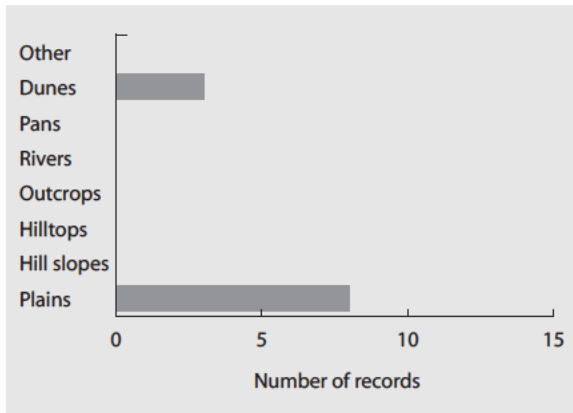


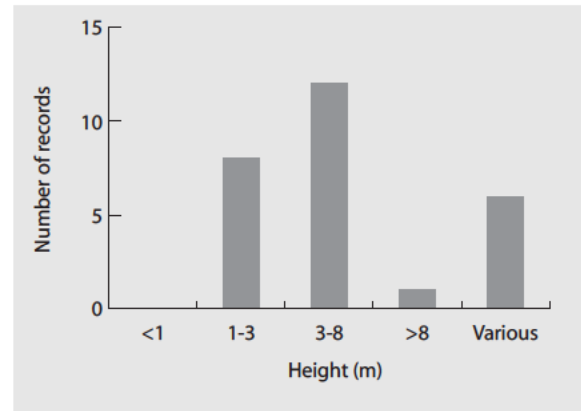
HABITAT

Found on sandy plains and dunes and in woodlands and riverine forests.



GROWTH FORM

A tree, mostly in the 3–8-m height class, sometimes smaller; rarely taller than 8 m.



ANNUAL CYCLE

No observations in winter. FLOWERS in October and December. FRUIT mainly May, but a few records most months. LEAVES probably deciduous.

GENERAL

The fruit pulp is edible; the seeds are poisonous. The roots, green fruit and leaves are used medicinally.

CONSERVATION CONCERNS

None recorded. Protected by forestry legislation.

*Strychnos
madagascariensis*

Black Monkey-orange

Swartklapper (A)

[4 records from 2 squares]

Tree lacking thorns, but with rigid, dwarf, lateral branches that may resemble spines. LEAVES often clustered at ends of branches; narrowly elliptic to almost circular, velvety, at least on the veins. FRUIT up to 100 mm in diameter; initially blue-green, turning orange-brown when ripe.

Four TAP records were collected from two squares in eastern Caprivi, supported by two specimens (BC735 and 1330, CUR1) and there are no earlier herbarium records. These appear to be new records for Namibia since they are not listed in Craven (1999). Their presence in Namibia is indicated in Coates Palgrave (2002), however.