

# *Adenium boehmianum*

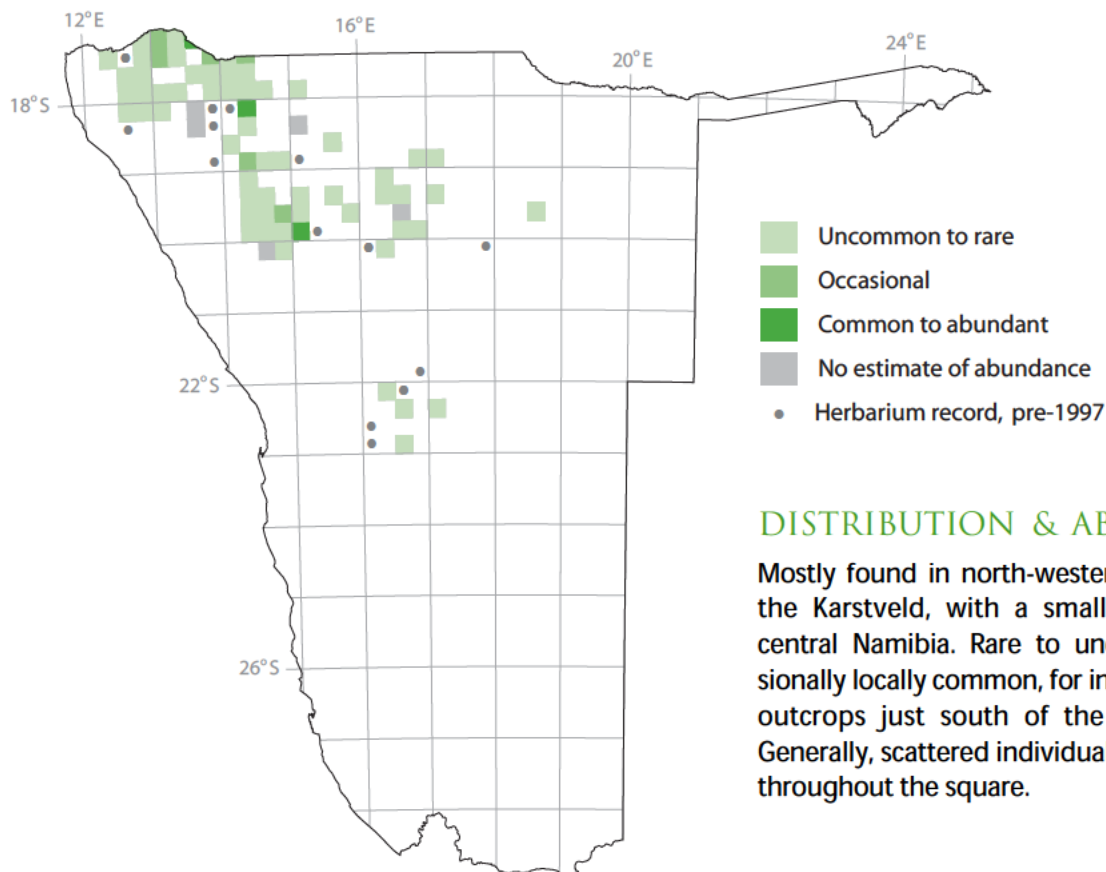
## Ouzuwo

Bushman poison (E); boesmangif (A)

[165 records from 73 (7%) squares]



**Few-stemmed** shrub or tree, with a fairly thick, succulent trunk. **BARK** grey-brown, smooth. **LEAVES** simple, clustered on ends of branches, elliptic, 60–200 mm long, longitudinally folded; dark green above, pale green below with prominent veins, both surfaces velvety; margin wavy, occasionally turned under. **FLOWERS** showy, tubular, fairly large; pink with a darker throat. **FRUIT** paired, dry, cylindrical capsules, each up to 250 mm long. **SEEDS** with tufts of silky, golden-brown hairs at both ends.

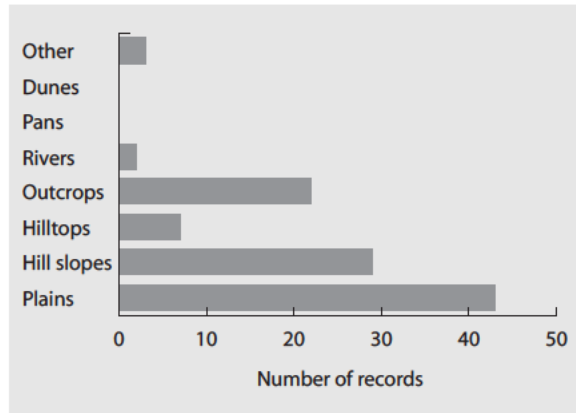


### DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE

Mostly found in north-western Namibia and the Karstveld, with a small population in central Namibia. Rare to uncommon; occasionally locally common, for instance on rocky outcrops just south of the Kunene River. Generally, scattered individuals may be found throughout the square.

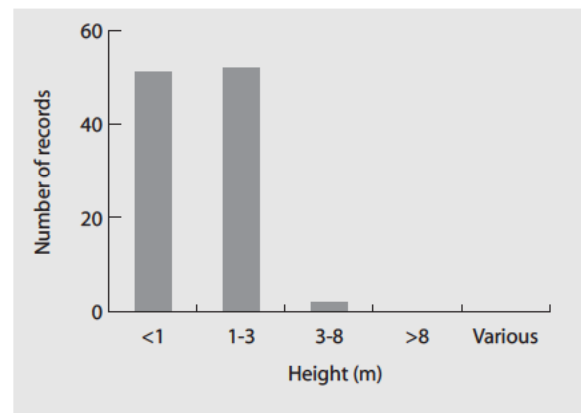
## HABITAT

Found on plains, hill slopes and rocky outcrops. Grows on rocky substrates usually, but sometimes on sand. One specimen was found on a floodplain in 2016AB (BUR3).



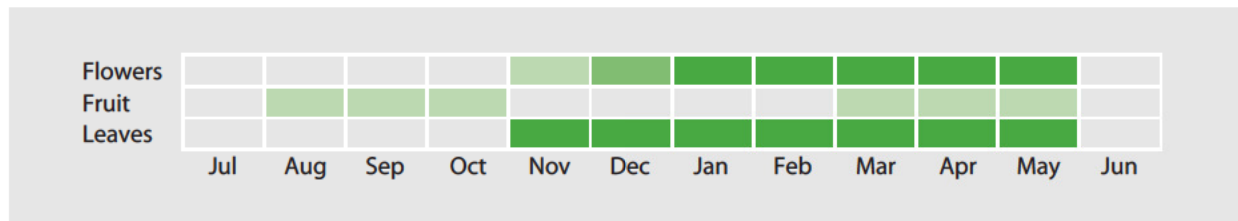
## GROWTH FORM

Generally a shrub up to 1 m tall or just over; occasionally a tree up to 3 m or more.



## ANNUAL CYCLE

FLOWERS from December to May. FRUIT March to October. LEAVES present from November to May.



## GENERAL

Browsed, probably by steenbok or duiker. The milky sap from the tuber is used as arrow poison. This plant is of horticultural potential for dry gardens due to its attractive flowers.

## CONSERVATION CONCERNS

Potentially threatened by illegal collecting.



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leaves and flowers, B. Curtis