

Pterocarpus rotundifolius

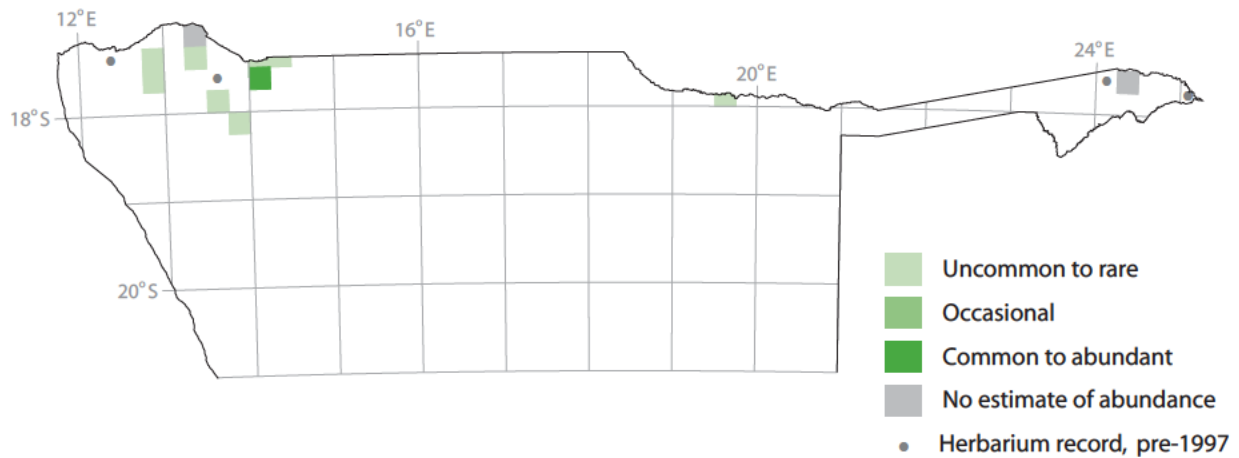
Round-leaved Teak

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[14 records from 11 (1%) squares]

A deciduous tree. BARK **dark grey to brown, longitudinally fissured**. LEAVES compound, up to 250 mm long, with 1–3 leaflet pairs; leaflets elliptic to almost round with **very conspicuous veins; dark green and shiny above, paler green below; margin wavy; apex rounded, notched**. FLOWERS **brilliant yellow with crinkled petals**, sweet scented, in long sprays. FRUIT a small, flattened, hanging pod; **elliptic to almost round; heavily veined, dark brown centre with light brown wing**.

There are two subspecies in Namibia, *polyanthus* and *rotundifolius*, but they have been grouped together since neither is well represented in Namibia; they are very similar and most atlasers did not know the differences between them.



DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE

Generally uncommon in the far north-west, with only one recent record from eastern Caprivi. Both subspecies have been collected from the north-west, but only subsp. *polyanthus* from eastern Caprivi, near Katima Mulilo and Impalila Island in 1959.

HABITAT

Mostly plains and hill slopes, occasionally hilltops. Generally on gravel, or rocky or stony substrates; sometimes on sandy soil.

GROWTH FORM

A tree, generally in the 3–8-m height class, but variable.

ANNUAL CYCLE

Only recorded in December, March and April. FLOWERS January. FRUIT December, March and April. LEAVES December, March, April.

GENERAL

This plant's attractive flowers give it horticultural potential for frost-free areas.

CONSERVATION CONCERNS

None recorded.