

Adenolobus garipensis

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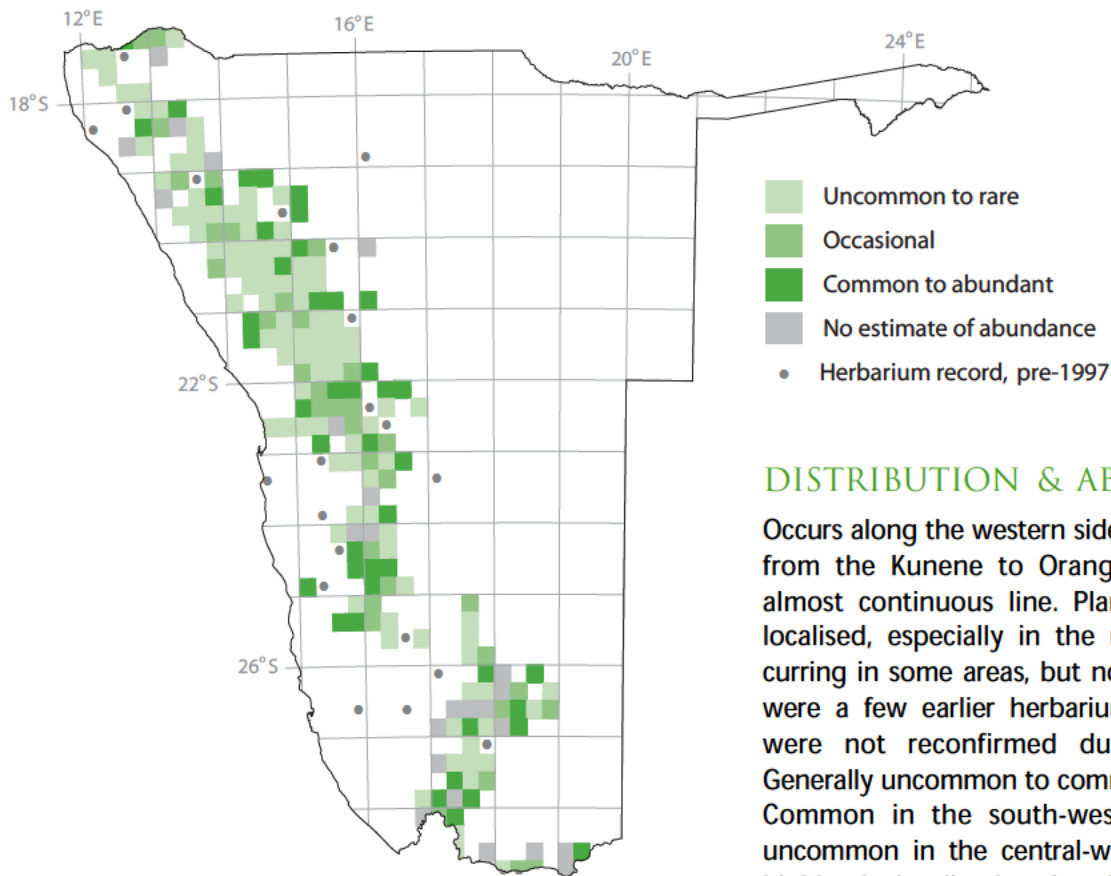
Butterfly-leaf (E); bloubeeskrou (A);
|hantu (K)

[470 records from 207 (19%) squares]



Evergreen shrub or small tree, with slender green branches. BARK smooth, pale grey. LEAVES **bilobed**, fairly small, **blue-green**. FLOWERS a tight tube with stamens protruding; **yellow to red with conspicuous red to maroon veins**. FRUIT a small, pale brown-green pod; occasionally covered with short glands appearing as dark-brown flecks, or else smooth, shiny and pale brown.

Flowers and ripe pods are conspicuous; young pods could be overlooked. Cannot really be confused with anything else.

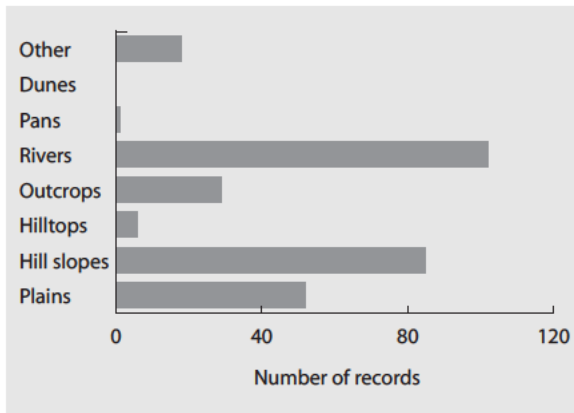


DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE

Occurs along the western side of the country from the Kunene to Orange Rivers in an almost continuous line. Plants were often localised, especially in the north-west, occurring in some areas, but not others. There were a few earlier herbarium records that were not reconfirmed during the TAP. Generally uncommon to common; often rare. Common in the south-west; common to uncommon in the central-west and central highlands; locally abundant in places in the central- and north-west.

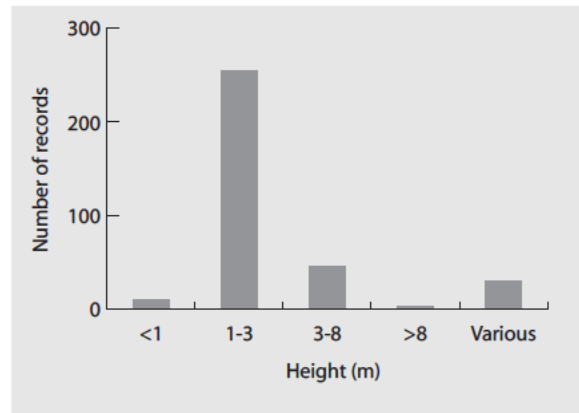
HABITAT

Found in most habitats, but most often in dry rivers and on hill slopes; on plains in the central-west and south. This plant prefers rocky habitats, but also occurs on gravel and sand.



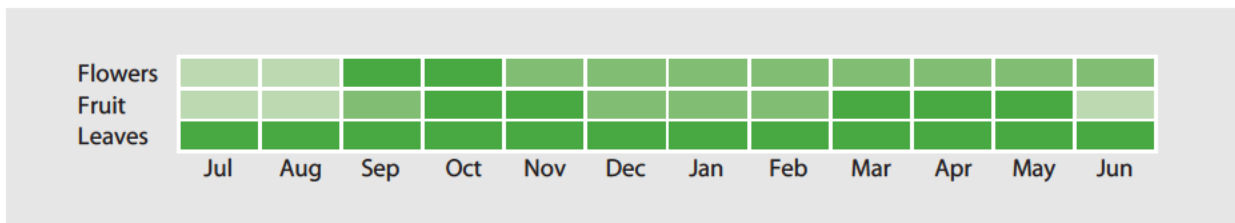
GROWTH FORM

Mostly a shrub of 1–3 m high, occasionally up to 8 m. Very rarely a tree, and then more often in dry rivers and on plains.



ANNUAL CYCLE

FLOWERS occur sporadically all year round, with a peak in September and October. FRUIT are also present every month, but most often from March to May and in October and November; ripe seeds were recorded in July. LEAVES may be found every month, with a few bare individuals recorded every month except from February to April, and new leaves occasionally throughout the year; vigorous new leaf growth was recorded in January 1998.



GENERAL

Heavily browsed by most ungulates, both wild and domestic. Also known as koedobos (SOS1, 2416CD)

CONSERVATION CONCERNS

None recorded.