

# *Cadaba schroepelii*

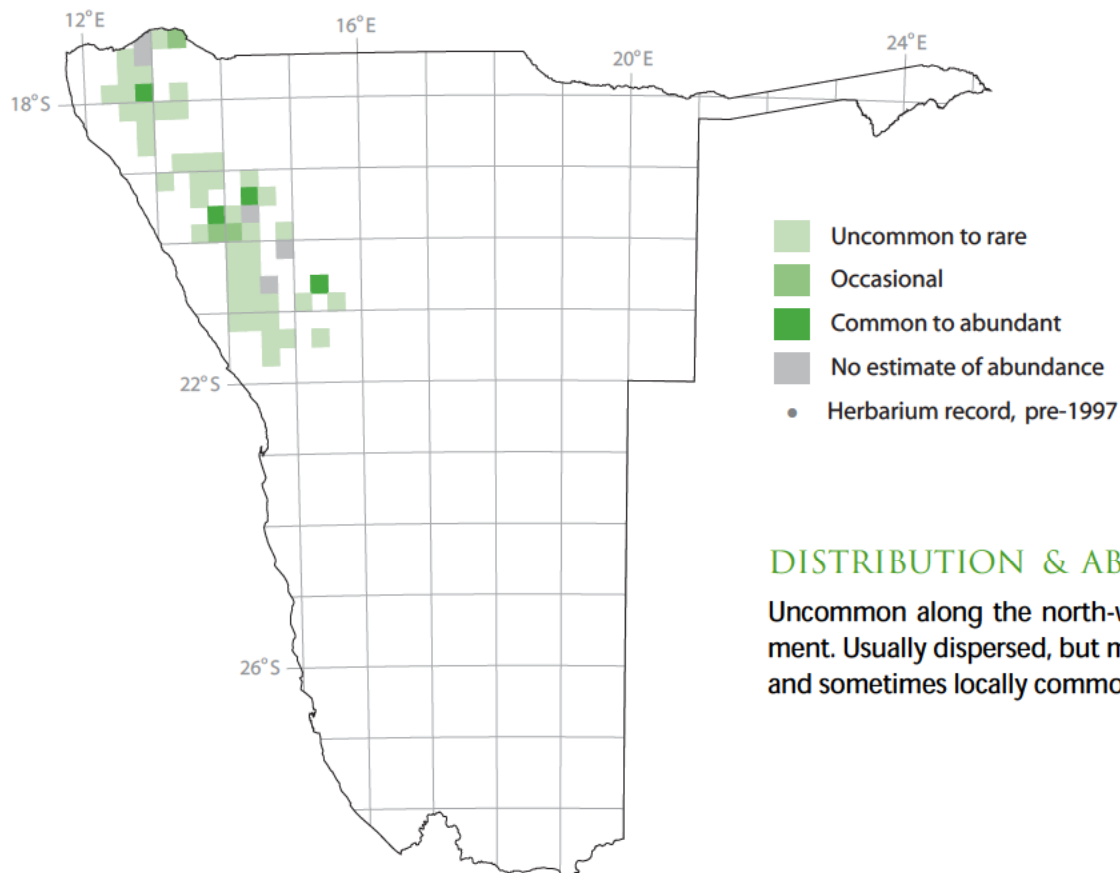
## Silver-leaved Wormbush

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[103 records from 52 (5%) squares]



Evergreen shrub. BARK **black to red brown**; **young branchlets with silver-grey to white, scaly covering**. LEAVES simple, elliptic to obovate, 6–30 mm long; **both surfaces silver-grey to olive-green, scaly**. FLOWERS small, c. 10 mm in diameter; solitary in leaf axils; outer surface covered in scales. FRUIT cylindrical, up to 20 mm long; covered with dense grey scales; carried on a slender stalk.

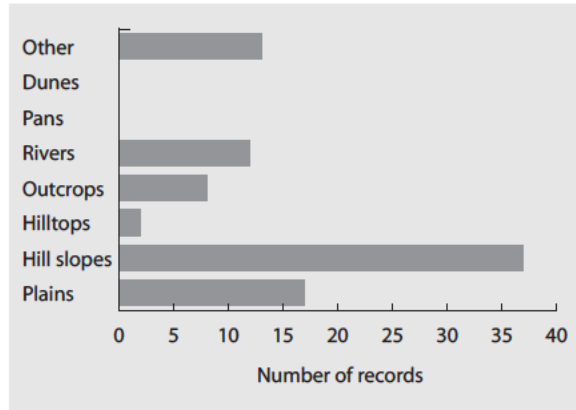


### DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE

Uncommon along the north-western escarpment. Usually dispersed, but may be clumped and sometimes locally common.

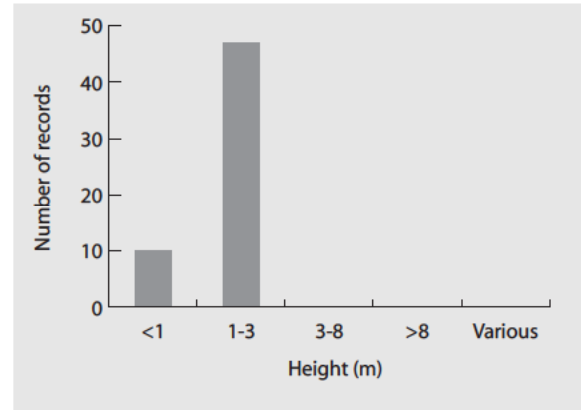
## HABITAT

Various, but mostly hill slopes and valley floor. Always on stony or rocky ground.



## GROWTH FORM

Generally a shrub in the 1–3-m height class; occasionally a tree or shrubby tree, but never more than 3 m high.



## ANNUAL CYCLE

FLOWERS December, with old flowers recorded from February to August. FRUIT December. LEAVES evergreen.

## GENERAL

They are often heavily browsed by various game species. The fruit looks like worms, hence the English common name. This species is of horticultural potential due to its attractive foliage and drought tolerance.

## CONSERVATION CONCERNS

None recorded.

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