

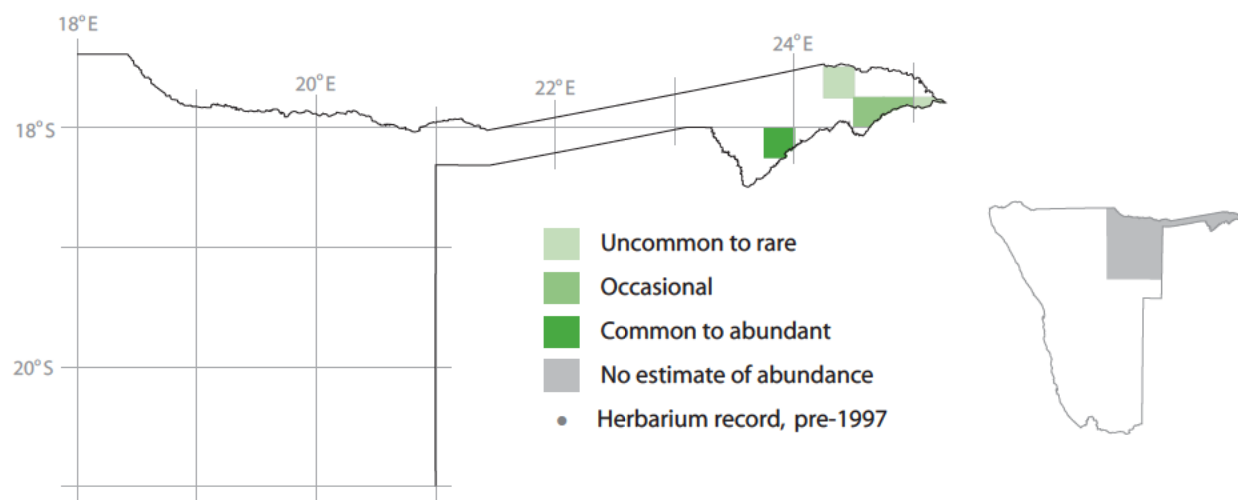
*Boscia angustifolia*Rough-leaved  
Shepherds-tree

Skurweblaarwitgat (A)

[6 records from 4 (&lt;0.5%) squares]

Shrub or small, evergreen tree. **Trunk often fluted, branches rigid.** LEAVES oblanceolate to elliptic, 20–70 mm long; leathery; **darkish green above**, finely hairy at first, becoming less so later; much paler below, grey-green or blueish-green, densely covered with fine hairs; veins distinct; apex broadly tapering to rounded, with **fine, sharp tip**; base tapering; petiole short.

INFLORESCENCE a compact, crowded, axillary or terminal cluster. FLOWERS small, cream to yellow, petals absent; sweet-smelling. FRUIT spherical, c.10 mm in diameter; yellow to dark grey.



## DISTRIBUTION &amp; ABUNDANCE

Uncommon to common in scattered localities in eastern Caprivi. There was only one herbarium record prior to the TAP.

## HABITAT

Plains, once recorded on a termite hill. Grows on heavy loam soils.

## GROWTH FORM

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

## ANNUAL CYCLE

Observations were made in February, March, May and November, with the herbarium record in June. LEAVES were present in these months, but not FRUIT or FLOWERS.

## CONSERVATION CONCERNS

None recorded. Assessed as 'Lower risk, near threatened' (Craven & Loots 2002).