

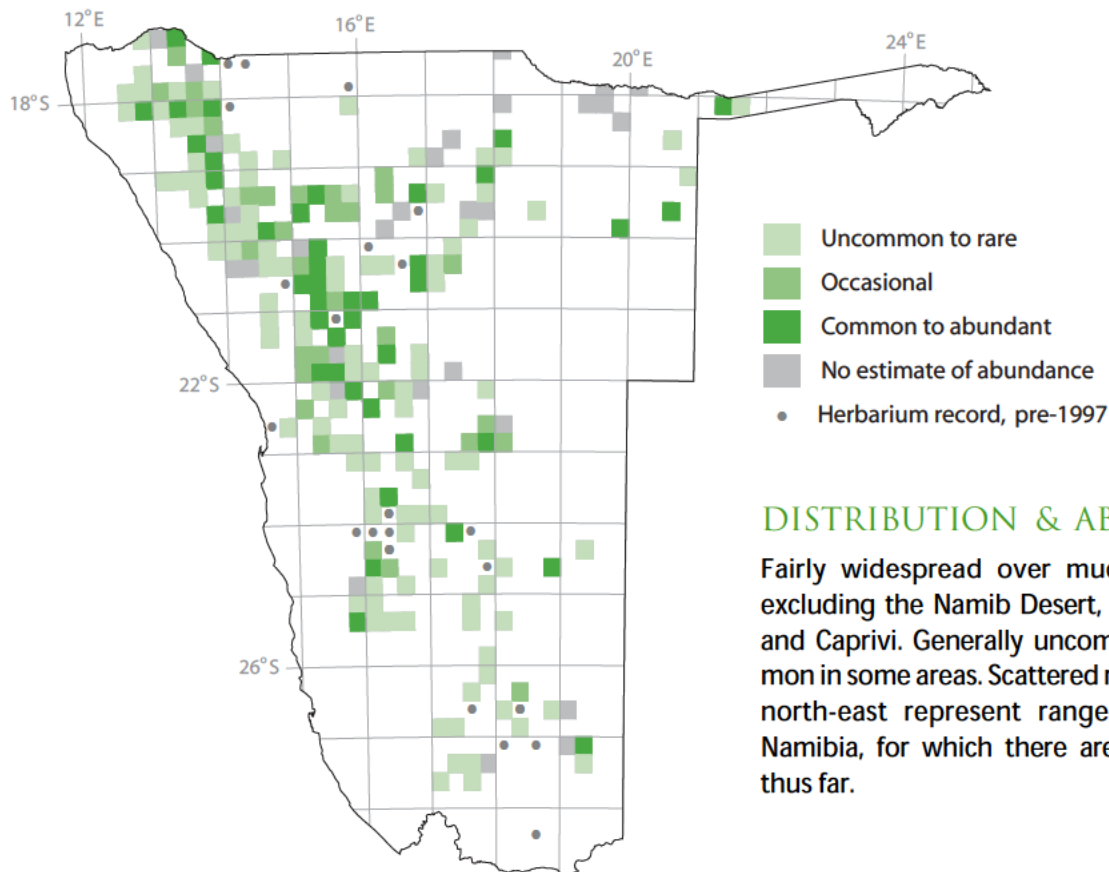
*Grewia tenax*Small-leaved  
Cross-berry

Kleinblaarkruisbessie (A); Kreuzbeere (G); omundjendjere (H); //ain (K); omundjebele (O)

[382 records from 211 (20%) squares]



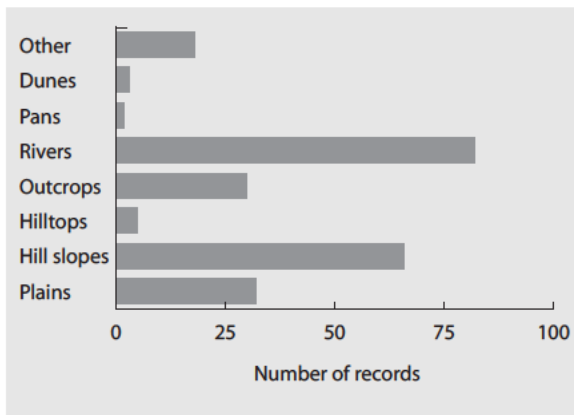
**Slender**, deciduous shrub. **LEAVES** **small**, leathery; dark green above; grey-green below; both surfaces slightly hairy to hairless. **FLOWERS** solitary, **leaf-opposed**, **small and white**. **FRUIT** deeply **four-lobed** (occasionally 2–3-lobed); small, yellow to **orange-red**.

**DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE**

Fairly widespread over much of Namibia, excluding the Namib Desert, the central-east and Caprivi. Generally uncommon, but common in some areas. Scattered records from the north-east represent range extensions in Namibia, for which there are no specimens thus far.

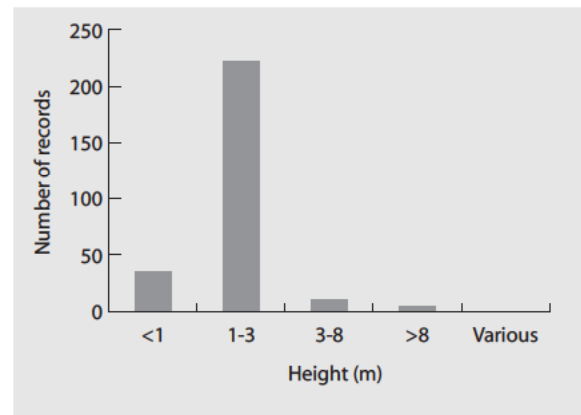
## HABITAT

Found in various habitats, although mostly associated with dry rivers and hill slopes. In the south it is often found on rocky outcrops. Grows on stony, rocky, sandy and loamy substrates.



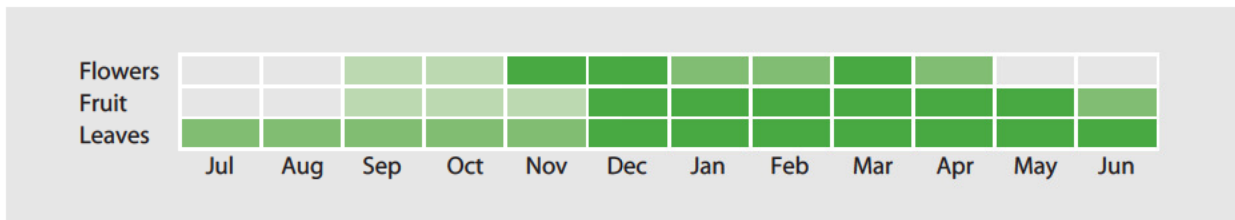
## GROWTH FORM

A shrub up to 3 m high, occasionally higher (4% of records).



## ANNUAL CYCLE

**FLOWERS** from September to April, peaking in November and December and again in March; flowering appears to be affected by rainfall. **FRUIT** some present all year round, but mostly from December to June. **LEAVES** on some plants all year round, but most profuse from December to June; young leaves from September to December.



## GENERAL

Goats and cattle browse leaves and twigs. The fruit is edible and made into an alcoholic beverage; stems are used for arrow-shafts.

## CONSERVATION CONCERNS

None recorded.

*Grewia tenax*, Karas Region,  
B. Curtis

