

Tetragonia schenckii

Kinkelbos

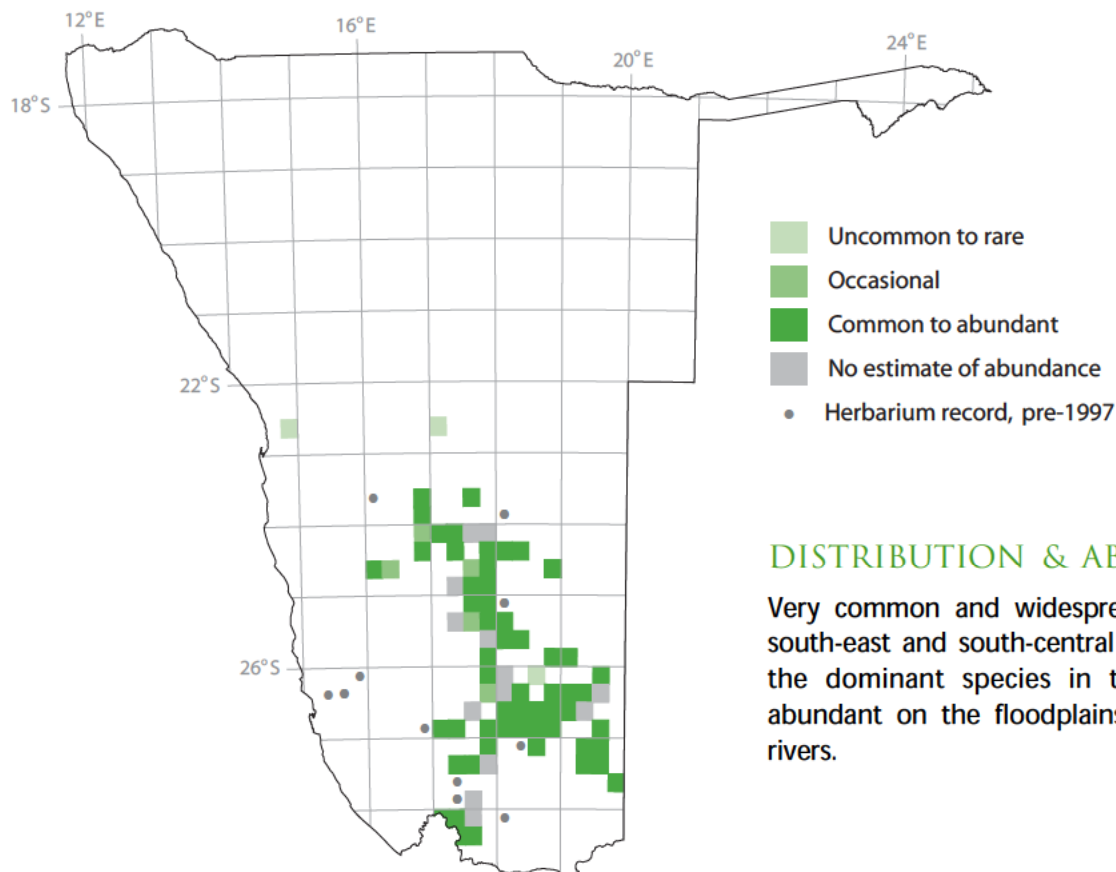
Süssbrackbusch (G); #khoes (K)

[117 records from 78 (7%) squares]



Untidy, much-branched shrub with lax branches, up to 1.6 m high. LEAVES simple, **blue-green, fleshy, with waxy bloom**, very variable in size. FLOWERS small, shortly tubular, pale yellow-green. FRUIT with **3–4 thin-textured wings or ribs**; yellow-green until ripe, then papery, matt or shiny, grey-brown.

Flowers and fruits in small clusters at tips of branches, obvious when present.

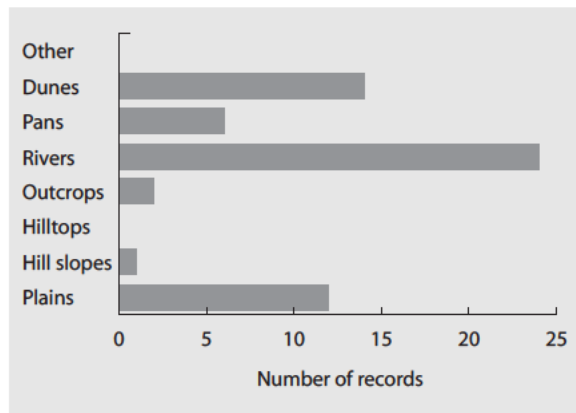


DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE

Very common and widespread in areas of south-east and south-central Namibia, often the dominant species in the area. Most abundant on the floodplains of ephemeral rivers.

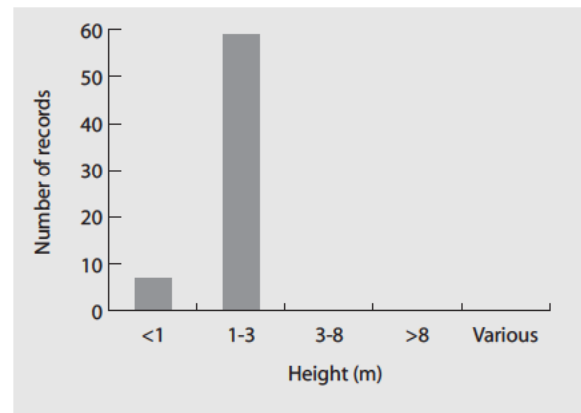
HABITAT

Mainly along dry water courses and on their floodplains, as well as in other seasonally inundated areas. Also on dunes and gravel plains near rivers. Prefers brackish soil.



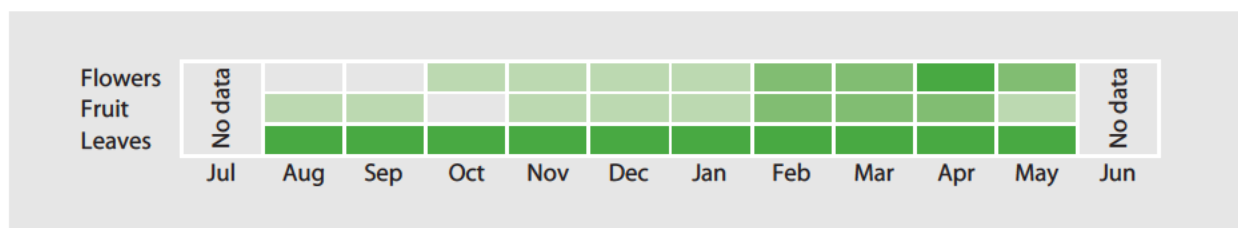
GROWTH FORM

A shrub, mainly in the 1–3-m height class.



ANNUAL CYCLE

FLOWERS mainly February to May. FRUIT mainly February to May, although old fruit can be found on some plants almost all year. LEAVES most of the year (there were no TAP records for this species in June and July).



GENERAL

According to the literature, the plant is poisonous and may cause stock loss among sheep. However, it is regarded by some as a good browse.

CONSERVATION CONCERNS

None recorded.