

# *Bauhinia urbaniana*

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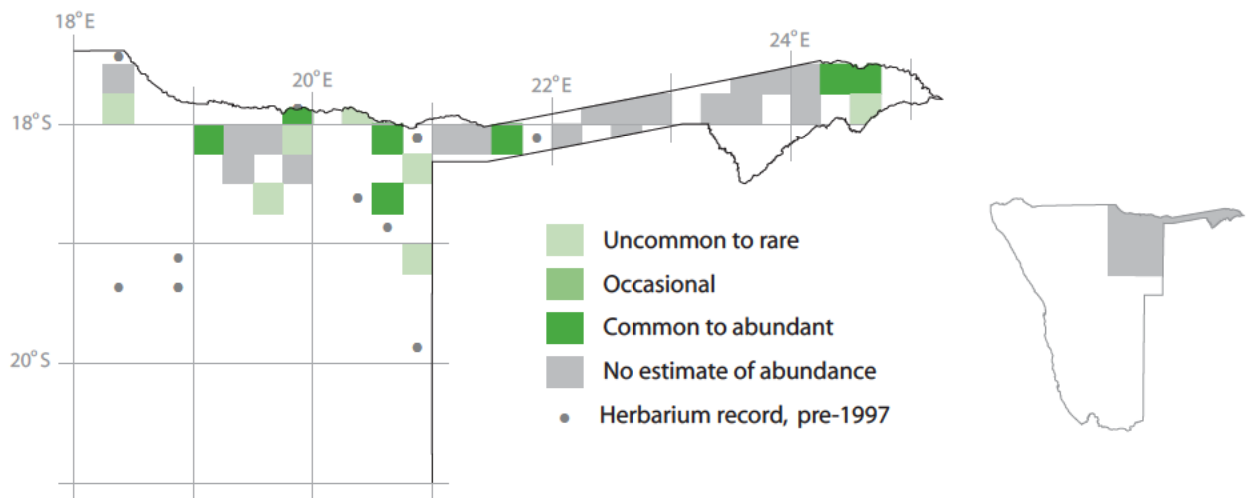
Pink bauhinia (E); sandbeeskrou (A);  
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[32 records from 32 (3%) squares]



Semi-deciduous shrub. LEAVES bilobed, often broader than long; divided to approximately two-thirds of the leaf length; dark green above. FLOWERS usually pink, may be white to mauve; petals up to 20 mm long; buds with dense, rusty-brown hairs. FRUIT a dark brown to black pod; flattened, woody, pointed at both ends; splitting along seams with valves curling up like a cork-screw.

Flowers and pods are conspicuous. Impossible to tell apart from *B. petersiana* without flowers, and since this species is less common, it has probably often been recorded as the latter.



### DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE

Common to uncommon in north-eastern Namibia, east of the 500-mm rainfall isohyet. Past herbarium records from the eastern Karstveld were not confirmed by the TAP.

### HABITAT

Plains; occasionally floodplains and dry rivers. Always on sand.

### GROWTH FORM

A shrub up to 3 m high, occasionally scrambling.

### ANNUAL CYCLE

No observations were made June to November, except for August. FLOWERS were recorded from February until October. FRUIT were found from January to May. LEAVES were recorded from December to May; two records of bare trees in August.

### CONSERVATION CONCERNS

None recorded.