

Tribulus zeyheri

Dubbeltjie / Devil's thorn

Family: Zygothylaceae



Collection Number: 70

Description: A prostrate creeper, with occasional erect central stems. It has bright yellow flowers and can easily be confused with *T. terrestris*. The flowers of *T. zeyheri* are slightly lighter yellow, and larger than those of *T. terrestris*. They grow up to 5 cm in diameter. After good rain, this plant can turn large areas into yellow carpets. This species also has spiny fruit which split into 5 parts.

Habitat: *T. zeyheri* grows on wasteland, and disturbed areas, often alongside *T. terrestris*. Both species are widespread throughout southern Africa.

General information: Seeds of both *Tribulus* species are effectively dispersed by the spiky fruit which sticks to animal hair and the soles of feet.