

*Acacia galpinii*

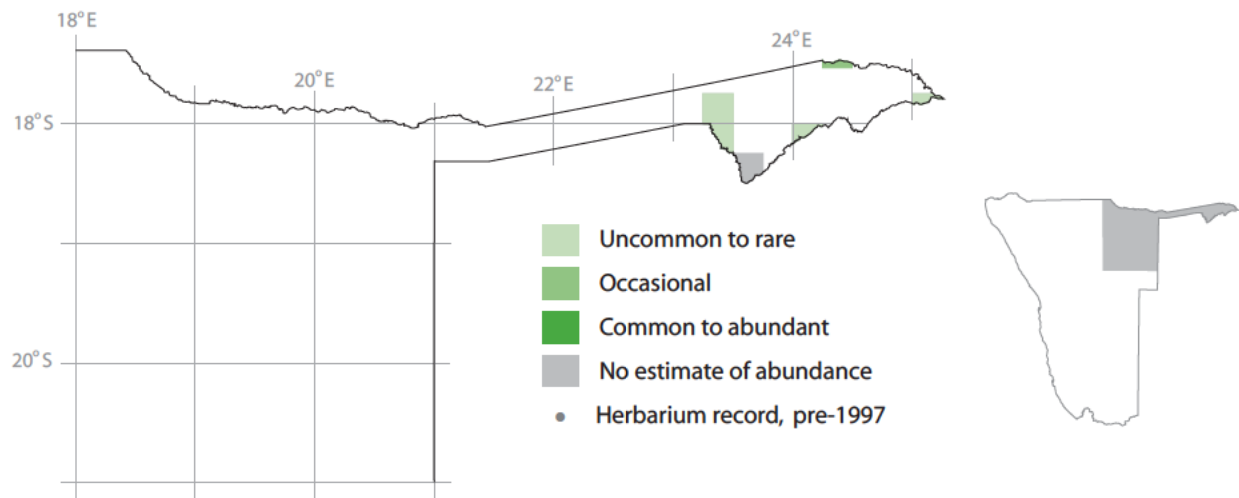
## Apiesdoring

Monkey-thorn (E); mukotokoto (L)

[12 records from 6 (&lt;1%) squares]

A tall, deciduous, **riverine tree** with a rounded crown. BARK pale, flaking. THORNS hooked in pairs below the nodes. LEAVES large **with a small raised gland halfway up the petiole**. FLOWERS creamy-white in spikes; buds reddish-purple; **appearing before the new leaves**. FRUIT a broad, flat pod.

Flowers and fruit are conspicuous. When leafless, may be confused with *A. polyacantha* or *A. nigrescens*.



## DISTRIBUTION, ABUNDANCE &amp; HABITAT

Eastern Caprivi, only. Uncommon overall; occasional on river banks around Katima Mulilo; rare on the dunes at Susuwe (1723CD). Uncommon on river banks along the Kwando River, on Lupala Island (1823BC) and on Impalila Island. First recorded for Namibia by the TAP.

## GROWTH FORM

A tree over 8 m tall.

## ANNUAL CYCLE

Data too few for diagram. FLOWERS August and September. FRUIT October to January and in May. LEAVES August to May (there were no records for June and July).

## GENERAL

This is a popular garden species in many places in Namibia, especially Windhoek.

## CONSERVATION CONCERNS

None recorded.