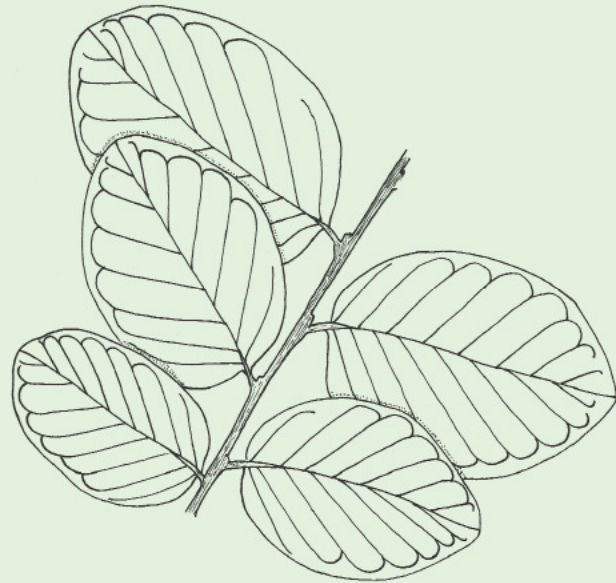


Bridelia tenuifolia

Tender Sweetberry

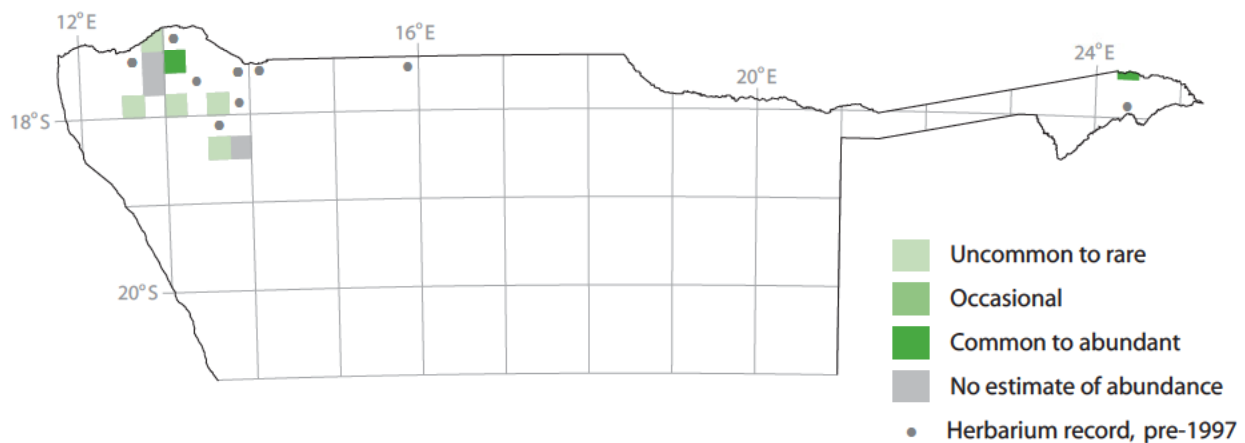
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[12 records from 9 (<1%) squares]



Shrub or small tree. BARK dark grey, rough. LEAVES simple, alternate, elliptic to obovate to ovate, up to 110 mm long; **sparsely downy to hairless above, downy below**; margin entire, sometimes undulate. FLOWERS small, axillary, yellow-green, clustered or solitary. FRUIT a small berry, black when ripe.

May be confused with other species of *Bridelia*.



DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE

Uncommon to locally common in the extreme north-west.

HABITAT

Found on river banks and rocky outcrops.

GROWTH FORM

Mostly a tree 1–3 m high, but sometimes a shrub; once a tree 3–8 m high.

ANNUAL CYCLE

FLOWERS recorded from January to June and in November. FRUIT recorded from March to July. LEAVES evergreen.

CONSERVATION CONCERNS

Either this species has been overlooked by atlassers, or its range has decreased, and thus it is of conservation concern and should be investigated further.