

Allophylus africanus

Kieriehout

Malaova (L)

[1 record]

Evergreen shrub or small tree. LEAVES **trifoliolate**; leaflets obovate to elliptic, sometimes with one lateral leaflet conspicuously smaller than the other two; margin crenate. FLOWERS small, creamy-yellow or greenish. FRUIT a small, round, somewhat fleshy berry; red, hanging in spikes.

May be confused with *Rhus* spp., but it lacks the resinous latex of *Rhus* and has larger fruit.

Only recorded once by the TAP, as a common shrub and tree of various heights growing along the banks of the Kunene River at Epupa Falls (1713AB). No one else who visited that area recorded it, but it may have been mistaken for *Rhus quartiniana*. The only two herbarium records were trees of 3 m and 8 m on the waters edge of the Okavango River in 1822CA.

Erythrophysa alata

Namaqua Red-balloon

Namakwarooiklapperbos (A)

[1 record]

Evergreen shrub. LEAVES compound; rachis and petiole **winged**. FLOWERS **showy, dark red**; **stamens up to 20 mm long, red**. FRUIT **an inflated three-locular, triangular, membranous red capsule with a slender, pointed tip**.

This species is rare in Namibia, and is limited to the Naukluft Mountains. There is one TAP record and two earlier herbarium specimens. Common in one small area on a cliff in the upper kloof at Lemoenputz in the Naukluft Mountains (2416AC). A shrub of up to 2 m high. FLOWERS and FRUIT recorded in February and May. It is a very attractive plant when in flower or fruit and can be spotted from afar.

Traditional Ndonga hut with palisade at Olukonda, P. Reiner

