

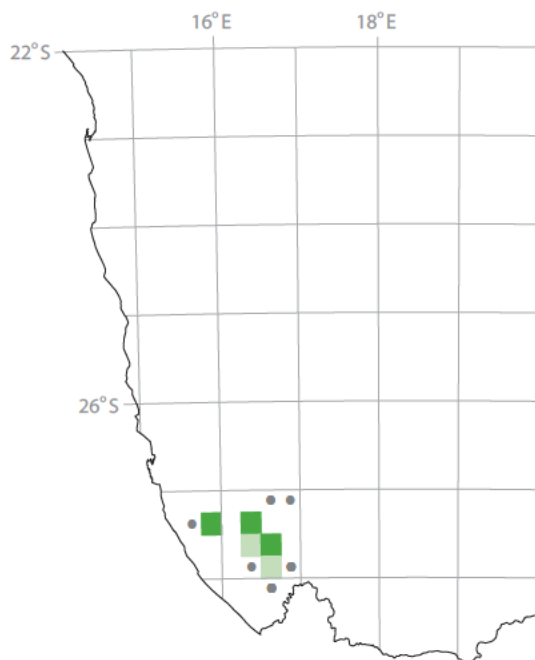
Didelta spinosa

Slaaibos

Thorny salad-bush (E)

[8 records from 6 (<1%) squares]

Shrub. LEAVES simple, **ovate** to broadly **elliptic**; smooth, **thinly textured to slightly succulent**; bright green, sometimes with a sparse, **cobwebby covering**; margin with irregular, **spine-tipped teeth**; veins conspicuous; apex broadly tapering to a spine-tip; base broadly tapering to rounded to lobed and clasping the stem; petiole absent or almost so. FLOWERS yellow, daisy-like; with an outer row of conspicuous, leaf-like bracts that become membranous when dry.



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

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE

Common to uncommon in the south-west, with one new record from the Tiras Mountains in 2616BA.

HABITAT

Found in kloofs, and on hill slopes (south-west facing, sheltered) and rocky outcrops.

GROWTH FORM

A shrub, mostly in the 1–3-m height class.

ANNUAL CYCLE

Observations only in March, September and November. FLOWERS from July to November (herbarium records), but mostly in September (September was the month with the highest number of observations). FRUIT only recorded in September. LEAVES recorded every month of observation.

GENERAL

Leaves may be used for salads and are heavily browsed by livestock. Of horticultural potential as the leaves and flowers are attractive and it is drought-resistant.

CONSERVATION CONCERNS

None recorded.