

Commiphora tenuipetiolata

Satin-bark Corkwood

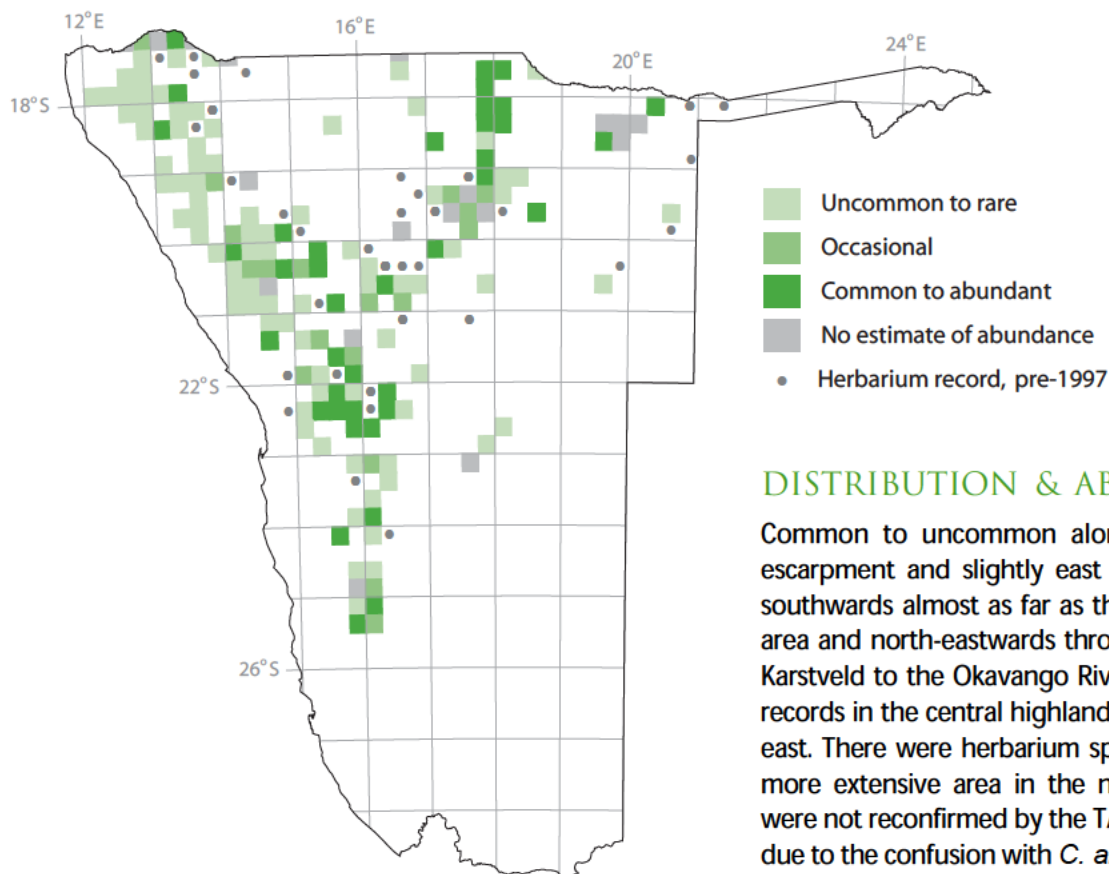
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[274 records from 165 (15%) squares]



Single-stemmed tree, occasionally a shrub. **BARK** grey to white to **yellowish**, **peeling off in white, papery strips to expose a blue-green underbark**. **LEAVES** pinnately compound or trifoliolate, 25–55 mm long; **petiole long, slender**; leaflet obovate to elliptic; both surfaces grey-green or yellow-green to blue-green, **hairless to downy** (trees with downy leaves usually confined to the northern regions of Namibia while those with hairless leaves occur exclusively in the south); margin entire or toothed near the tip. **FLOWERS** small, pale green. **FRUIT** almost round, up to 15 mm in diameter; pseudaril bilobed, covering between one-third and three-quarters of the seed.

Can be confused with *C. angolensis*, which is generally a low shrub with hairs on the young branchlets, whereas *C. tenuipetiolata* is generally a tree with hairless young branches.

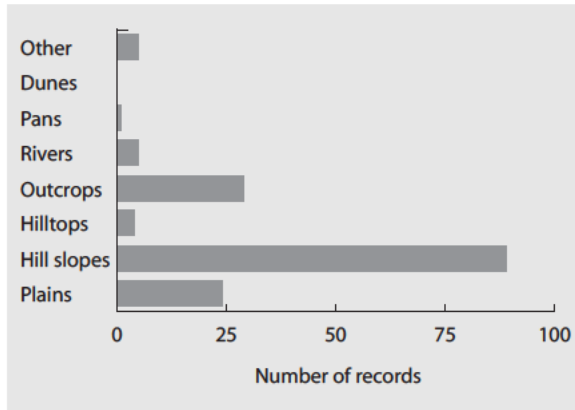


DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE

Common to uncommon along the western escarpment and slightly east of it, extending southwards almost as far as the winter-rainfall area and north-eastwards through the eastern Karstveld to the Okavango River, with isolated records in the central highlands and the north-east. There were herbarium specimens from a more extensive area in the north-east which were not reconfirmed by the TAP; this could be due to the confusion with *C. angolensis*.

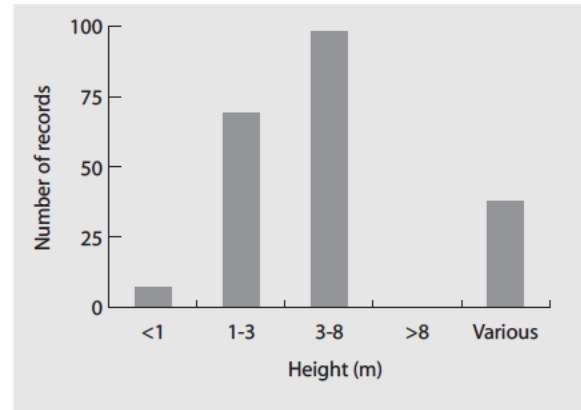
HABITAT

Mostly found on hill sides, though also on plains and rocky outcrops; sometimes on steep slopes. Grows on both rocky and sandy substrates.



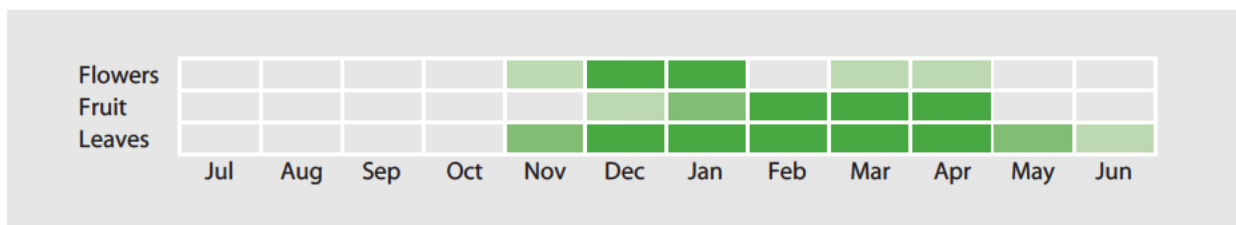
GROWTH FORM

Usually a tree up to 8 m high, but often a shrub up to 3 m. On Farm Oros (2017AA) there are many trees with very contorted, multiple stems.



ANNUAL CYCLE

FLOWERS mostly in December and January, but also sometimes in March and April. FRUIT peaked in March, but could be found from December to April. LEAVES mainly from December to May, with young leaves mostly in November and December.

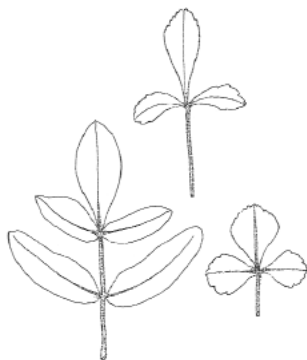


GENERAL

Of horticultural potential.

CONSERVATION CONCERNS

None recorded.



Commiphora tenuipetiolata, just south of Kunene River. B. Curtis

