Dalbergia martinii Zambezi Flat-bean

[no TAP records]

A straggling shrub up to 3 m high or a climber with well-developed stem tendrils. BARK dark chocolate-brown; unarmed. Leaves with 5–8 altermate leaflets which are elliptic to obovate.

One earlier herbarium specimen from eastern Caprivi; it was not recorded by the TAP.

Dalbergia nitidula Purplewood Flat-bean

[2 records from 2 squares]

A slender shrub or small, straggling tree with greybrown or reddish bark, flaking to expose a rusty underbark; unarmed. Leaves compound, with greygreen oval leaflets.

A rare tree in the 3–8-m height class on a river bank in 1712DB, and an uncommon shrub in the 1–8-m height classes on a hill slope in 1813DA. With leaves in January. Previously found in one square in the north-west (1713AC). Recently found on the Omavanda Plateau, Baynes Mountains (1713AA) as an occasional tree of 2–4 m high, with leaves in July and January (SWA, CUR1, Braam van Wyk, pers. comm).

Wood Carver with his carvings, B. Curtis

