew 6572, 6673 K Etete (See S. rhynchocarpa) **TAMARICACEAE** Tamarix nilotica (Ehrenb.) Bunge Mwangangi 1217 EA Echekereng (Refers to hairs = echeke) TILIACEAE

Ekali/Epat

Corchorus oblitorius L. Mathew 6209, 6386 K; Mwangangi

Grewia bicolor Juss. Mathew 6522, 6557, 6814 K Edible fruit; used to make bows and arrows, whipping sticks, etc.; eaten by KGSCD

Grewia erythraea Schweinf. Mathew 6567 K

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Grewia tembensis Fres. var. kakothamnos (K. Sch.) Burrett Egomo/Emalokere (Refers to 1. Mwangangi 1379 EA

rough & adhering, 2. red fruits)

Edible fruit; medicine for coughs: drink hot decoction;

eaten by KGSC

Grewia tenax (Forsk.) Fiori Mathew 6288, 6435, 6607 K; Mwangangi 1166 EA Edible fruit; eaten by GSC

Egomo/Emalokere (See G. tembensis)

Grewia villosa Willd. Mathew 6601, 6837 K

Edible fruit; medicine for wounds: apply powdered or chewed bark; wood used for arrows; eaten by KGSCD Epokoo/Epongae

Triumfetta flavescens Hochst. ex A. Rich. Mathew 6707 K

Achekereng

URTICACEAE

Forsskaolea viridis Ehrenb. ex Desf. Mathew 6397, 6445 K; Mwangangi 1401 EA

Leaves boiled as a vegetable; eaten by GSC

VAHLIACEAE

Vahlia digyna (Retz.) Kuntze Mathew 6767 K Ekajimait-nachi

Vahlia viscosa Roxb. Mwangangi 1190, 1415 EA Medicine for "lonyang" disease (yellow jaundice?): drink decoction of roots and meat; eaten by KGSCD

Lonyang (Refers to "lonyang" disease)

VERBENACEAE

Chascanum marrubifolium Fenzl. ex Walp. Mathew 6652 K Ekajamait Lantana viburnoides (Forsk.) Vahl Mathew 6507 K Etele

Lippia carviodora Meikle Mathew 6510 K

Esrilipong

VITACEAE

Cissus quadrangularis L. Mwangangi 1153 EA Infusion cures calves of diarrhoea

Egis (From irritating sap, akikis = scratching)

Cissus rotundifolia (Forsk.) Vahl Mathew 6616 K

Lobara

Cyphostemma nieriense (T.C.E.Fr.) Descoings Mathew 6254, 6266 K; Mwangangi 1026, 1481 EA Leaves may be boiled as a vegetable; medicine for "lobute" disease (swelling): drink decoction of root Erodo (From its strong tendrils, ekorodot = to cling)

ZYGOPHYLLACEAE

Tribulus cistoides L. Mathew 6224, 6281, 6725 K; Mwangangi 1452 EA Eaten by KGSCD

Esuguru (Refers to numerous small thorns)

Tribulus mollis Ehrenb. Mathew 6457, 6459 K Esuguru Tribulus terrestris L. Mwangangi 1022, 1514 EA Esuguru Tribulus terrestris-cistoides L. intermediate Mwangangi Esuguru 1109, 1136 EA

Zygophyllum simplex L. Mathew 6287 K

Apespes

MONOCOTYLEDONS:

AMARYLLIDACEAE

Ammocharis tinneana Milne-Redh. & Schweick Mathew 6639 K

APPENDIX: Continued

Crinum pedicellatum Pax Mathew 6201 K	Echachumuchumu		
Pancratium trianthum Herb. Mathew 6240 K	Echachumuchumu		
COMMELINACEAE			
Commelina albescens Hassk. Mathew 6554 K	Aturae		
Commelina benghalensis L. Mathew 6283, 6581, 6611, 6835 K	Aturae		
Commelina forskalaei Vahl Mathew 6827 K	Aturae		
Commelina petersii Hassk. Mathew 6365, 6580 K	Aturae		
CYPERACEAE			
Bulbostylis barbata (Rottb.) C.B.Cl. Mathew 6774 K	Ekedit (Like hair in ear, ekidit = ear)		
Cyperus articulatus L. Mwangangi 1213 EA	Ekekeriau (After use in magic, ekekeriau = magician)		
Cyperus laevigatus L. Mathew 6328, 6419, 6783 K; Mwangangi 1257, 1430 EA Eaten by KGSCD			
Cyperus longus L. Mwangangi 1224 EA	Ekekeriau		
Cyperus michelianus (L.) ssp. pygmaeus (Roth) Aschers. & Graeb. Mathew 6352, 6775 K; Mwangangi 1461 EA Eaten by GSD	Ekidit (See Bulhostylis barbata)		
Cyperus obtusiflorus Vahl Mathew 6561 K	Ekekeriau		
Cyperus rotundus L. Mathew 6237, 6355, 6705 K; Mwangangi 1031, 1446 EA Bulbous roots used as sweet-smelling beads; eaten by KGSCD	Ekekeriau		
Cyperus teneriffae Poir. Mathew 6625 K	Ekekeriau		
Fimbistylis bisumbellata (Forsk.) Bub. Mwangangi 1223, 1231 EA	Ekekeriau		
Kyllinga welwitschii Ridley Mathew 6798 K	Ekidit (See Bulbostylis barbata)		
Mariscus circumclusus C.B.Cl. Mathew 6633 K	Ekidit		
Mariscus rohlfsii (Boeck.) C.B.Cl. Mathew 6834 K	Esut		
Scirpus ameiglumis Hooper Mathew 6778 K	Ekidit		
GRAMINEAE			
Arachne racemosa (Roem. et Schult.) Ohwi Mathew 6759 K			
Aristida adscensionsis L. Mathew 6247, 6534, 6627 K; Mwangangi 1064, 1261, 1500 EA Eaten by KGSCD	Aitamus		

Aristida barbicollis Trin. & Rupr. Mathew 6191, 6471 K

Aristida mutabilis Trin. & Rupr. Mwangangi 1040, 1132,

1404, 1426 EA Eaten by KGSCD

Brachiaria deflexa (Schumach.) Hubbard Mathew 6202, 6597, 6754 K

Amanakuri (meaning soft)

Aduar (Meaning sour)

Aduar

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Brachiaria leersioides (Hochst.) Stapf Mathew 6289, 6565, 6752 K; Mwangangi 1474 EA

Amanakuri

Brachiaria serrifolia (Hochst.) Stapf Mathew 6817A K

Amanakuri

Cenchrus ciliaris L. Mathew 6208, 6463, 6584, 6603, 6621, 6724 K

Amerukwa

Cenchrus pennisetiformis Steud. Mwangangi 1137, 1513 EA Amerukwa

Cenchus setigerus Vahl Mathew 6205, 6242, 6712, 6727, 6781 K

Chaestostichum majusculum C. E. Hubb. Mwangangi 1468

EA

Eaten by KGSD

Chloris gayana Kunth. Mwangangi 1241 EA

Eaten by KGSCD

Chloris roxburghiana Schult. Mathew 6604 K

Chloris virgata Sur. Mathew 6779 K

Eaten by KGSCD

Epenek (From its bearded head, epenek = beard)

Chrysopogon aucheri (Boiss.) Stapf var. quinquiplumis (A. Rich.) Stapf Mathew 6546 K

Cymbopogon excavatus (Hochst.) Stapf Mathew 6670 K

Cynodon dactylon (L.) Pers. Mathew 6418 K; Mwangangi 1028, 1431 EA

Ejem (Refers to its fresh appearance, akijima = fresh)

Eaten by KGSCD

Dactyloctenium aegypticum (L.) P. Beauv. Mathew 6204 K

Dactyloctenium sp. nov. Mwangangi 1111, 1174, 1260, 1499 Ekauduhudu

Rhizome may be chewed like sugarcane; eaten by KGSCD

Dichanthium sp. aff. annulatum Stapf Mathew 6454 K

Digitaria macroblephora (Hack.) Stapf Mathew 6535 K

Digitaria rivae (Chiov.) Stapf Mwangangi 1505c EA

Digitaria velutina (Forsk.) Beauv. Mwangangi 1168 EA Eaten by KGSCD

Diplachne fusca (L.) Beauv. Mwangangi 1530 EA

Echinochloa colonum (L.) Link Mathew 6340 K;

Mwangangi 1365 EA

Mwangangi 1180 EA

Eaten by KGSCD

Echinochloa haploclada (Stapf) Stapf Mwangangi 1036,

1185 EA

Eaten by KGSCD

Echinochloa pyramidalis (Lam.) Hitchc. & Chase

Sections of stem used as beads; eaten by KGSD

Enneapogon cenchroides (Roem. & Schult.) C. E. Hubbard Lokibuk

Mathew 6246, 6532, 6605, 6731, 6831 K

Esurogor

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Enneapogon elegans (Nees) Stapf Mwangangi 1048, 1092 EA

Eaten by KGSD

Enneapogon schimperianus (A. Rich.) Renv. Mathew 6195

Enneapogon machrostachyus (A. Rich.) Benth. Mathew 6537 K
Eaten by KGSCD

Eragrostis aethopica Chiov. Mathew 6194, 6207, 6244, 6766 K; Mwangangi 1412, 1417 EA Eaten by KGSD

Eragrostis aspera (Jacq.) Lees Mathew 6809 K

Eragrostis cilianensis (All.) Lut. Mathew 6249, 63399, 6531

Eragrostis ciliaris (L.) R.Br. Mwangangi 1228 EA

Eragrostis papposa (Roem. & Schult.) Steud. Mathew 6530 K

Eragrostis setulifera Pilg. Mwangangi 1357, 1405 EA

Eriochloa nubica (Steud.) Hack. Mathew 6251, 6257 K

Latipes senegalensis Kunth. Mathew 6682 K

Leptochloa obtusiflora Hochst. Mathew 6295 K: Mwangangi 1161, 1198, 1420 EA Eaten by KGSCD

Leptochloa vulpiastrum Stapf Mathew 6840 K

Panicum coloratum L. Mwangangi 1053, 1078 EA

Perotis patens Gand. Mathew 6800 K

Ekosim-erunye (Refers to head like a rat's tail, ekosim = tail, lorunye = rat)

Phragmites mauritianus Kunth. Mwangangi 1247 EA

Rhynchelytrum repens (Willd.) C. E. Hubbard Mathew 6177 K

Rhynchelytrum villosum (Parl.) Chiov. Mathew 6536, 6824 K

Schmidtia pappophoroides J. A. Schmidt Mathew 6686 K

Sehima nervosum (Willd.) Stapf Mathew 6753 K

Setaria verticillata (L.) P. Beauv. Mathew 6203 K; Mwangangi 1149, 1366 EA

Sorghum aethiopicum Rupr. et Stapf Mathew 6653 K

Sporobolus consimilis Fresen. Mwangangi 1184, 1264 EA

Sporobolus fimbriatus Nees var. latifolius Stent Mwangangi 1505b EA

Sporobolus helvolus (Trin.) Dur. et Schinz Mathew 6357, 6773 K; Mwangangi 1462 EA

head like a zebra's tail, ekosim = tail, etuko = zebra)

Ekosim—etuko (From having a

Etanako (Refers to head sticking to people)

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Sporobolus ioclades (Trin.) Nees Mathew 6298, 6547 K

Sporobolus macranthus Chiov. Mathew 6832 K

Sporobolus marginatus A. Rich. Mwangangi 1123 EA

Sporobolus spicatus (Vahl) Kunth Mathew 6462 K; Mwangangi 1194, 1209, 1258, 1266, 1263 EA

Esirite

Stipagrostis hirtigluma (Trin. & Rupr.) De Winter Mathew 6246 K

Stipagrostis uniplumis (Licht.) De Winter Mathew 6533 K; Mwangangi 1094, 1211, 1196, 1511 EA

Tetrapogon cenchriformis (A. Rich.) Clayton Mathew 6280, Lokumae 6732 K; Mwangangi 1134 EA Eaten by KGSCD

Tetrapogon tenellus (Roxb.) Chiov. Mathew 6180 K

Tragus berteronianus Schult. Mathew 6196, 6550 K; Mwangangi 1413 EA Eaten by KGSCD

Tricholaena eichingeri (Mez) Stapf & C. E. Hubb. Mathew 6742 K; Mwangangi 1070, 1165, 1510, 1512 EA

Tricholaena teneriffae (Linn. f) Parl. Mathew 6657 K

Urochloa panicoides Beauv. Mwangangi 1441 EA Used for thatching; eaten by KGSCD

HAEMODORACEAE

Sansevieria ehrenbergii Schweinf. ex Bak. Mathew 6730, 6838 K; Mwangangi 1463 EA

Medicine for cuts: apply sap; leaf fibres used for string

HYDROCHARITACEAE

Lagarosiphon schweinfurthii Caspary Mathew 6362 K

LILIACEAE

Albuca wakefieldii Bak. Mathew 6296, 6859 K

Aloe rivae Bak, Mathew 6542, 6543 K

Aloe tweediae Christian Mathew 6844 K

Aloe turkanensis Christian Mathew 6402, 6585 K; Mwangangi 1118 EA

Roots used to flavour beer; apply sap for wounds and eye diseases

Asparagus sp. nr. flagellaris (Kunth) Bak. Mathew 6360, 6489 K

Chlorophytum tuberosum Bak. Mathew 6200 K

Dipeadi viride Moench Mathew 6220 K

Gloriosa minor Rendle Mathew 6857 K

Ngipirikala (From roots like camels, ekal = camel)

Scilla hyacinthina (Roth) Alston Mathew 6181 K

Urginea indica (Roxb.) Kunth Mathew 6637 K; Mwangangi 1350 EA

Emojo

Eskarakiru

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Edible roots; eaten by G

NAIADACEAE

Naias graminea Del Mathew 6789 K

PALMAE

Hyphaene ventricosa Kirk Mathew 6302 K; Mwangangi 1108 EA

Edible fruit; used for thatch, fish baskets, string, rafts, building posts; eaten by KGSD (Fig. 10)

Egoli (From use of fruit mixed with blood, egolgol = mixture of food)

POTAMOGETONACEAE

Potomogeton pectinatus L. Mwangangi 1531 EA

Esidiko

TYPHACEAE

Typha domingensis Pers. Mathew 6331 K; Mwangangi 1220, 1233 EA
Eaten by K

Ekamate (Refers to hollow stem)

VELLOZIACEAE

Vellozia schnitzleinia (Hochst.) Bak. Mathew 6574 K

Loitamug (Refers to its colour, emug = red)

FERNS

Actiniopteris radiata (Koenig ex Sw.) Link Mathew 6576 K; Loperemor (Refers to growing Mwangangi 1356 EA among stones, mor = stones

Actiniopteris semiflabellata Pic.-Ser. Mathew 6849 K

Marsilea sp. (? diffusa Lepr.) Mathew 6765 K

among stones, mor = stones)

Likipii (Refers to growing in damp places, akipi = water)

Lotoparin (Refers to growing around "atapar" = temporary rain ponds)

Selaginella phillipsiana (Hieron.) Alston Mathew 6545 K

MOSSES

Fabraria sp. (? leikipiae C. M.) Mathew 6845 K Tortula subtorquatifolia Dix. Mathew 6541, 6790 K Tortula torquatifolia (Geh.) Dix. Mathew 6541a K

FUNGI

Agaricus alphitochrous Berk. & Br. Mathew 6485, 6692 K Agaricus brunneopictus Heinem. & Gooss. Mathew 6694, 6695 K

Agaricus campestroides Heinem. & Gooss. Mathew 6474 K Agaricus trisulphuratus Berk. Mathew 6696, 6699 K Agrocybe broadwayi (Murr.) Dennis Mathew 6484, 6846 K Auricularia polytricha (Mont.) Sacc. Mathew 6413 K Battarea stevenii (Libosch) Fr. Mathew 6370, 6647a K Claveria zollingeri Lev. Mathew 6477 K Coriolopsis occidentalis (Klotzsch) Murr. Mathew 6482, 6728 K Crinipellis subtomentosa (Peck) Sing. Mathew 6473 K Cyathus limbatus Tul. Mathew 6476 K Endoptychum agaricoides Czern. Mathew 6636 K Favolus brasiliensis Fr. Mathew 6641 K Fomes lividus (Kalchbr.) Cke. Mathew 6642 K

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Ganoderma sp. Mathew 6369, 6645 K

Itajayha rosea (Delile) E. Fisch. Mathew 6852 K

Lentinus velutinus Fr. Mathew 6448 K

Lepiota phylantanodes (Berk. & Br.) Sacc. Mathew 6480 K

Lencoagaricus sp. Mathew 6631 K

Macrolepiota dolichaula (Berk. & Bri.) Mathew 6630 K

Orpetium minimum (Hochst.) Pilg. Mathew 6568 K

Phaeolus manihotis Heim Mathew 6701 K

Phaeomarasmius (Naucoria) fulvoalbus Berk. & Bri.

Mathew 6478, 6479, 6643, 6691, 6698 K

Phellinus linteus (Berk. & Curt.) Teng Mathew 6693 K

Phellorina herculeana (Pers.) Kreissel ssp. strobilina

(Kalchbr.) Dring Mathew 6729 K

Podaxis pistillaris (L. ex Pers.) Fr. sensu Morse Mathew 6632, 6647b K

Polyporus arcularius (Batsch ex Fr.) Fr. Mathew 6843, 6702 K

Poria sp. Mathew 6703 K

Psathyrella spintigera (Fr.) Konr. & Maubh. Mathew 6368 K

Psathyrella tiarella (Berk. & Br.) Sacc. Mathew 6451 K

Psilocybe coprophila (Bull. ex Frs.) Kummer Mathew 6450 K

Schizostoma laceratum Ehrenb. ex Lev. Mathew 6439, 6486, 6856 K

Termitomyces clypeatus Heim Mathew 6472 K

Termitomyces microcarpus (Berk. & Bri.) Heim Mathew 6475, 6481, 6644, 6851 K

Termitomyces striatus (Beeli) Heim Mathew 6646 K

Trametes cingulata Berk. Mathew 6697, 6807 K

Tulostoma sp. Mathew 6449 K

Vulvariella voluacea (Fr.) Sing. var. Masseei Sing. Mathew 6690 K