Oncoba spinosa

Munzenze

Snuff-box tree, fried-egg flower (E)

[3 records from 2 squares]

A spiny shrub or small tree. Leaves ovate-elliptic, leathery; dark, glossy green; coarsely toothed margin. FLOWERS showy, white with a central mass of golden-yellow stamens. FRUIT a round, hard-shelled, reddish-brown capsule.

Three records from eastern Caprivi (1724DC) and on the Okavango River (1821BA). There are earlier herbarium records from six additional squares, including Impalila Island. A shrub or tree in the 1–3-m and 3–8-m height classes on the banks of perennial rivers. Flowers recorded in September and February. FRUIT recorded in November, December, January, February and May.

COMBRETACEAE

Combretum apiculatum

Kudu-bush

Koedoebos (A); Kudubusch (G); omumbuti (H); #óó.b/s (K); kalanga; mumpaumpa (L); omunaluko (O)

Shrub or tree. LEAVES with successive pairs set at right angles to each other; broadly elliptic, up to 110 mm long; leathery, margin undulate; apex abruptly pointed, often twisted. FLOWERS cream-coloured to yellow with a strong, pleasant scent. FRUIT usually four-winged (can vary from 3–6); ovoid to almost round, c. 30 mm, mustard-yellow central part; wings papery, greenish with pale to dark purple tints.

There are two subspecies in Namibia, which are easily distinguished by their leaves. By far the more common and widespread is subsp. *apiculatum*, thus all records not specifically identified as subsp. *leutweinii* have been assigned to *apiculatum*. Data for annual cycle have been combined; all other data for the two subspecies are presented separately.

