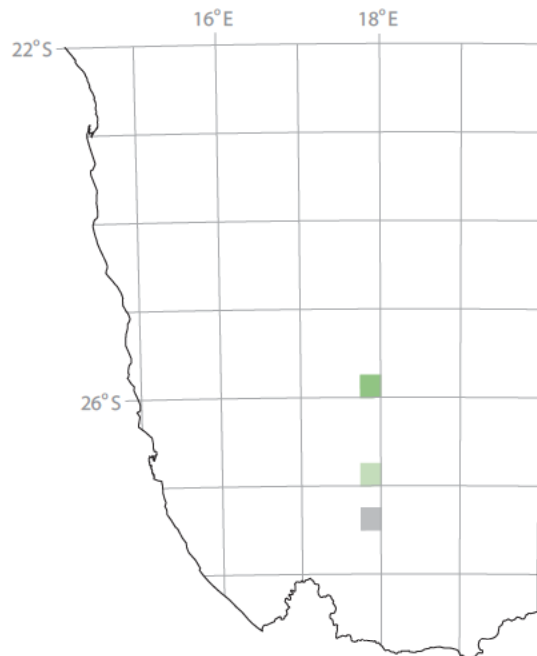


Neoluederitzia sericeocarpa

Silk-seed Bush

[5 records from 3 (<0.5%) squares]

Semi-deciduous shrub, up to 3.5 m high and equally wide. Young, lateral branches look like sturdy, straight spines. BARK red-brown with white lenticels; young branchlets cream-coloured. LEAVES compound, borne on cushions, up to 40 mm long; leaflets elliptic to obovate, up to 14 mm long and 6 mm wide, **grey-green, silky**. FLOWERS solitary or clustered on axils; very pale yellow, with prominent anthers, c. 25 mm in diameter. FRUIT a capsule, densely covered with stiff, khaki hairs.



- Uncommon to rare
- Occasional
- Common to abundant
- No estimate of abundance
- Herbarium record, pre-1997

DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE

Occasional in three scattered localities along or near to the Fish River.

HABITAT

Found on rocky outcrops, along dry watercourses and on hill slopes.

GROWTH FORM

Shrub, mostly in the 1-3-m height class.

ANNUAL CYCLE

FLOWERS and FRUIT recorded in September and November. LEAVES recorded in September, October and April.

GENERAL

Leaves and flowers browsed by goats.

CONSERVATION CONCERNS

This is an endemic species with a very restricted distribution and thus worthy of conservation.