

# *Commiphora viminea*

## Onangwi

Zebra-bark corkwood (E);  
Zebramyrrhe (G)

[14 records from 12 (1%) squares]



Deciduous shrub or single-stemmed tree. BARK grey to green-yellow with large, warty, black bands of lenticels giving a zebra-striped appearance; peeling off in yellowish, papery horizontal strips. BRANCHLETS initially pale green to red-brown becoming purple, generally spine-tipped. LEAVES mostly

simple, occasionally trifoliolate, narrowly obovate or elliptic; both surfaces blue-green with dense glandular hairs; margin finely toothed. FLOWERS small, cream-coloured, unisexual. FRUIT a berry, ovoid, c. 10 x 6 mm, with a pointed tip; red-brown.

Can be mistaken for *C. pyracanthoides* or *C. glandulosa*. This species was formerly incorrectly identified as *C. merkeri* in southern Africa.

Many specimens in Namibia do not resemble the description above, but have been classed as *C. viminea* for want of any better identification. SWA3 is of the opinion that these are another new species, which he is busy describing.

