

# *Cyphostemma bainesii*

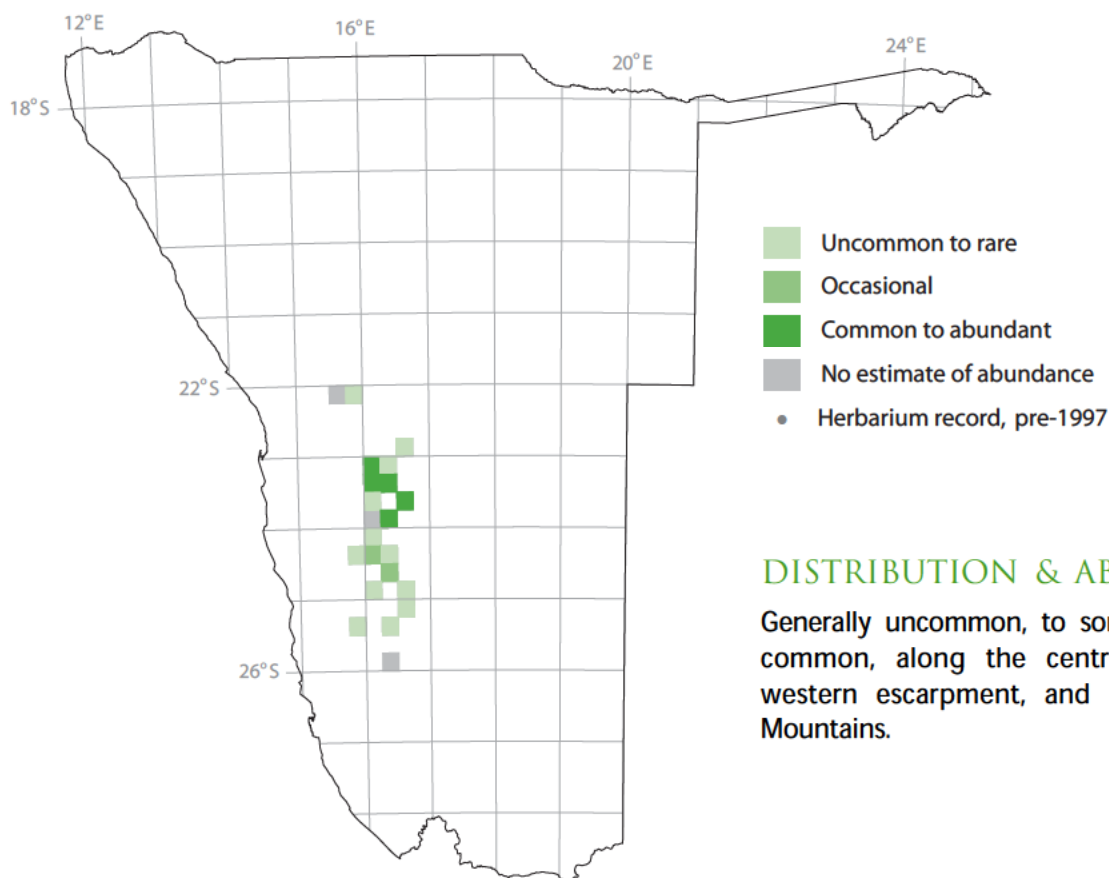
## Baines-kobas

Gouty-vine (E); kowas (K)

[40 records from 22 (2%) squares]

Deciduous dwarf tree, with a very swollen stem. BARK smooth, yellowish-orange; peeling in cream-coloured, thin, papery strips. LEAVES succulent, trifoliolate, alternate; petiole up to 20 mm long, thick, succulent; leaflets ovate to oblong, up to 270 x 110 mm; **bright green to bluish green, often with red margin**; margin toothed, apex pointed, base tapering. FLOWERS small, yellowish-green. FRUIT in clusters of red, grape-like berries.

Flowers and fruit are conspicuous.



### DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE

Generally uncommon, to sometimes locally common, along the central and southwestern escarpment, and in the Erongo Mountains.

### GENERAL

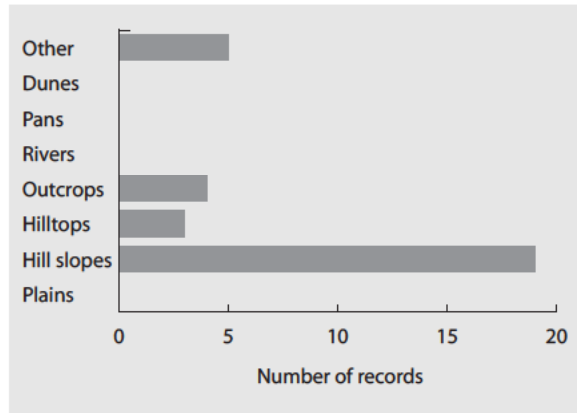
Of horticultural importance.

### CONSERVATION CONCERNS

Rare and endemic to Namibia. Protected by the Nature Conservation Ordinance; classified as 'least concern' according to the IUCN criteria (Loots 2005), although potentially threatened by the pachycaul trade.

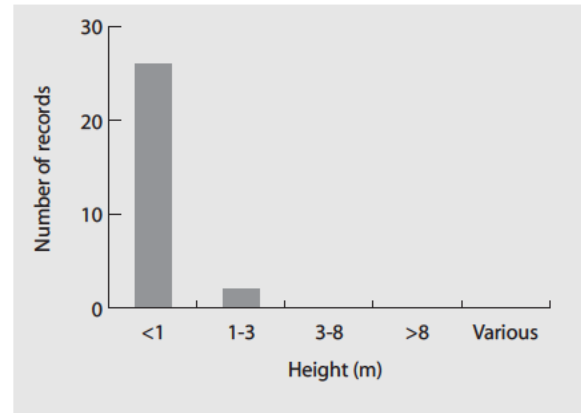
## HABITAT

Mostly found on rocky hill slopes; also on cliffs, in kloofs and on rocky outcrops; occasionally other habitats, including near a spring (2416AD, CUR1 and MAN1).



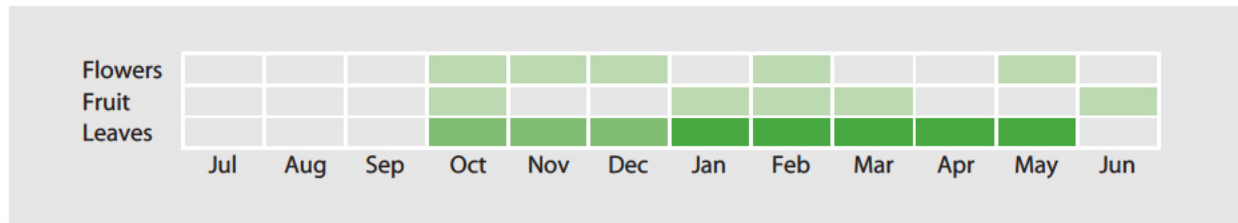
## GROWTH FORM

Almost always a shrub or dwarf tree of less than 1 m high.



## ANNUAL CYCLE

FLOWERS isolated records in five months. FRUIT isolated records in five months. LEAVES January to May; bare June to September, with young leaves October to December.



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