

*Citropsis daweana*

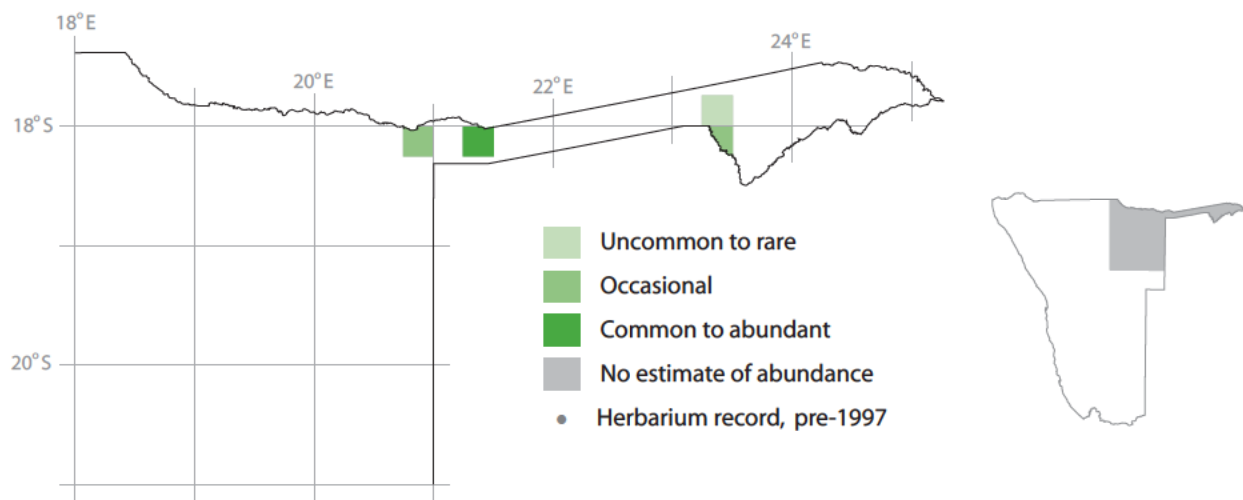
## Wild Citrus

Wildesitroen (A); nzani (L);  
mukiki (Rk, Rum)

[7 records from 4 squares]



Shrub or small tree. THORNS **solitary, axillary, rigid, green, slender**; 10–30 mm long. LEAVES unevenly compound, 60–130 mm long, **with a citrus-like scent** when crushed; **rachis distinctly winged**; leaflets narrowly elliptic to elliptic-ovate, olive-green with fine, grey hairs; **margin scalloped**. FLOWERS white to pale yellow; petals up to 6 mm long. FRUIT a round berry, up to 15 mm in diameter, resembling a miniature orange with a tough skin; red-brown when ripe. SEEDS resembling pips of an orange, but dark brown.



## DISTRIBUTION &amp; ABUNDANCE

Restricted to two small areas along the Okavango and Kwando rivers. Common to uncommon.

## HABITAT

Mainly found on river banks; also on dunes.

## GROWTH FORM

A shrubby tree, mostly 3–4 m high. Sometimes growing in thickets of 5–6 m in diameter.

## ANNUAL CYCLE

Only observed in March, April and October. FLOWERS October and December. FRUIT April and October. LEAVES recorded all months of observations.

## GENERAL

Leaves and flowers heavily attacked by insects.

## CONSERVATION CONCERNS

Rare in Namibia, but more widespread in Zimbabwe and northwards. Population has apparently not changed in recent years.