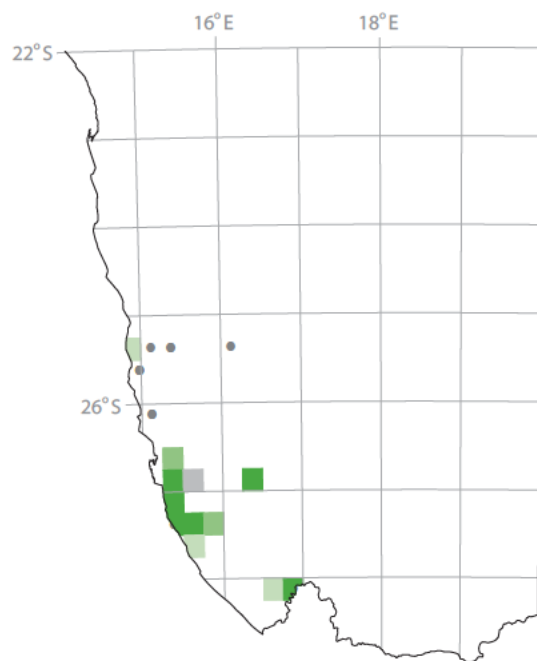


Ectadium latifolium

Broad-leaved Ectadium

[14 records from 11 (1%) squares]

Lax, many-stemmed shrub with milky latex. STEMS **erect** at first, but often drooping near tip. LEAVES simple, **ovate-lanceolate**, **up to 80 mm long and 17 mm wide**, 5 to 10 times as long as wide, petiolate; yellow-green, thick-textured. FLOWERS in axillary clusters, pale yellow; tubular, tube shorter than lobes. FRUIT a two-horned capsule, **up to 80 mm long**; becoming woody and splitting open when ripe.



- Uncommon to rare
- Occasional
- Common to abundant
- No estimate of abundance
- Herbarium record, pre-1997

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE

Locally common in the southern Namib, generally close to the coast, with scattered records further inland. According to earlier herbarium specimens, the plant is slightly more widespread than reported by the TAP.

HABITAT

Found on rocky outcrops and sandy plains; also on the floodplain of the Orange River.

GROWTH FORM

A shrub, 1–3 m high.

ANNUAL CYCLE

FLOWERS recorded in September, October, January and May. FRUIT most months. LEAVES only recorded in September and December.

CONSERVATION CONCERNS

Endemic; worthy of conservation because of its limited distribution.

*Ectadium
virgatum***Slender Ectadium**

[2 records from 2 squares]

A shrub. LEAVES linear to elliptic, 10–20 times longer than wide. FRUIT each capsule 40–50 x c. 10 mm.



Two TAP records from the Orange River (2816CB, 2817AA). It is an uncommon shrub in the 1–3-m height class with flowers in October. According to earlier herbarium specimens it is fairly widespread along the Orange River; also from the Uri-Hauchab Mountains (2515AC).