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Strophanthus kombe

STROPHANTHUS is a climbing perennial. Native to tropical Africa it has fragrant yellow-based, purple spotted, cream flowers.

It is also known as Kombé arrow poison, Kombé seeds, and *Strofantus* (Swedish).

Warning – the seeds are extremely poisonous. In Britain it is a prescription only medicine.

The seeds were used in Africa to make an arrow poison for hunting. Any wounded game were rarely able to move more than 100 yards and the flesh could be eaten in safety.

Medicinally, strophanthus has been used to treat chronic heart weakness.