

Commiphora giessii

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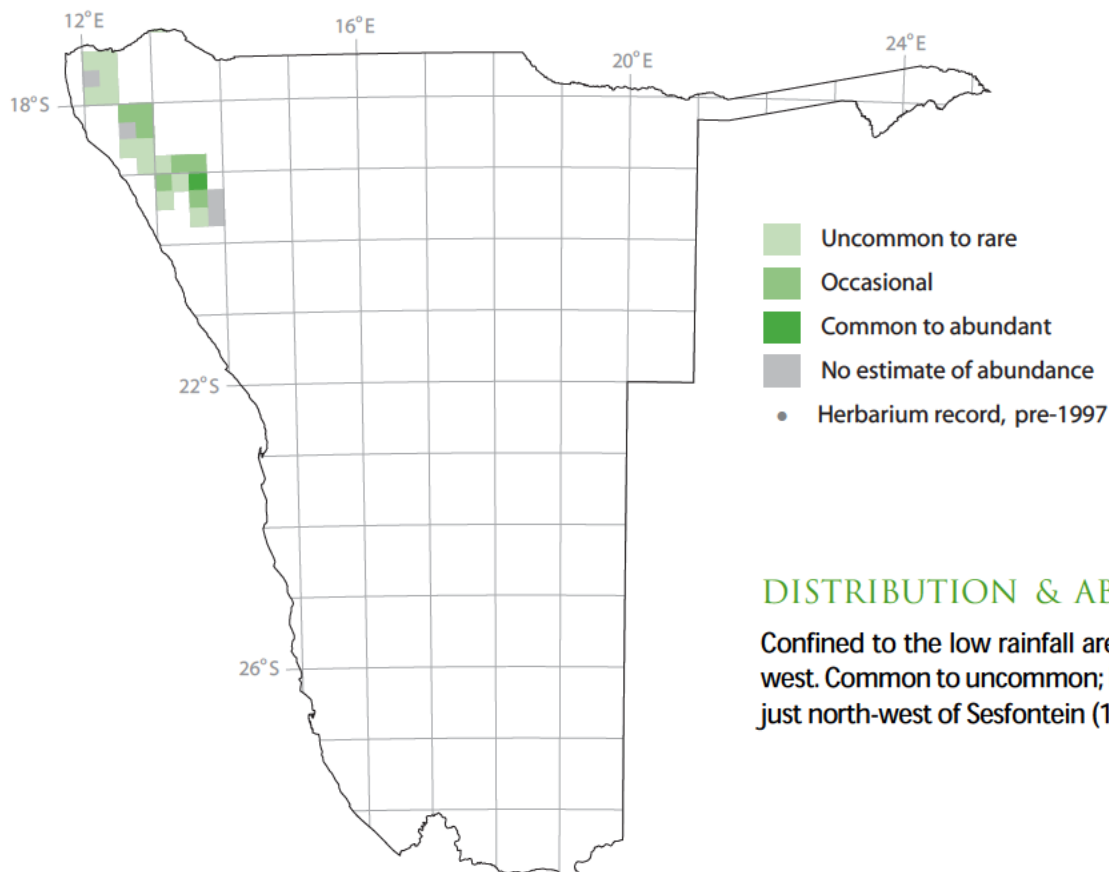
Red-stemmed corkwood (E); /nas (K)

[60 records from 25 (2%) squares]



Many-stemmed shrub, with crown generally wider than the plant is tall. **BARK smooth, red-brown, usually not flaky.** **BRANCHES lax, lanky, slender, red-brown.** **LEAVES trifoliolate**, 10–70 mm; leaflets sessile, **elliptic to narrowly obovate**; both surfaces pale green, hairless; **margin entire.**

It may be confused with *C. virgata*, but the red-brown bark of *C. giessii* is generally not flaky.

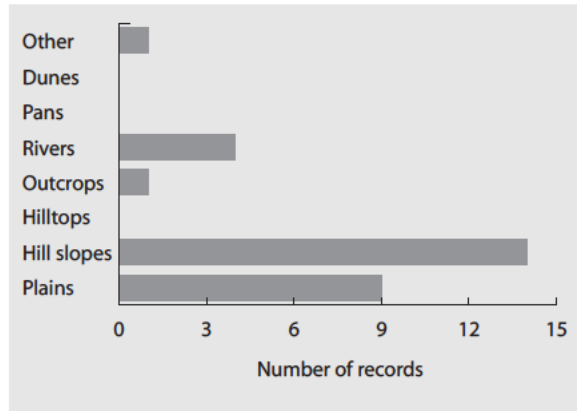


DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE

Confined to the low rainfall areas of the north-west. Common to uncommon; locally abundant just north-west of Sesfontein (1913B).

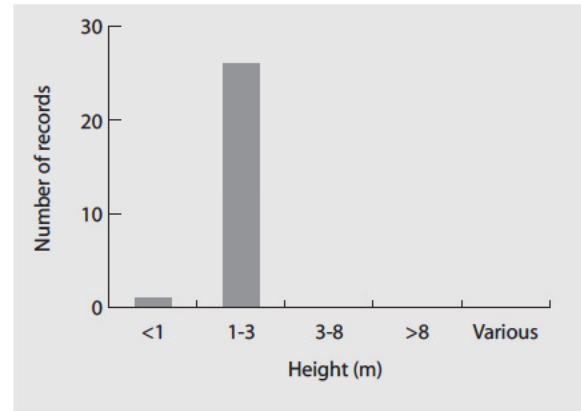
HABITAT

Mostly on hill slopes, but also on plains and sometimes along dry watercourses. Always on stony or rocky substrates.



GROWTH FORM

A shrub up to 3 m high.



ANNUAL CYCLE

FLOWERS in December (herbarium records). FRUIT in June, July and December. LEAVES mainly from January to March, with new leaves in December.

GENERAL

This plant is of horticultural potential, especially for dry gardens.

CONSERVATION CONCERNS

None recorded. *Commiphora giessii* is endemic and has a small population, and is therefore worthy of conservation.



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