

Rhus burchellii

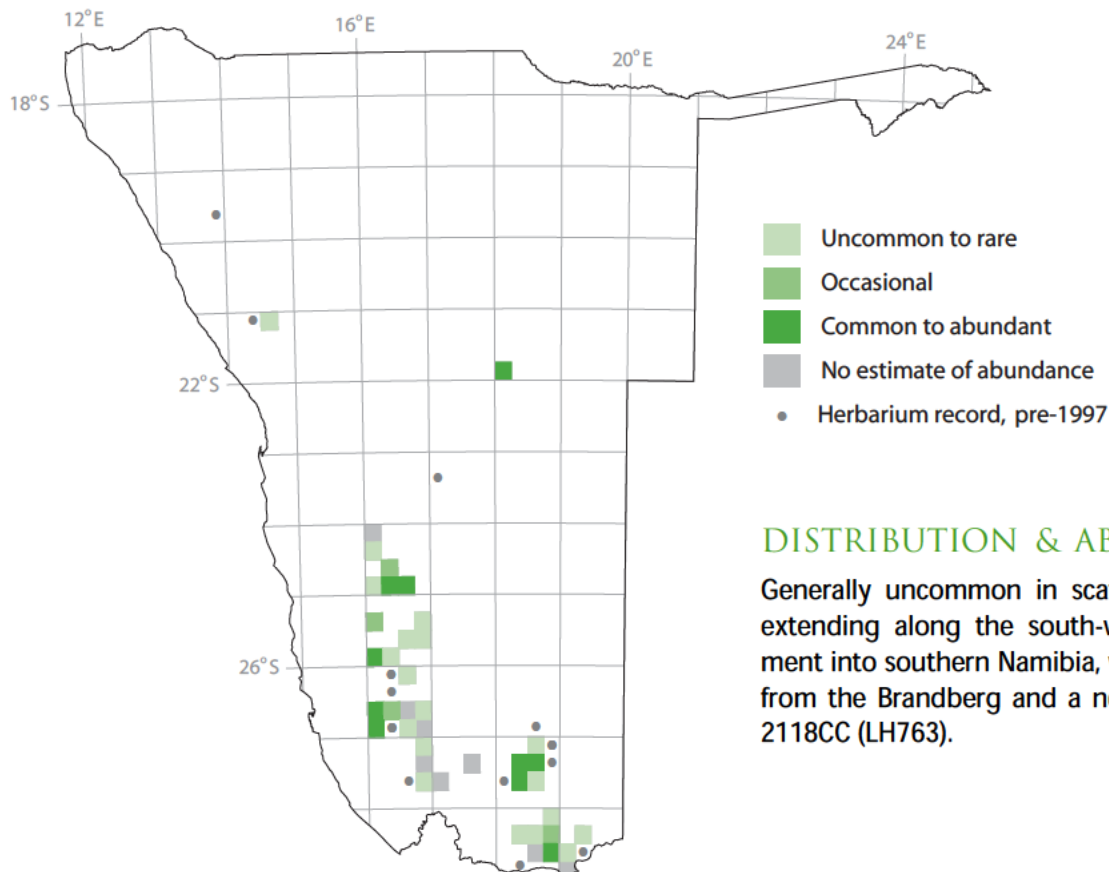
Karoo Kuni-bush

Karoo-koeniebos (A)

[61 records from 41 (4%) squares]



Evergreen shrub. BARK grey-brown, granular; **young branchlets with waxy scales, with distinct lenticels**. LEAVES trifoliolate, clustered, leathery, dark green with a **lacquered appearance**; leaflets sessile, elongate, **obtriangular to obcordate**; margin undulate; **apex usually distinctly notched and with a tiny, bristle-like tip**. FLOWERS tiny, star-like, green to yellow. FRUIT spherical, laterally flattened, up to 5 mm in diameter; shiny green, becoming shiny red-brown then dull brown when ripe.

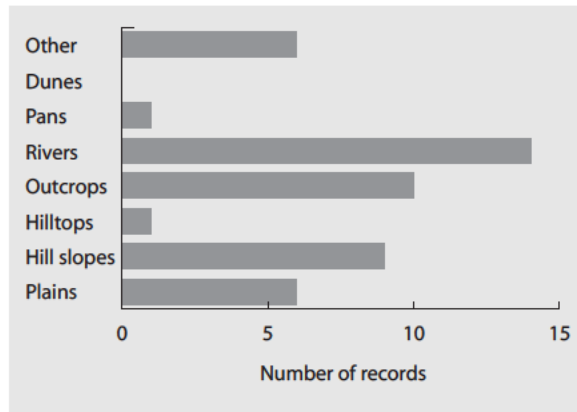


DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE

Generally uncommon in scattered localities extending along the south-western escarpment into southern Namibia, with one record from the Brandberg and a new record from 2118CC (LH763).

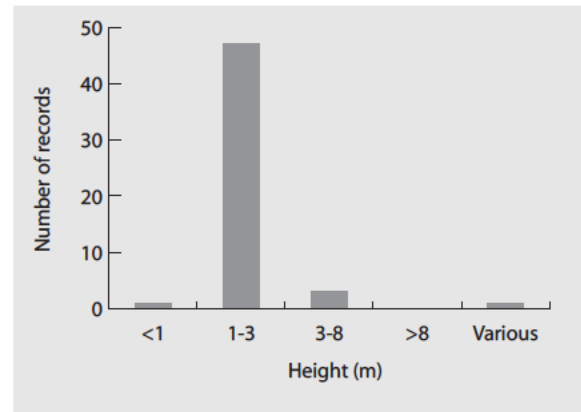
HABITAT

Found in various habitats, but mainly along dry watercourses and on rocky outcrops in mountainous areas. Generally on rocky or gravel substrates.



GROWTH FORM

A shrub, generally in the 1–3-m height class; sometimes less than 1 m; rarely taller than 3 m.



ANNUAL CYCLE

FLOWERS mostly May, with single records in April, July, October and December. FRUIT mostly May, with single records in June, July, September and October. LEAVES evergreen.

GENERAL

Of horticultural potential: attractive with shiny foliage; frost- and drought-resistant.

CONSERVATION CONCERNS

Fairly restricted in Namibia, but has a wider range in the arid parts of South Africa.

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