

Euphorbia avasmontana

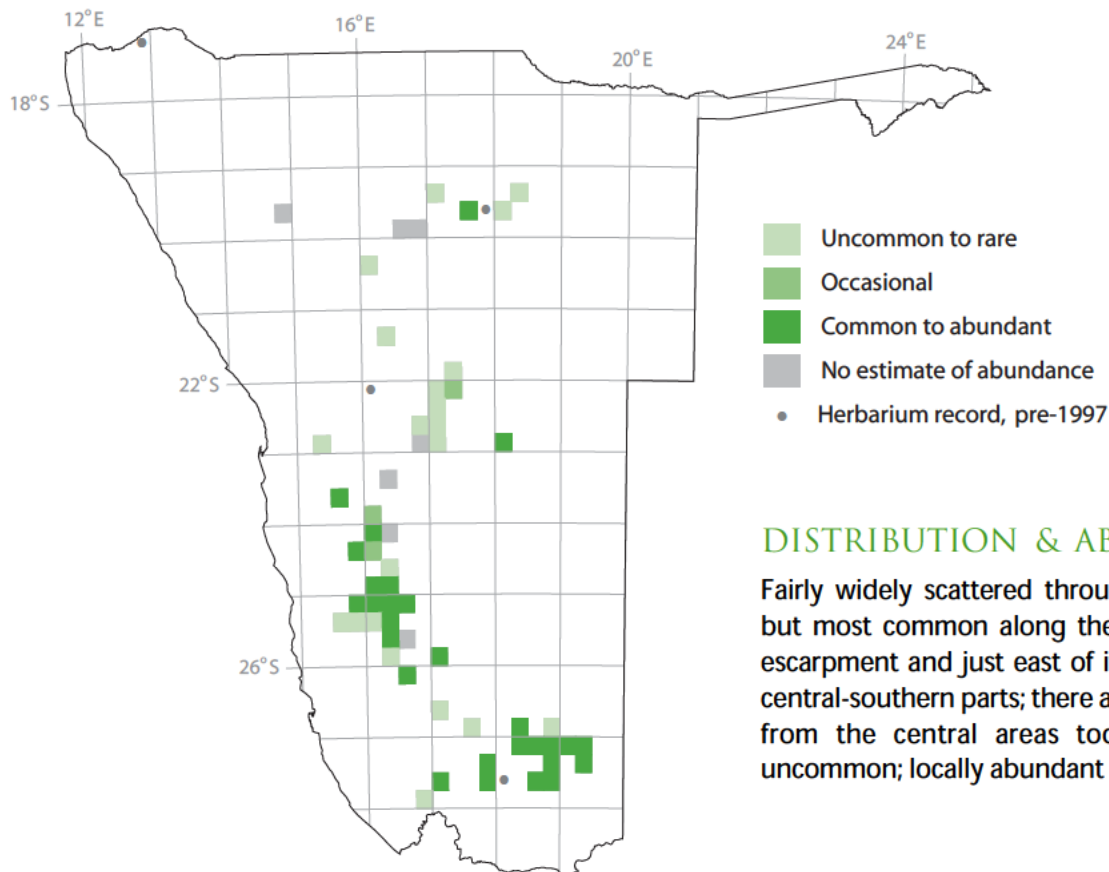
Slender Candelabra-euphorbia

[98 records from 59 (6%) squares]



Many-stemmed, spiny, cactus-like succulent, with milky latex. **STEMS rarely branched, with shallow furrows**, irregularly constricted at variable intervals. **THORNS** straight, paired, 10–20 mm long. **INFLORESCENCE** 2–3 small, yellow cyathia borne between spine-pairs, leaving 2–3 **small scars** when they fall. **FRUIT** a **distinctly three-angled capsule**.

May easily be confused with *E. virosa* and other large euphorbias, and are therefore probably under-recorded. The differences lie in the number of scars left by the cyathia when they fall, the shape of the capsule, and the shape and branching of the stem.

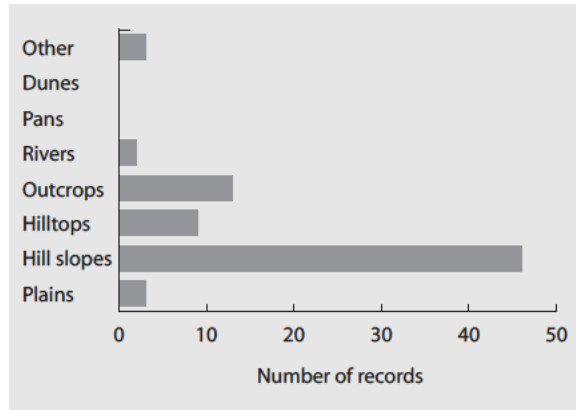


DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE

Fairly widely scattered throughout Namibia, but most common along the south-western escarpment and just east of it, as well as the central-southern parts; there are a few records from the central areas too. Common to uncommon; locally abundant in places.

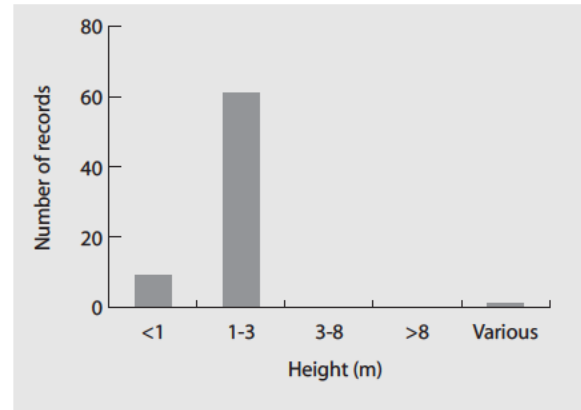
HABITAT

Common to locally abundant on hill slopes; uncommon on rocky outcrops; occasionally found on hilltops and in other habitats.



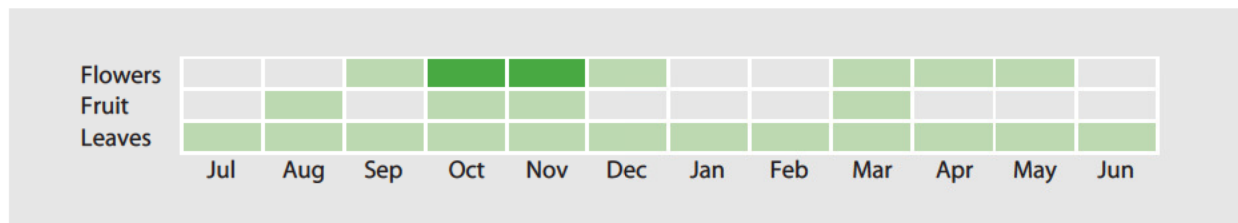
GROWTH FORM

A shrub less than 3 m high.



ANNUAL CYCLE

FLOWERS mostly October and November, but other months as well. FRUIT individual records in August, October, November and March. LEAVES only present on young growth; reported most months.



GENERAL

Sometimes used as a structural element in water-efficient, landscaped gardens. Latex is an extreme irritant to the skin and eyes.

CONSERVATION CONCERNS

This species is listed in CITES Appendix II.

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