Rhigozum obovatum

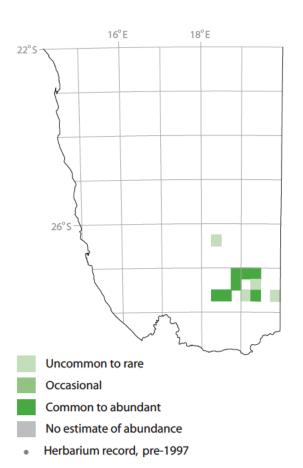
Karoo Rhigozum

Geelberggranaat (A)

[13 records from 11 (1%) squares]



A rigid, deciduous shrub. Bark grey, smooth; young branchlets grey, hairy; lateral branches stiff and rigid. Leaves simple or **trifoliolate**, **opposite or clustered on dwarf shoots**, originating from a woolly cushion; obovate to oblanceolate, 3–5 mm long; pale green, felty; apex blunt, sometimes notched. Flowers **yellow**, **shallowly trumpet-shaped**.



DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE

Common to uncommon in a very small area in the south-east; dominant in 2719DB. The previous range was extended by one degree to the east.

HABITAT

Mainly found on hill slopes, but also along dry rivercourses.

GROWTH FORM

A shrub in the 1–3-m height category.

ANNUAL CYCLE

Observations were only made in five months. FLOWERS recorded in February, April and May. FRUIT recorded in March, August and October. LEAVES present during all the months of observation.

GENERAL

Browsed by game and stock; of horticultural potential.

CONSERVATION CONCERNS

None reported. Probably under-recorded as it is rather nondescript when not in flower.