

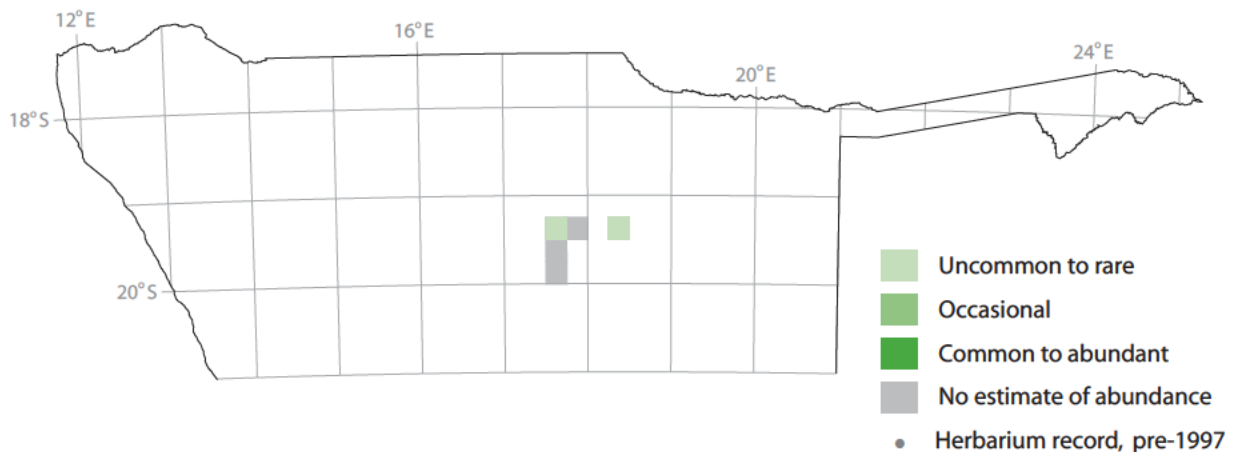
Elephantorrhiza schinziana

Otavi Elephant-root

[12 records from 5 (<1%) squares]

A deciduous shrub or small tree, 2–5 m high. BARK smooth, grey. LEAVES with 2–12 pinna pairs and 20–30 leaflet pairs. INFLORESCENCE an axillary spike 70–120 mm long, with yellow flowers. FRUIT a flattened, straight or somewhat curved pod; dark brown to red-brown.

May be confused with *E. suffruticosa*, where the two overlap, but lacks the strongly displaced midrib on the leaflet of that species. Pods and flowers are conspicuous.



DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE

Confined to the Otavi Mountains. Uncommon to rare.

HABITAT

Grows on dolomite hill slopes and rocky outcrops

GROWTH FORM

A shrub or tree less than 8 m high.

ANNUAL CYCLE

FLOWERS November. FRUIT January and February. LEAVES recorded from November to March; bare in August; there are no records for the other months.

CONSERVATION CONCERNS

Endemic and rare with restricted distribution. Worthy of conservation.