

*Nymania capensis*

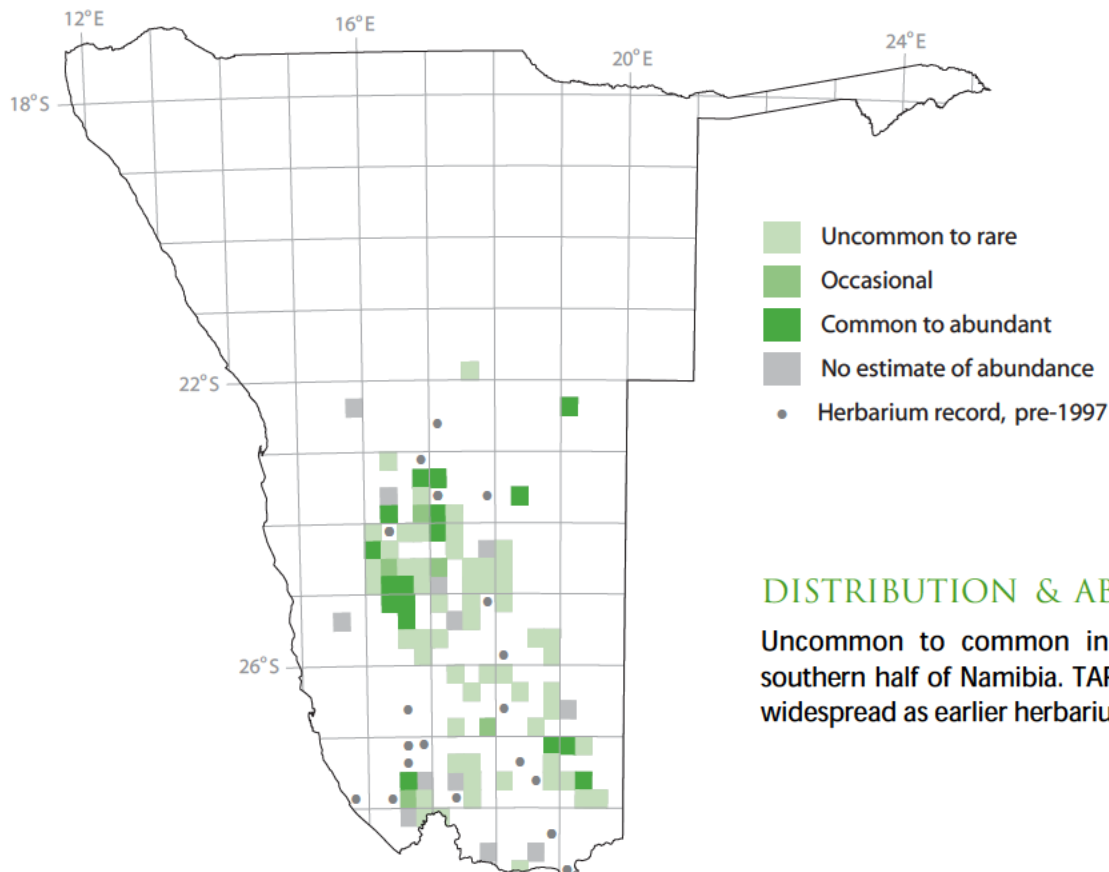
## Klapperbos

Chinese-lanterns (E); !gaebe (K)

[113 records from 91 (9%) squares]



Stiff shrub. BARK white to pale grey. LEAVES simple, almost sessile; **linear-oblong**, small, olive-green. FLOWERS solitary, **tubular**, pink to scarlet-red. FRUIT **an inflated capsule; balloon-like, thin, papery, four-lobed; red when ripe.**

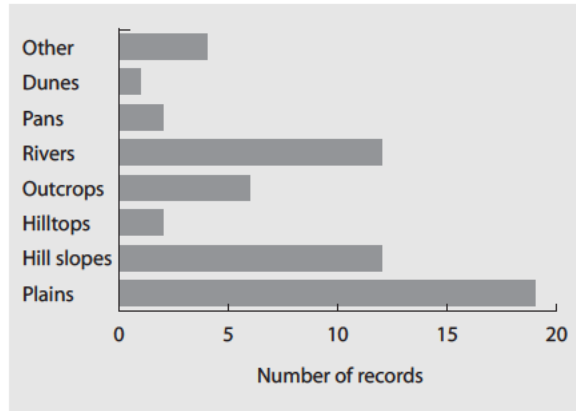


## DISTRIBUTION &amp; ABUNDANCE

Uncommon to common in places in the southern half of Namibia. TAP records not as widespread as earlier herbarium records.

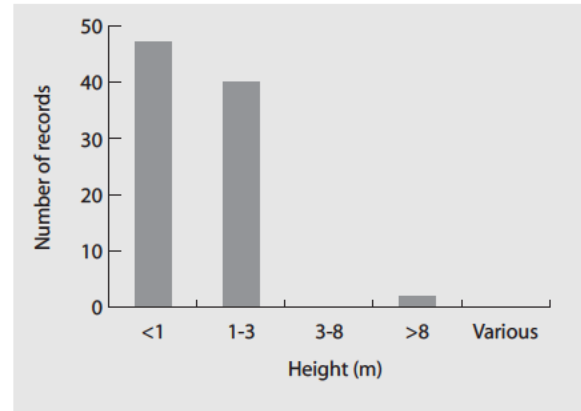
## HABITAT

Various habitats, but mainly on plains, hill slopes and along dry rivers. Grows on rocky, stony, gravelly or sandy substrates. Also found high in the mountains.



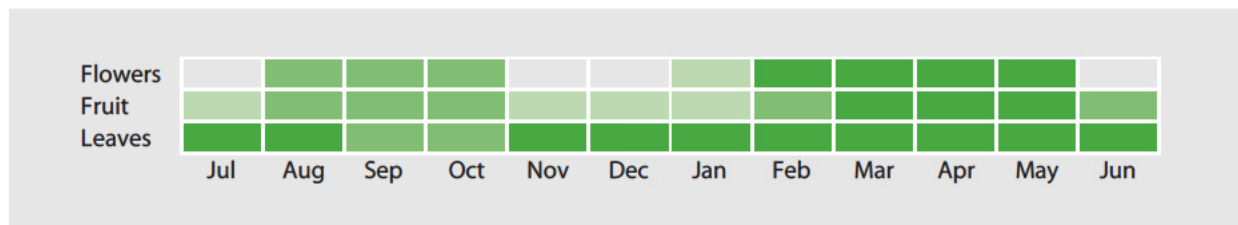
## GROWTH FORM

A shrub in the 1–3-m height class; often less than 1 m.



## ANNUAL CYCLE

FLOWERS single records every month, but mostly in two waves – the first and smaller one in spring and the second, major one in late summer; they appear to be rainfall-dependent. FRUIT all year, but in two waves similar to flowering. LEAVES evergreen to semi-deciduous.



## GENERAL

The bark is sometimes stripped by animals; the leaves and fruit provide nutritious fodder. The leaves and roots are used medicinally; the roots are also used to curdle milk. *Nymanya capensis* has good horticultural potential for Windhoek gardens as it can withstand drought and very cold winters.

## CONSERVATION CONCERNS

Not recorded. This plant was either overlooked by atlasers or the population has declined.



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