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Physalis viscosa

[Synonyms : *Alkekengi fissum*, *Cacabus parviflorus*, *Physalis curassavica*, *Physalis fuscomaculata*, *Physalis mendocina*, *Physalis pensylvanica*, *Physalis virginica*]

GROUNDCHERRY is native to eastern North America.

It is also known as Grape groundcherry, *Klewerige Appelliefie* (Afrikaans), Prairie groundcherry, Starhair groundcherry, Stellate groundcherry, Sticky Cape-gooseberry, Sticky gooseberry, Sticky groundcherry, Sticky physalis and Yellow henbane.

Warning – all parts (except the ripe fruit) are poisonous and can cause gastro-entiritis.

Viscosa is derived from Latin *visci-* (sticky) meaning ‘sticky or clammy like bird-lime from mistletoe (*Viscum*) berries’.

The root was used by the North American Omaha Indians for treating wounds.