

Ceraria namaquensis

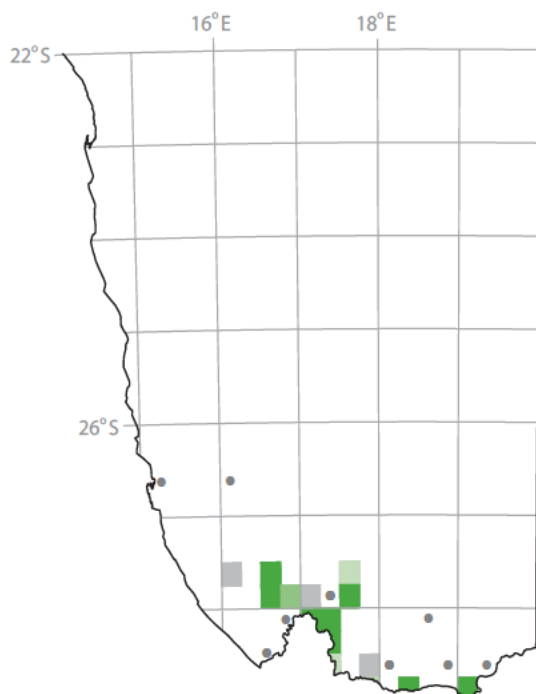
Wolftoon

Namaqua ceraria (E)

[30 records from 15 (1%) squares]



Shrub or small tree. BARK **creamy-white to silver-grey to brown**; older branches sturdy, appearing out of proportion to the tiny leaves. LEAVES simple, clustered on dwarf shoots; blade **linear to narrowly obovate, virtually cylindrical**, 3–4 x 1–1.5 mm; **succulent**, green, hairless. FLOWERS small, pale to deep pink. FRUIT very small and inconspicuous.



- Uncommon to rare
- Occasional
- Common to abundant
- No estimate of abundance
- Herbarium record, pre-1997

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE

Scattered over a small area of south-western Namibia. Generally common. Often localised. Earlier herbarium records were more widespread than TAP records.

HABITAT

Mostly on rocky hill slopes and rocky outcrops, including a granite outcrop in the Fish River Canyon. Twice recorded on a cliff and once in a dry riverbed.

GROWTH FORM

Always a shrub less than 3 m high.

ANNUAL CYCLE

FLOWERS mainly in November. FRUIT one herbarium record of old fruit in January. LEAVES evergreen.

GENERAL

Also called 'spekboom', but this name is confusing as many other, unrelated species are also known by this common name.

CONSERVATION CONCERNS

No threats recorded.