

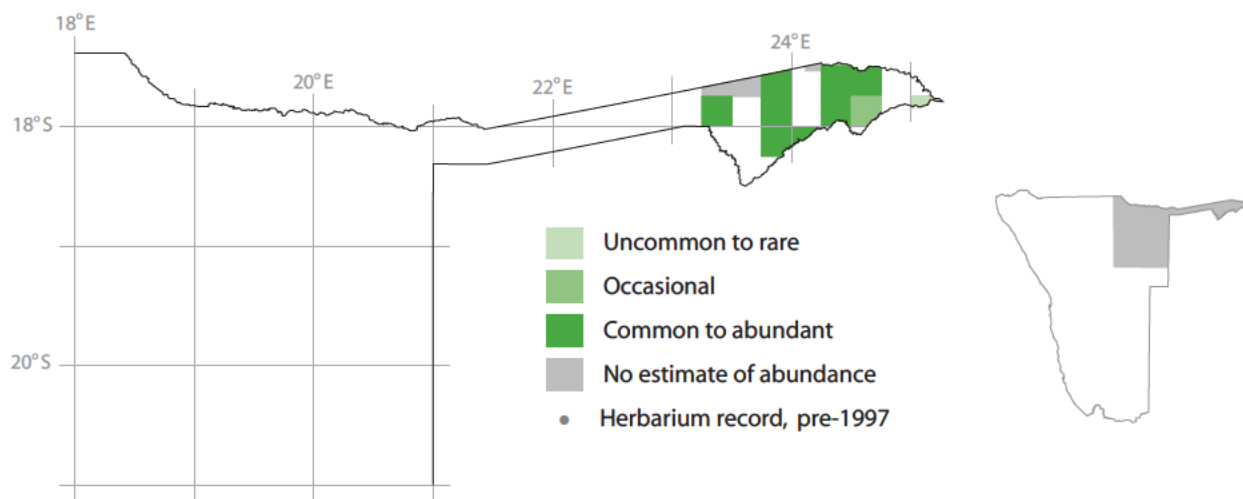
Combretum elaeagnoides

Caprivi Combretum

Ölbaumweide (G)

[32 records from 16 (1%) squares]

Shrub or small tree, with a **tendency to scramble**. LEAVES **narrowly elliptic**, up to 130 mm long; paler below than above with many **silvery scales on both surfaces**; margin sometimes undulate. INFLORESCENCE a **showy mass** of tightly packed, creamy-white to yellow flowers, appearing **before or with the young leaves**. FRUIT four-winged; up to 35 mm long; apex and base often deeply notched; wings often distinctly finely undulate; creamy-green becoming brown.



DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE

Widespread and common to abundant in eastern Caprivi.

HABITAT

Found on sandy plains, dunes and river banks.

GROWTH FORM

Generally a shrub of up to 3 m, but sometimes a tree of up to 8 m; twice recorded as over 8 m high.

ANNUAL CYCLE

FLOWERS mainly October and November, with a few records in February and March. FRUIT February to June. LEAVES December to June, with new leaves in October and November.

GENERAL

Easily colonises disturbed habitats, such as road verges.

CONSERVATION CONCERNS

None recorded.