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*Burchellia bubalina*

[Synonyms : *Burchellia capensis*]

**BUFFELDOORN** is an evergreen shrub or tree. Native to South Africa it has small, coral red flowers.

It is also known as Buffalo-horn, Buffalo-wood, South African pomegranate, *Wildegranaat* (Afrikaans), Wild granaat, and Wild pomegranate.

*Bubalina* is derived from Greek *boubalos* (buffalo) or Latin *bubalus* (buffalo, antelope) with reference to the fruit's horn-like shape or to the hard wood.

The flowers are full of nectar and are especially attractive to birds which often tear them in their eagerness to reach the liquid. The fruit are also a source of bird food.

Buffeldoorn has been valued in some areas as a love charm.

In South Africa the shrub is a popular ornamental plant. In the wild it is extremely hardy as it seems to flourish after drought, fire and bush clearance.

The Bantu have used the root and bark in veterinary medicine to bind breaks.

Medicinally, the plant has been used by the Bantu to cause vomiting ie. an emetic.