

Diospyros acocksii

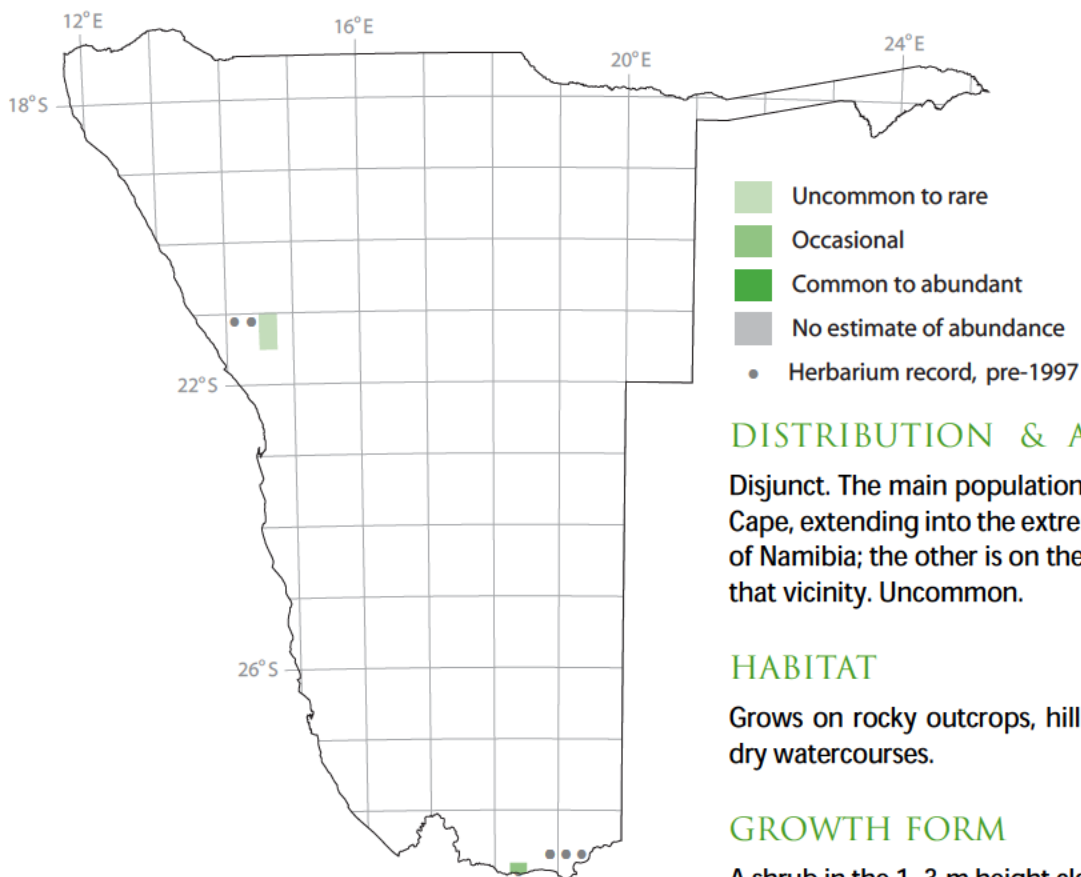
Namaqua Jackal-berry

Namakwa-jakkalsbessie (A)

[4 records from 3 (<0.5%) squares]



Rigidly branched shrub with a reddish appearance. BARK pale grey with blackish markings and a **red-brown tint; branchlets wine-red.** LEAVES elliptic, small, leathery; shiny green above, **sparsely downy with red glands below.** FLOWERS solitary, axillary, up to 10 mm long; cream-coloured to white. FRUIT ovoid to almost round, small; red when ripe.

**DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE**

Disjunct. The main population is in the northern Cape, extending into the extreme southern areas of Namibia; the other is on the Brandberg and in that vicinity. Uncommon.

HABITAT

Grows on rocky outcrops, hill slopes and along dry watercourses.

GROWTH FORM

A shrub in the 1–3-m height class, seldom taller.

ANNUAL CYCLE

FLOWERS no records. FRUIT from August to October and January to May. LEAVES semi-deciduous.

GENERAL

This shrub provides browse for small stock and game during periods of drought.

CONSERVATION CONCERNS

None recorded.