

Opilia campestris

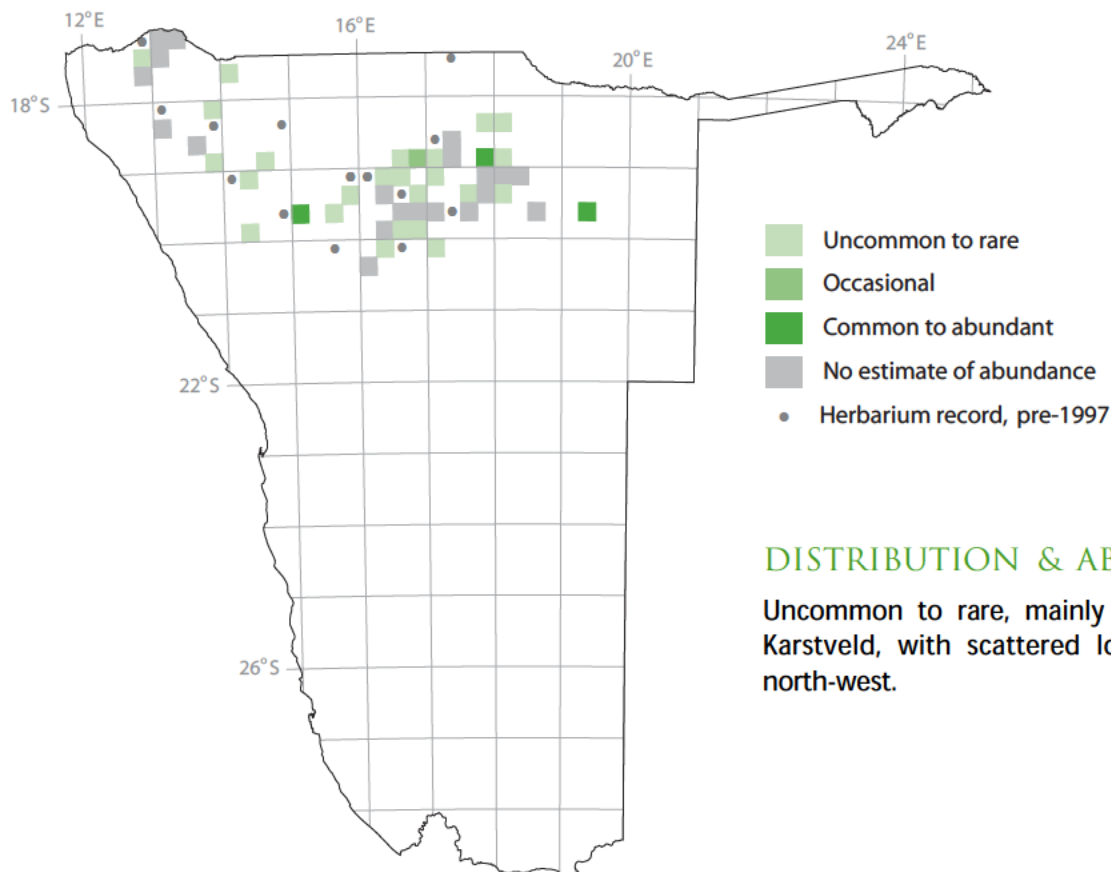
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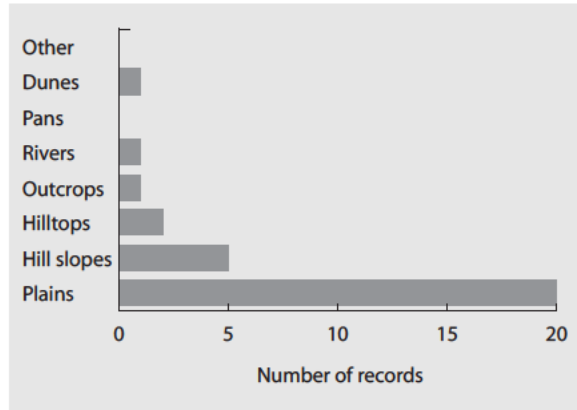
Sturdy, stiffly branched shrub. BARK younger branchlets **olive-green, with dense, short hairs.** LEAVES simple, small, alternate, in **two rows** (distichous); ovate to elliptic; **olive- to grey-green, with short hairs above and below;** drawn out into a petiole 1–3 mm long. INFLORESCENCE **catkin-like.** FLOWERS very small, sweet-smelling. FRUIT a hairy, elliptic stone-fruit; yellow-red when ripe.

**DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE**

Uncommon to rare, mainly in the eastern Karstveld, with scattered localities in the north-west.

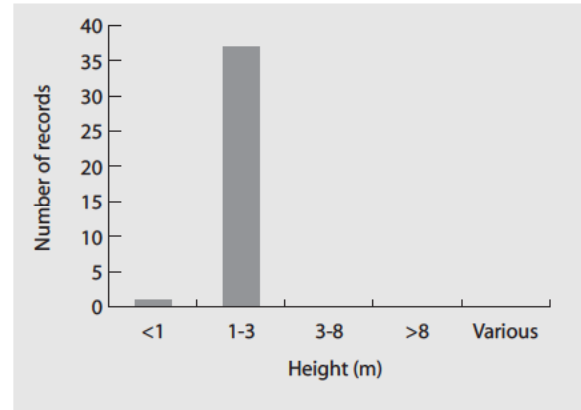
HABITAT

Mostly plains, usually in mixed woodland. Substrate often calcrete; sometimes clay, where it is more abundant.



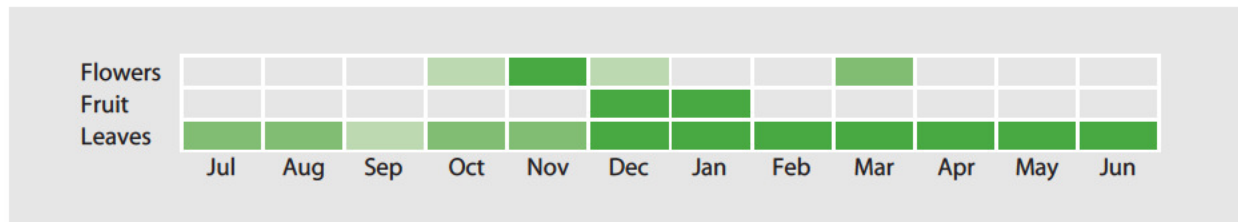
GROWTH FORM

Mostly a shrub in the 1–3-m height class.



ANNUAL CYCLE

FLOWERS mainly November, but with a second flush in March. FRUIT December and January. LEAVES semi-deciduous, with bare trees from July to September.



GENERAL

Heavily browsed by game and livestock.

CONSERVATION CONCERNS

None recorded.



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