

Bridelia cathartica

Muningunga

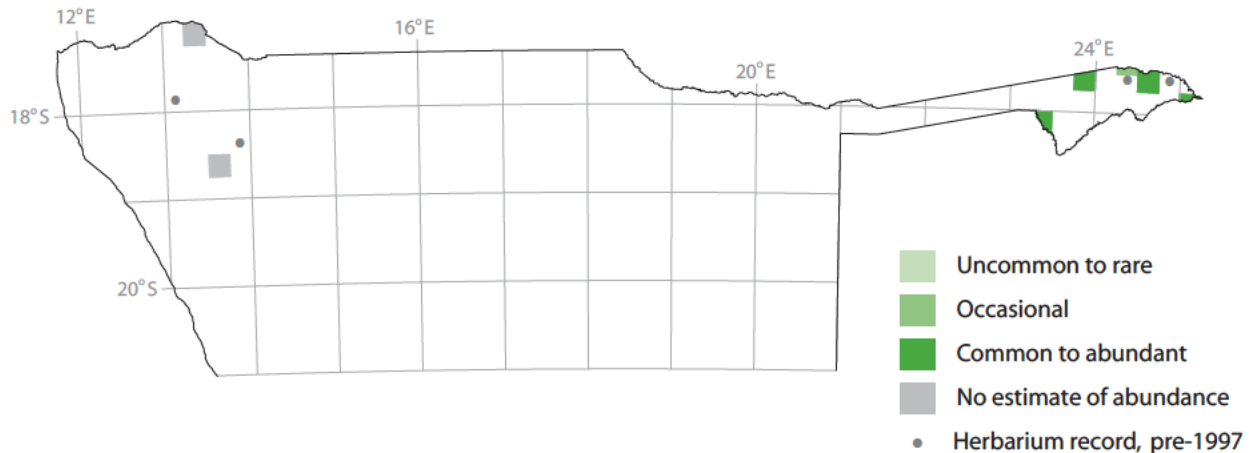
Mountain blue-sweetberry (E)

[12 records from 7 (<1%) squares]

Shrub or small tree. BARK brown to grey, smooth or fissured; **young branchlets brown, slender, drooping zig-zag**. LEAVES simple, alternate, lanceolate or ovate to oblong; dark green and shiny above, paler green below;

lateral veins looping before reaching the margin. FLOWERS small, greenish, in axillary clusters. FRUIT small, fleshy, wine-red, becoming black when ripe.

May be confused with *Phyllanthus reticulatus* or other species of *Bridelia*.



DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE

Occasional in scattered localities in eastern Caprivi; abundance in the north-west unknown.

HABITAT

On river banks in eastern Caprivi. No habit recorded for Kaoko.

GROWTH FORM

Mostly a shrub in the 1–3-m height class.

ANNUAL CYCLE

There were only four months of TAP observations in which flowers, fruit and leaves were recorded: March, April, May and November; these records have been combined with herbarium records. FLOWERS have been seen in November and from February to May. FRUIT was only recorded in May. LEAVES were observed in March, April, May and November.

CONSERVATION CONCERNS

None recorded.