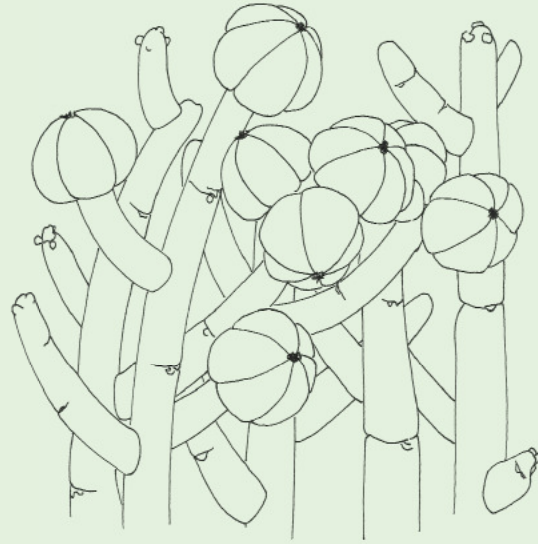


Euphorbia gummifera

Southern Namib Euphorbia

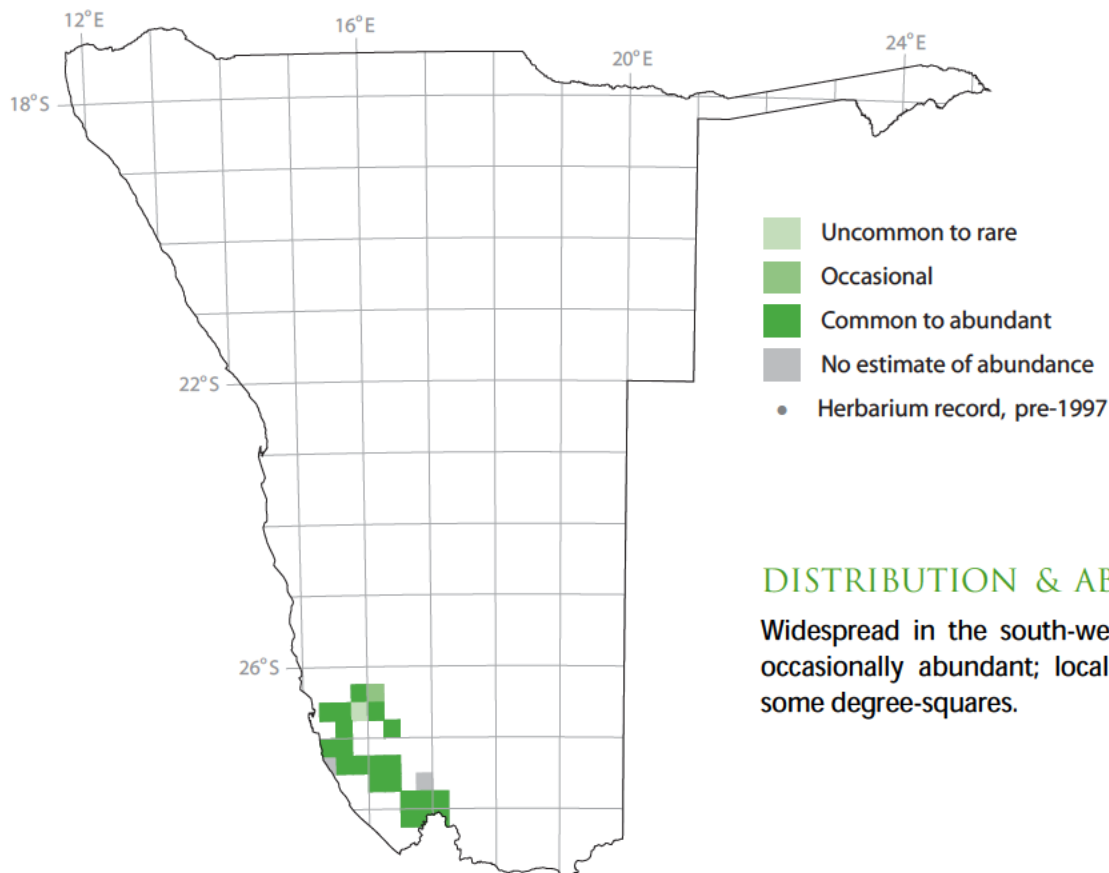
Gomnoors (A)

[49 records from 24 (2%) squares]



Many-stemmed, low, succulent shrub. MAIN STEM reduced and barely visible above ground level. BRANCHES many; rebranched, round in cross-section, dull green. LEAVES only on new growth, rudimentary, falling early. FRUIT a rounded and almost sessile capsule, bright pink becoming brown when dry, up to 12 mm in diameter.

Can be confused with *E. gregaria*, but *E. gummifera* has a pink capsule with an extremely short stalk and a more westerly distribution.

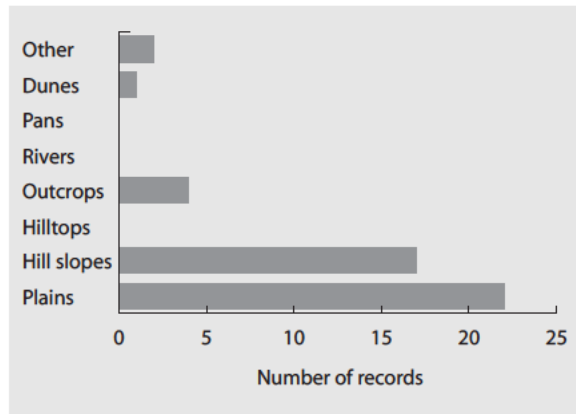


DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE

Widespread in the south-west. Common to occasionally abundant; locally dominant in some degree-squares.

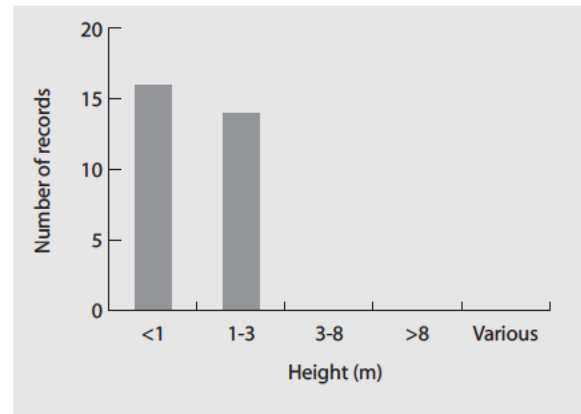
HABITAT

Chiefly found on plains and hill slopes, growing on sandy or rocky substrates.



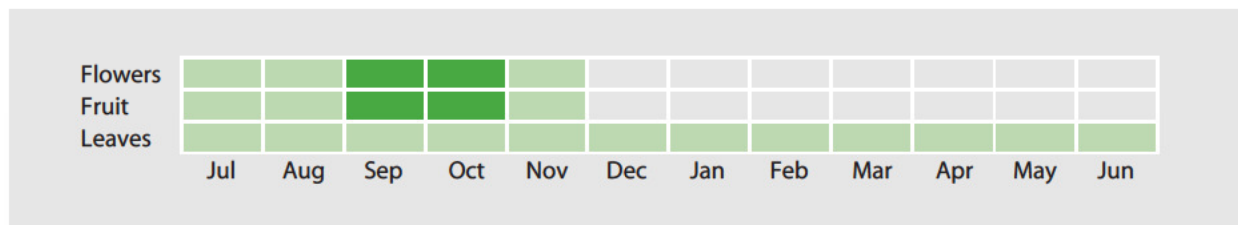
GROWTH FORM

A shrub, mostly less than 1 m high, or in the 1–3-m height class.



ANNUAL CYCLE

FLOWERS and FRUIT July to November, but mostly September and October. LEAVES generally leafless, but with a few small leaves at any time of year.



GENERAL: The latex is an irritant.

CONSERVATION CONCERNS: Endemic to the southern Namib; listed in CITES Appendix II.

Euphorbia gummifera, C. Mannheimer

