

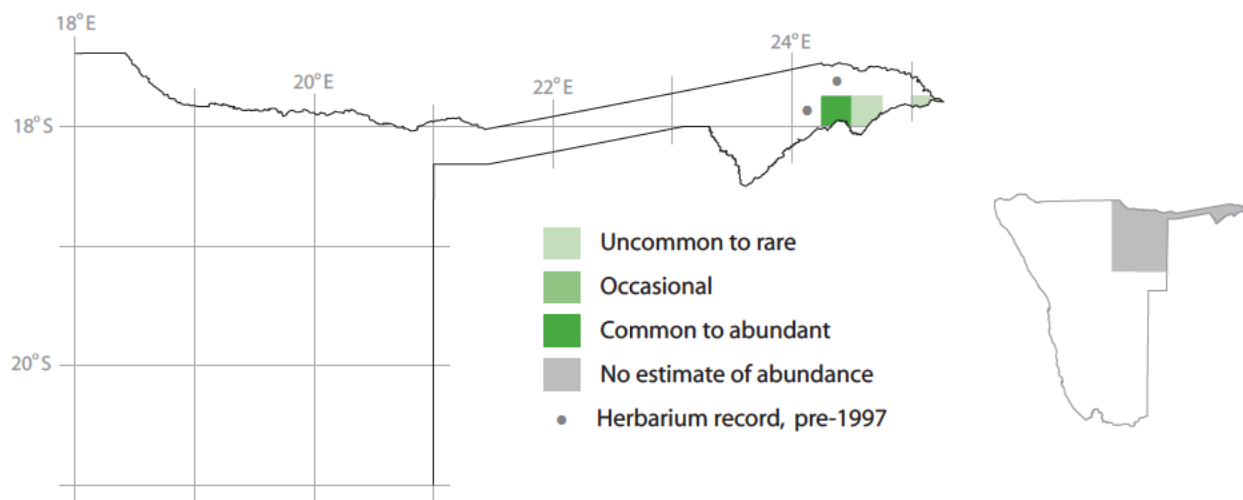
*Grewia pachycalyx*Large-flowered
White Raisin

[4 records from 3 squares]

Shrub, with drooping branches and a **tendency to scramble**. LEAVES oblong-lanceolate, **thinly textured**, downy to hairless; **stipules up to 14 mm long, lance-like with a drawn-out tip**. FLOWERS **large, white, with thick**

fleshy sepals; leaf-opposed; 3–9 per stalk. FRUIT **four-lobed, large; orange-red** and shiny when ripe.

May be confused with other *Grewia* spp. when without flowers or fruit.



DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE

Uncommon in the Caprivi east of 24° E. Earlier herbarium records show it to be more widespread in eastern Caprivi than recorded by the TAP.

HABITAT

Mainly found on dunes; also river banks.

GROWTH FORM

A shrub up to and occasionally over 3 m high.

ANNUAL CYCLE

FLOWERS and FRUIT recorded in November, February, March and May. LEAVES only recorded in November and March.

CONSERVATION CONCERNS

Population may be declining, or atlassers may have overlooked the species since, without flowers, it may be mistaken for a number of other *Grewias*.