

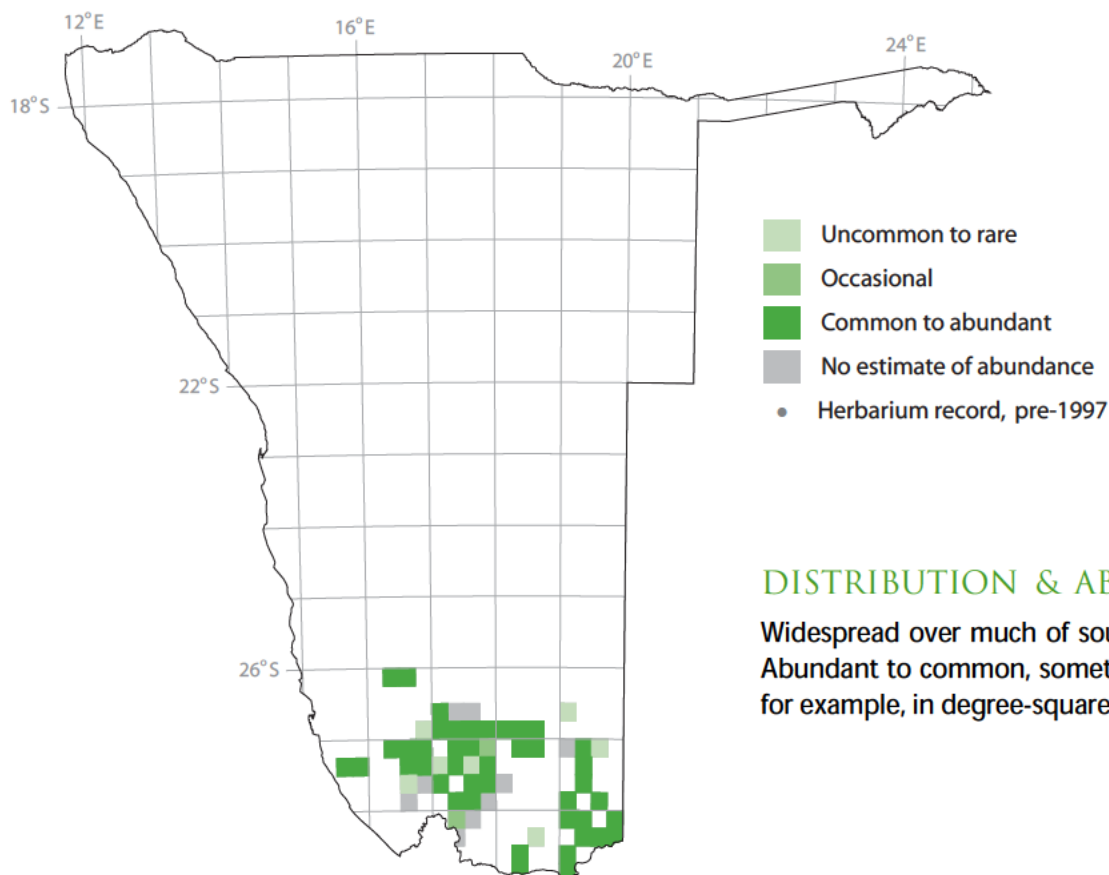
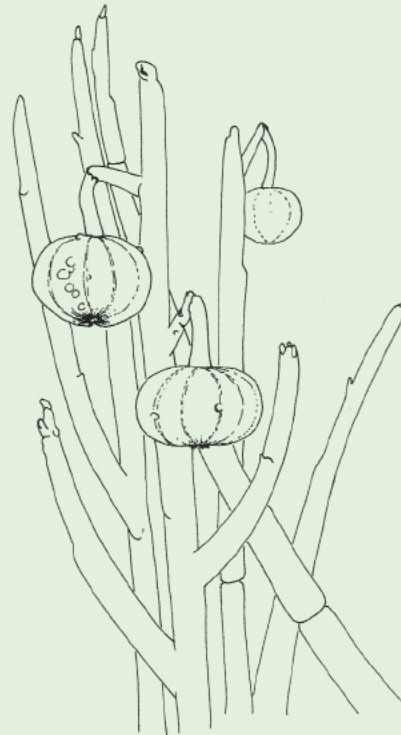
Euphorbia gregaria

Karas Euphorbia

Beseneuphorbie,
Namibmilchbusch (G)

[103 records from 61 (6%) squares]

Many-stemmed, spineless, succulent shrub. **MAIN STEM** reduced and barely visible above ground level. **BRANCHES** many, round in cross-section; green-yellow to blue-green or grey-green. **LEAVES** only on new growth, rudimentary; falling early to leave inconspicuous scars. **FRUIT** a rounded capsule on a **recurved stalk**, up to 16 mm in diameter.

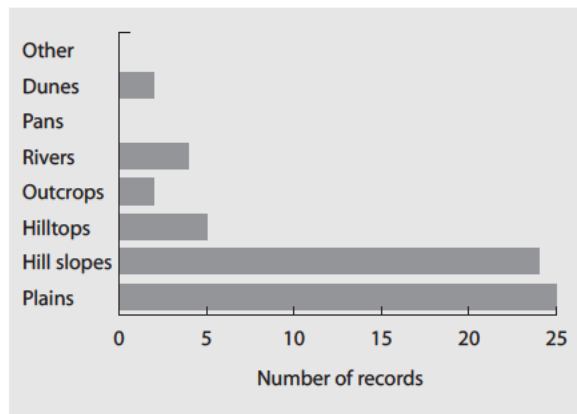


DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE

Widespread over much of southern Namibia. Abundant to common, sometimes dominant, for example, in degree-square 2717.

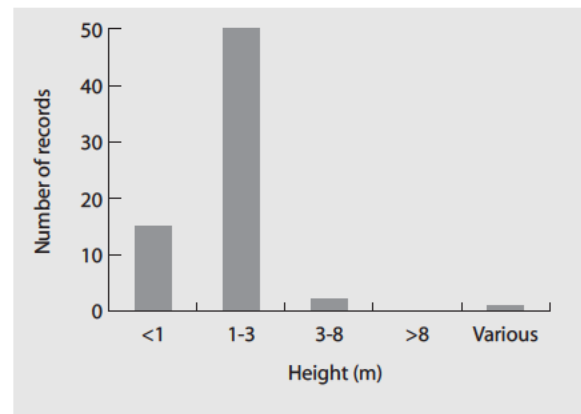
HABITAT

Predominantly found on hill slopes and plains, on sandy, gravel or rocky substrates.



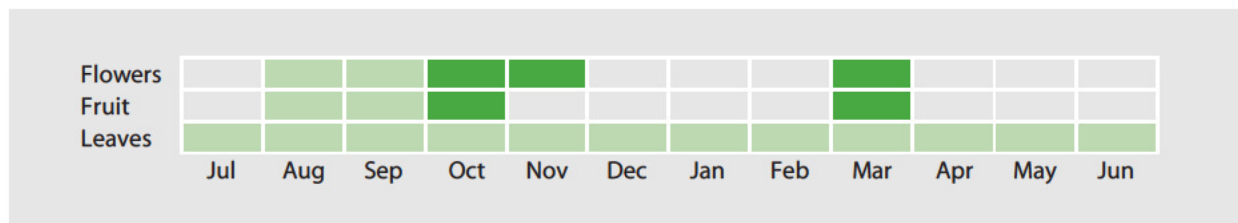
GROWTH FORM

A shrub, mostly in the 1–3-m height class, but occasionally over 3 m.



ANNUAL CYCLE

FLOWERS seen at various times in the year, but mainly from August to November and in March. FRUIT has a similar timing to the flowers. LEAVES often leafless, but may produce small, inconspicuous leaves erratically at almost any time of year.



GENERAL

The latex is irritant, especially to the eyes and mucous membranes.

CONSERVATION CONCERNS

Endemic to southern Namibia and the Richtersveld. Listed on CITES Appendix II.

Euphorbia gregaria, B. Curtis

