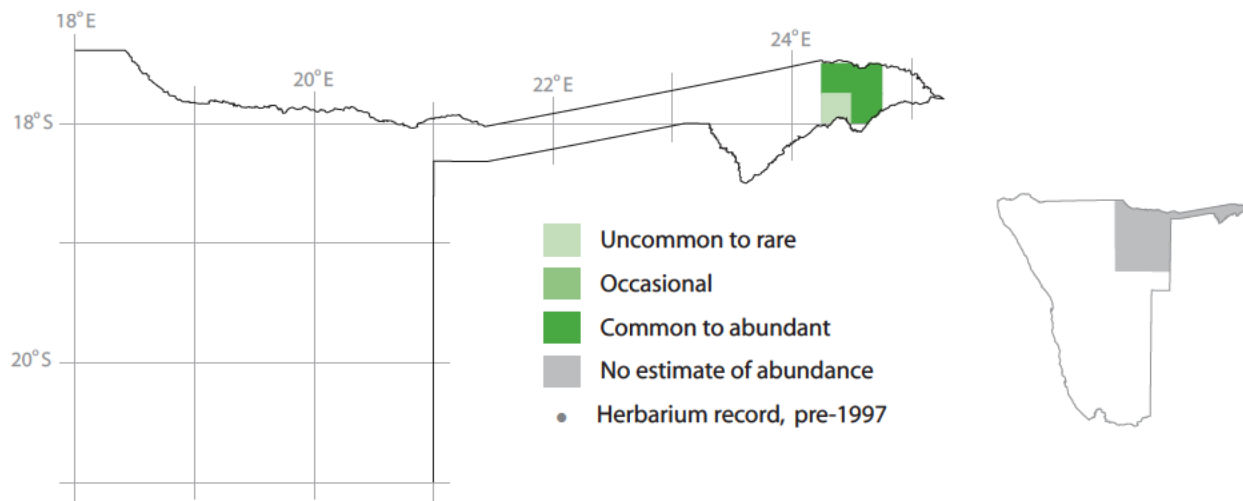


Balanites aegyptiaca

Single Green-thorn

[9 records from 4 squares]

An evergreen shrub or small tree with stiff grey-green branches armed with **stout, simple spines**. BARK dark, cracked. LEAVES **bifoliolate**; leaflets elliptic-obovate, slightly asymmetric, bright green, **leathery**. FLOWERS small and inconspicuous, greenish-white. FRUIT elongated, up to 50 mm long; **yellowish-red when ripe**.



DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE

Common to uncommon in a few places in eastern Caprivi.

HABITAT

Found on sandy plains.

GROWTH FORM

A shrub in the 1–3-m height class or a tree 3–8 m high.

ANNUAL CYCLE

Observations only made in November, February and March. FLOWERS None recorded. FRUIT February. LEAVES present in all months of observation.

CONSERVATION CONCERNS

None recorded.

Balanites maughamii | Green-thorn

A tall, deciduous tree which develops a deeply fluted trunk with age. Spines unequally forked. Leaves bifoliolate, velvety hairy, grey-green.

There were no TAP records, but there was one specimen collected from eastern Caprivi during the time of the TAP, which is a new record for Namibia.