

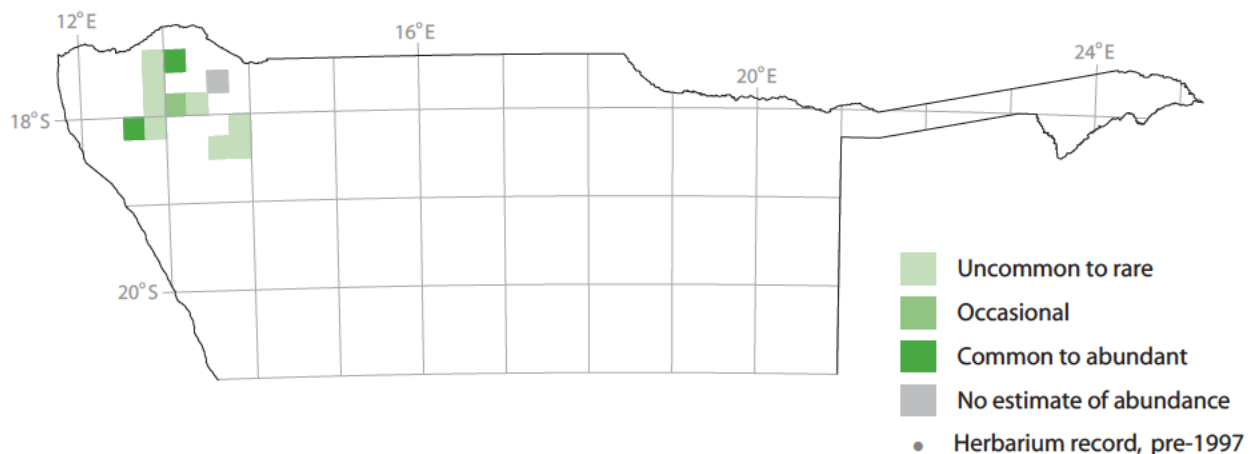
Ormocarpum kirkii

Caterpillar-pod

Krulusperboontjie (A);
omuyoramazenge (H)

[16 records from 12 (1%) squares]

Deciduous shrub or small tree **with a narrow crown**. TRUNK slender, with few branches. BARK **brown, rough and scaly**. LEAVES compound, with 7–13 leaflet pairs; leaflets elliptic to oblong, 4–11 mm long; dark green above, pale green below; apex sharp-tipped; base rounded; margin entire, rolled under. FLOWERS **conspicuous, deep pink, with deep mauve centre and conspicuous veins**. FRUIT a small, tightly curled, hairy pod, almost concealed by the dry petals.



DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE

Uncommon in the north-western highlands and north-western escarpment. Locally common in a few places.

HABITAT

Various, but mostly along dry rivers. Always on rocky or stony substrates.

GROWTH FORM

Generally a shrub in the 1–3-m height class, but occasionally a tree over 3 m high.

ANNUAL CYCLE

Only recorded in four months. FLOWERS March, April, August and December. FRUIT in March, April and August. LEAVES recorded in March and April, not recorded in August.

GENERAL

Attractive, of horticultural potential for frost-free areas.

CONSERVATION CONCERNS

None recorded.

Ormocarpum kirkii, B. Curtis

