Taxa that may occur in Namibia

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Abildgaardia ovata (Burm.f.) Kral

Cited only by LeBrun & Stork for Namibia (based on Clarke & Mannheimer?) and called a "widespread weed"; no Namibian specimens; likely to be in Caprivi; not listed in FZ for Namibia/Caprivi

Albuca karooica U.Muell.-Doblies

In Namibia according to distribution in Feddes Repertorium 117 (2006) 1-2, 96-138, but no specimen cited

Arctotis auriculata Jacq.

Specimen needed to verify presence in Namibia; in N Cape

Bassia salsoloides (Fenzl) A.J.Scott

Specimen needed to verify presence in Namibia; in N Cape

Bergia capensis L.

Probably a taxonomic problem or misidentifiction of the only specimen

Biophytum umbraculum Welw.

More specimens needed to verify presence in Namibia; checking of only specimen needed; in Angola, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Brachylaena discolor DC.

Only record is van Jaarsveld from Omavanda (to be checked); occurrence there is unlikely considering range of species being further east

Brownanthus corallinus (Thunb.) Ihlenf. & Bittrich

Specimen needed to verify presence in Namibia; in N and W Cape

Caroxylon contrariifolium (Botsch.) Mucina

Cited by Botschantzev 1974 as being in Namibia, but doubted by more recent authors; need specimens

Chlorophytum cameronii (Baker) Kativu

Specimen needed to verify presence in Namibia; in Angola, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Cleretum papulosum (L.f.) L.Bolus

Namibian specimen must be checked; in N and W Cape

Coleus lasianthus Guerke

Not specifically in Namibia according to Paton 2019 but his distribution is vague; this could possibly be what was called Plectranthus tetensis in Namibia, which is possibly C. neochilus

Combretum microphyllum Klotzsch

Maybe in Caprivi; in Botswana, Zambia, Zimbabwe; single specimen needs to be checked

Combretum molle R.Br. ex G.Don

Maybe in Caprivi; in Angola, Botswana, Zambia, Zimbabwe; check specimens

Combretum schumannii Engl.

Eastern African species; not likely to be in Namibia; specimen needs to be checked

Commelina scandens Welw. ex C. B. Clarke

Need to check specimens of C. diffusa (this was a subsp. of C. diffusa); maybe in Caprivi/Kavango

Corallocarpus boehmii (Cogn.) C.Jeffrey

Specimen needed to verify presence in Namibia

Crassula whiteheadii Harv.

Specimen needed to verify presence in Namibia; in N Cape

Crinum ornatum (L.f. ex Aiton) Bury

Not likely in Namibia, E, C and W African species; specimen identified as this was previously identified as C. kirkii which is not in Namibia; specimen must be redetermined



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Cynanchum gerrardii (Harv.) Liede

Maybe in Caprivi; from surrounding countries (subsp. gerrardii); need more specimens

Cyperus albostriatus Schrad.

Possibly in Namibia because it is distributed in neighbouring countries except Angola; specimen needed to verify presence in Namibia

Cyperus michelianus (L.) Delile subsp. pygmaeus (Rottb.) Asch. & Graebn.

Specimen needed to verify presence in Namibia

Digitaria ternata (A.Rich.) Stapf

Specimens to be checked; if in Namibia then further N than Auros

Dinteranthus puberulus N. E.Br.

Specimens to be checked; maybe not in Namibia

Dissotis princeps (Kunth) Triana

Specimen needed to verify presence in Namibia

Drosanthemum inornatum (L.Bolus) L.Bolus

Specimens to be checked; in N Cape

Drosanthemum subcompressum (Haw.) Schwantes

Specimens to be checked

Ebracteola fulleri (L.Bolus) Glen

Single Namibian specimen needs to be checked; probably E. derenbergiana or E. candida

Eragrostis leersiiformis Launert

Namibian specimen to be checked; maybe in NE Namibia; in Botswana, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Eriocaulon mutatum N.E.Br.

Namibian specimens to be checked; if present, then in north; occurs in Angola, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Eulophia holubii Rolfe

Known only from syntype (Oshiheke) in Namibia; need more specimens

Euphorbia engleriana Dinter

This is a syn of E. lignosa in Bruyns 2012, but may be an own species; need more specimens

Exomis microphylla (Thunb.) Aellen

Specimen needed to verify presence in Namibia

Fadogia stenophylla Welw. ex Hiern

Specimen needed to verify presence in Namibia

Felicia burkei (Harv.) Bolus

Single specimen from Namibia needs to be checked

Galenia secunda (L.f.) Sond.

Specimens identified for Namibia need to be verified; S and E RSA species

Gazania heterochaeta DC.

Specimen needed to verify presence in Namibia; N Cape

Grewia namibensis Abdallah ined.

manuscript name; maybe a synonym of Grewia tenax; needs investigation

Habenaria holubii Rolfe

Specimen needed to verify presence in Namibia; maybe in NE

Hermannia jacobeifolia (Turcz.) R.A.Dyer

Unlikely to be in Namibia; misidentified specimen?

Hermannia stipitata ined.

Name not published; specimen needed to verify presence in Namibia



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Hibiscus surattensis L.

Maybe in Caprivi; single specimen needs checking

Hyparrhenia finitima (Hochst.) Andersson ex Stapf

Maybe in Caprivi; single specimen needs checking

Indigofera hirsuta L.

Weed of cultivated lands; in tropical Africa; specimen needs to be verified

Lampranthus brachyandrus (L.Bolus) N.E.Br.

Specimen needed to verify presence in Namibia

Leipoldtia frutescens (L.Bolus) H.E.K.Hartmann

On S banks of Orange river; specimen needed to verify presence in Namibia

Leptochloa eleusine (Nees) Cope & N.Snow

SE African species; unlikely to be in Namibia; specimens to be redetermined

Lessertia diffusa R.Br.

Single Namibian specimen to be checked

Mariscus albomarginatus C.B. Clarke

The identity of specimens identified as M. indecorus and M. albomarginatus in Namibia/FSWA must be clarified

Micrococca mercurialis (L.) Benth.

Specimen needed to verify presence in Namibia; in Angola, Botswana, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Microloma sagittatum (L.) R.Br.

Specimen needed to verify presence in Namibia; maybe in S Namibia

Moraea brevituba (Goldblatt) Goldblatt

Specimen needed to verify presence in Namibia

Nicolasia felicioides (Hiern) S.Moore

Specimen needed to verify presence in Namibia; maybe on northern border, in Angola; type of syn was incorrectly given as from Namibia

Nuxia congesta R.Br. ex Fresen.

Need to verify the only Namibian specimen; range further E

Ocimum obovatum E.Mey.

Specimen needed to verify presence in Namibia; maybe in NE

Pelargonium vinaceum E.M.Marais

Specimen needed to verify presence in Namibia

Pleurostylia capensis (Turcz.) Loes.

Namibian specimens to be re-checked; SE African species, not likely in Kaokoveld

Potamogeton crispus L.

Namibian specimens to be redetermined; SE and E African species

Potentilla supina L.

Unlikely to be in Namibia; maybe introduced; N hemisphere species

Prenia pallens N.E.Br. subsp. lancea (Thunb.) Gerbaulet

Single Namibian specimen to be redetermined; mostly W Cape species

Rhynchosia totta Fenzl ex Oliv. var. fenchelii Schinz

Synonymy and identity of varieties of R. totta must be sorted out to determine the Namibian specimens

Ruschia muricata L.Bolus

Record in FSWA [Friedrich] is probably erroneous; specimens must be checked

Ruschia tumidula (Haw.) Schwantes

Not likely in Namibia; W Cape species; specimens to be checked



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Salvia dentata Aiton

Namibian specimen to be confirmed

Schistostephium crataegifolium (DC.) Fenzl ex Harv.

Specimen needed to verify presence in Namibia

Schrebera alata (Hochst.) Welw.

SE and E African distribution; Namibian specimens from Kaoko need to be re-checked

Scolopia zeyheri (Nees) Harv.

Namibian specimens to be re-checked, but could be in NE Namibia

Searsia lucens (Hutch.) Moffett

Specimen needed to verify presence in Namibia

Selago gossweileri Hilliard

Specimen needed to verify presence in Namibia

Selago welwitschii Rolfe var. welwitschii

Specimens to be checked

Stomatostemma monteiroae N.E.Br.

Single Namibian specimen to be re-checked; maybe in Caprivi, in Botswana, Zambia, Zimbabwe

Talinum portulacifolium (Forssk.) Asch. & Schweinf.

Confusion with synonyms, but Namibian specimens often included or excluded; possibly not in Namibia, has pink flowers

Tapinanthus forbesii (Sprague) Wiens

Specimen needed to verify presence in Namibia; maybe in NE

Tenaxia stricta (Schrad.) N.P.Barker & H.P.Linder

Namibian distribution, 1 specimen from Regenstein, looks unlikely; in S and E RSA, but said to be a mountain species in drier grassland

Tinospora caffra (Miers) Troupin

Namibian specimen to be checked, could be in NE Namibia

Tragus koelerioides Asch.

Specimens to be redetermined; unlikely to be in Namibia

Tristachya rehmannii Hack.

Specimens to be checked; maybe in Caprivi

Tulbaghia aequinoctialis Welw.

Taxonomy to be sorted out; in Angola; specimens to be checked

Tulbaghia leucantha Baker

Single Namibian specimen to be checked; could be in NE Namibia

Volkameria eriophylla (Guerke) Mabb. & Y.W. Yuan

Maybe in NE Namibia; in Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe; re-check specimens

Wahlenbergia nana Brehmer

Taxonomy needs sorting out; known from only 2 specimens: S Namibia & Free State

