

Vangueria cyanescens

Kalahari / Forest Wild-medlar

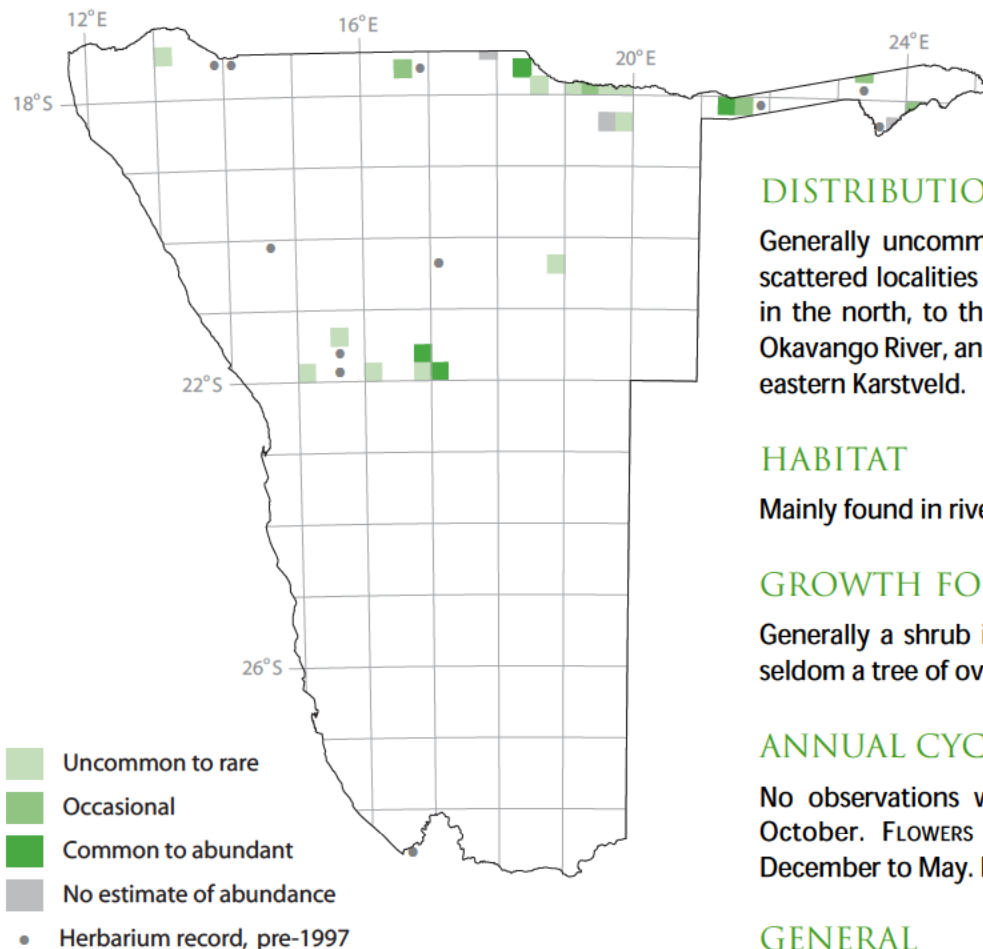
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Deciduous shrub, rarely a tree. BARK smooth, grey; **young branchlets pale brown, hairless**. LEAVES simple, elliptic, 30–120 mm long; **papery and hairless**; tapering section

of stipules c. 5 mm long. FLOWERS yellow-green, bell-shaped. FRUIT spherical, 25 mm diameter; tip with a persistent ring left by the calyx; yellow-brown when ripe.



DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE

Generally uncommon to locally common in scattered localities along the Angolan border in the north, to the eastern stretches of the Okavango River, and in the central-west to the eastern Karstveld.

HABITAT

Mainly found in rivers and on rocky outcrops.

GROWTH FORM

Generally a shrub in the 1–3-m height class; seldom a tree of over 3 m high.

ANNUAL CYCLE

No observations were made from June to October. FLOWERS mainly December. FRUIT December to May. LEAVES present in summer.

GENERAL

The flowers are visited by butterflies and eaten by caterpillars. The fruit is edible; the leaves and roots are used medicinally.

CONSERVATION CONCERNS

None recorded.