

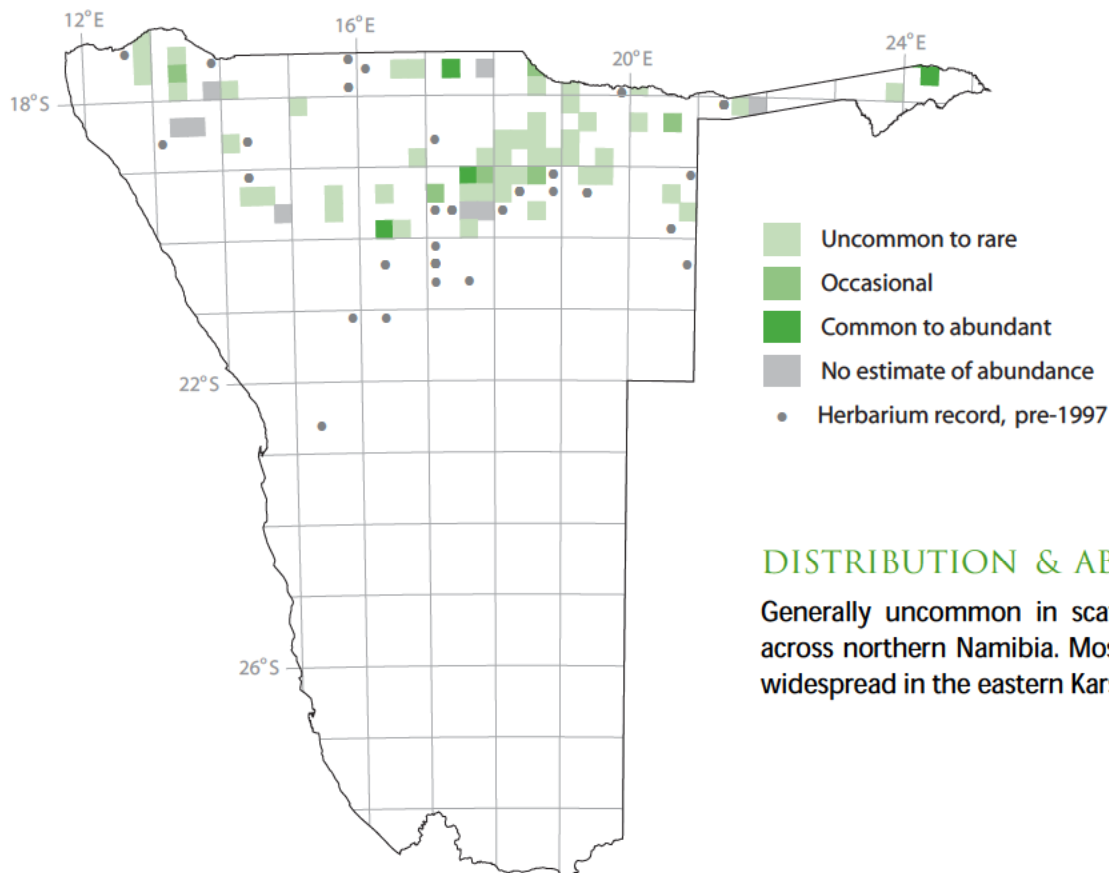
Pavetta zeyheri

Oshihone

Small-leaved brides-bush (E);
fynblaarbruidsbos (A); omutete (H)

[111 records from 66 (6%) squares]

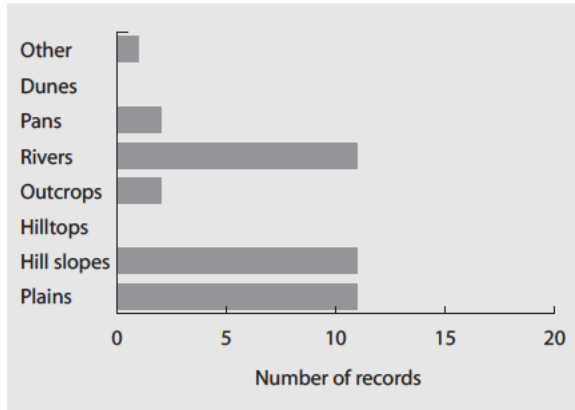
Deciduous, sparse, shrublet. BARK grey; young branchlets almost white. LEAVES simple; successive pairs at right angles to one another (decussate), clustered on dwarf-shoots of old branches; black bacterial nodules present; **narrowly obovate, up to 10 mm wide**; both surfaces **hairless**; midrib prominent, especially below; base tapering down petiole. FLOWERS white, tubular. FRUIT spherical, 7–9 mm in diameter, with remains of calyx on tip; black when ripe.

**DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE**

Generally uncommon in scattered localities across northern Namibia. Most common and widespread in the eastern Karstveld.

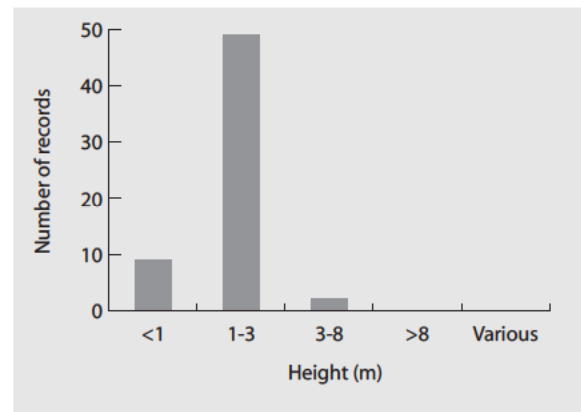
HABITAT

Found in various habitats, but mostly on plains and hill slopes. Grows on deep sand and calcareous soils.



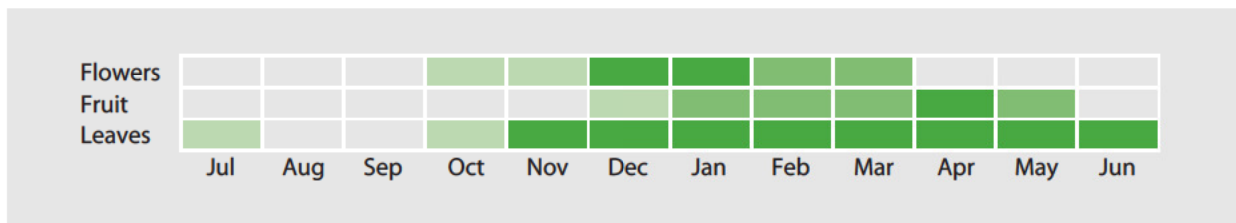
GROWTH FORM

Generally a shrub in the 1–3-m height class.



ANNUAL CYCLE

FLOWERS October to March. FRUIT December to May. LEAVES mainly November to June, with young leaves in October.



GENERAL

Used in ceremonies.

CONSERVATION CONCERNS

There are many more earlier herbarium records than TAP observations. This is a small and not very woody species that was probably overlooked by many atlasers, but the possibility of a reduction in range should be investigated further.

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