# Anthocleista grandiflora

## Forest Big-leaf

[2 records from 1 square]

A tall, slender tree, with erect stem branching high up, characteristic of high-rainfall, low-altitude forests. Leaves **very large**, obovate to oblong. FLOWERS large, tubular, creamy-white. FRUIT fairly small, ellipsoid, fleshy.

Recorded in eastern Caprivi at Katima Mulilo (1724AD). A rare tree, 5 m high, on the river bank with flowers and fruit in March, and flowers in October. These two are new records for Namibia. There is one earlier herbarium record of *Anthocleista liebrechtsiana* from the same locality as these.

#### BUDDLEJACEAE

## Nuxia oppositifolia

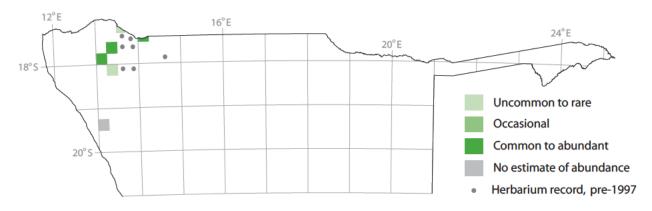
### **River Nuxia**

Water elder (E); watervlier (A)

[7 records from 6 (<1%) squares]



Evergreen shrub or slender tree with **thin, drooping branches**. Bark grey-brown, vertically grooved; young branchlets red-grey, **angular**. Leaves **simple, long and narrow**; **olive-green**; margin serrate along upper portion. FLOWERS tiny, white. FRUIT tiny oblong capsule, *c*. 3 mm long; hidden in the remains of the calyx.



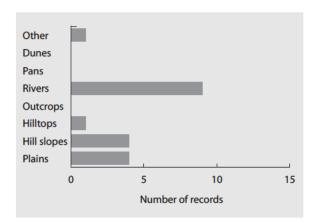
#### DISTRIBUTION, ABUNDANCE & HABITAT

Generally common along dry rivers in a few scattered localities in the north-west. There is a range extension to the south, in the Hoanib River (1913AC; specimen ROX1/70).

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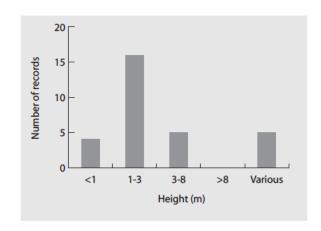
#### **HABITAT**

Mainly found along rivers; on hill slopes and plains in the Karstveld; on floodplains in Caprivi and along the Okavango River.



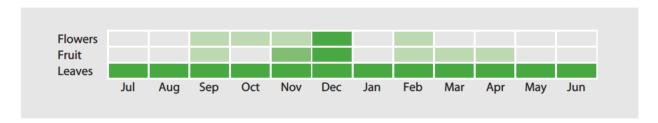
#### **GROWTH FORM**

Mainly a shrub of 1–3 m high, occasionally a tree over 3 m.



#### ANNUAL CYCLE

FLOWERS September to February. FRUIT September to April. LEAVES evergreen; old leaves recorded from July to September.



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#### **GROWTH FORM**

A shrub or shrubby tree up to 3 m and more.

#### ANNUAL CYCLE

FLOWERS recorded in April, June, August, October and November (including herbarium records). FRUIT none recorded. LEAVES recorded in March, April and August (the only months of observation).

#### CONSERVATION CONCERNS

None recorded.

### Nuxia congesta | Common wild elder

Shrub or small, evergreen tree. Leaves 3-whorled. Flowers in crowded terminal heads.

A new record for Namibia from Omavanda Plateau, Baynes Mountains (1713AA) (van Jaarsveld, 17484).