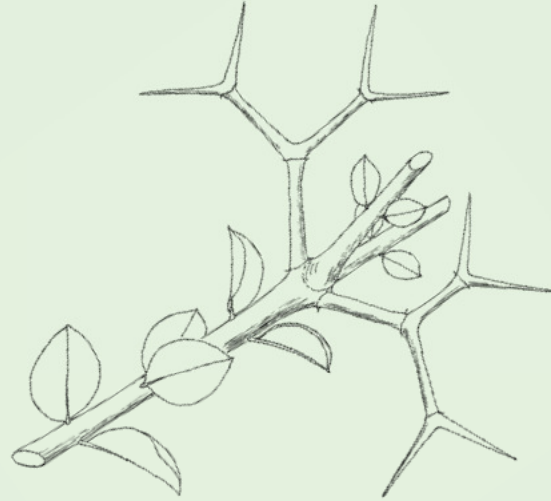


Carissa *haematocarpa*

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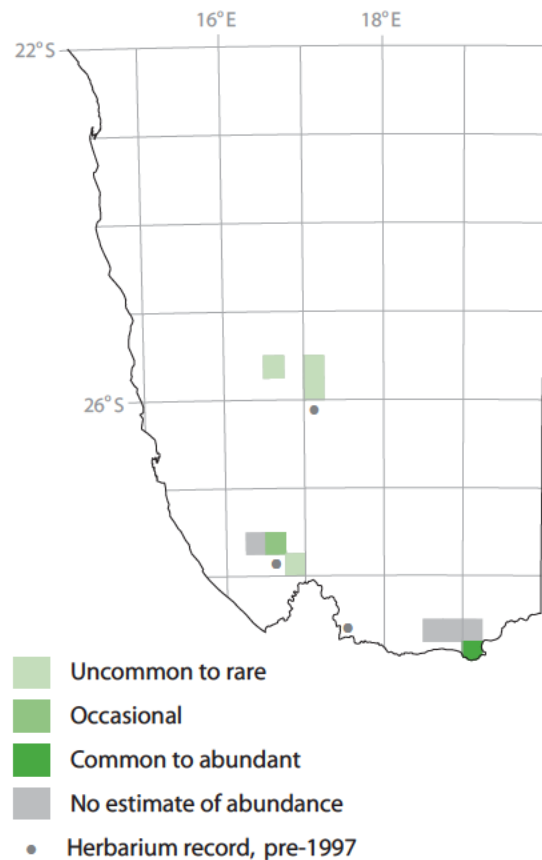
Karoo-noemnoem (A)

[18 records from 10 (<1%) squares]



Evergreen shrub, occasionally a small tree. BARK grey-green; young branchlets pale green and flexible, sparsely downy but becoming almost hairless. THORNS **straight, paired, green; each once or twice forked, 7–50 mm long.** LEAVES broadly elliptic to lanceolate, 15–22 mm long; both sides olive-green, hairless. FLOWERS **white; corolla tube up to 7 mm long; corolla lobes up to 2 mm long, overlapping anti-clockwise; sweet-smelling.** FRUIT **up to 10 mm diameter; black or purple-blue when ripe.**

This species has recently been sunk under *C. bispinosa*, (Germishuizen & Meyer 2003), but because of the differences in appearance and distribution they have been kept separate here.



DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE

Uncommon to locally common in three, small, disjunct populations south of 25° S.

HABITAT

Found on hill slopes and along dry water-courses. Grows on stony ground.

GROWTH FORM

A shrub in the 1–3-m height class.

ANNUAL CYCLE

Observed in September, October and from February to April. FLOWERS and FRUIT recorded in September and from February to April. LEAVES present in each of the months observed.

CONSERVATION CONCERNS

None recorded.