

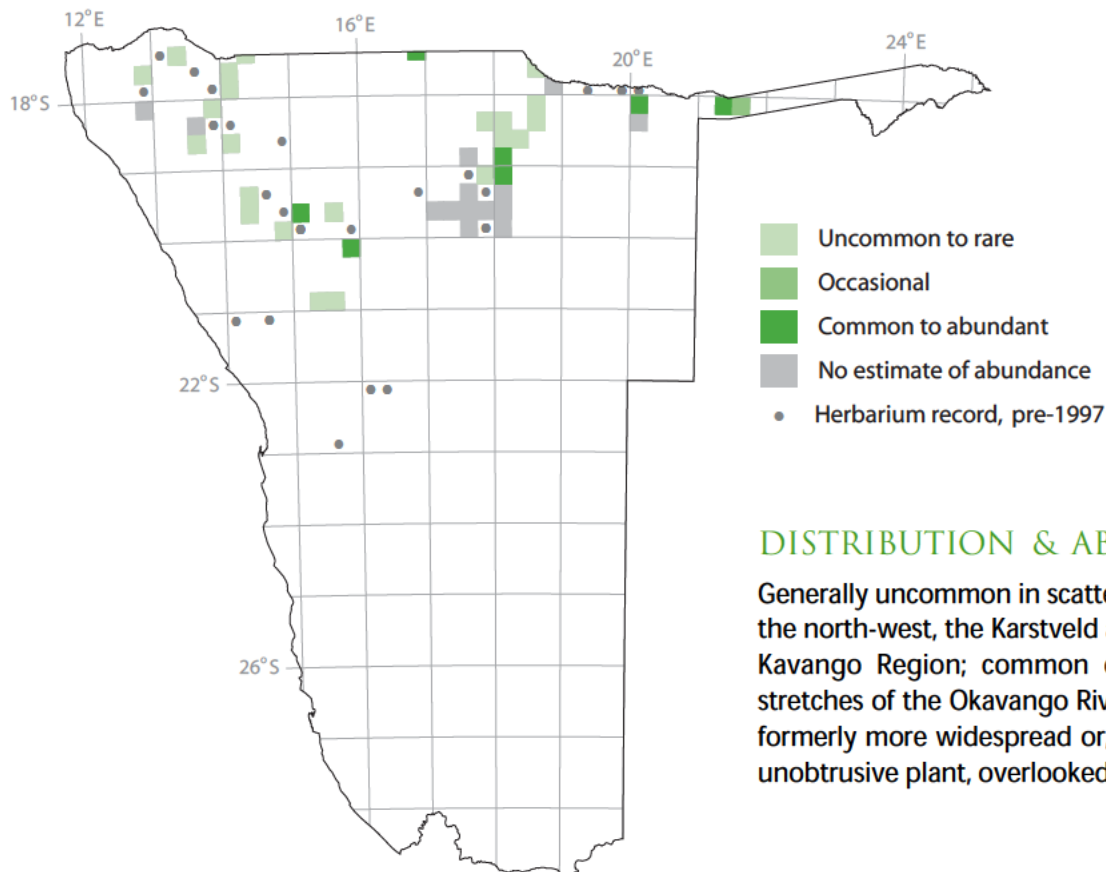
*Tinnea rhodesiana*

## Maroon Bells / Katepo

Shah (Kx, H); !dhunni, !urub (K);  
cwidoro (T)

[57 records from 44 (4%) squares]

Deciduous, **diffuse shrub**. LEAVES simple, ovate to elliptic, small; dark green above with long, soft hairs; pale green below; often folded along the midrib. FLOWERS maroon to purple-brown with a yellow spot; 10–18 mm long. FRUIT a four-lobed, dry capsule, enclosed in an inflated calyx up to 15 x 8 mm.

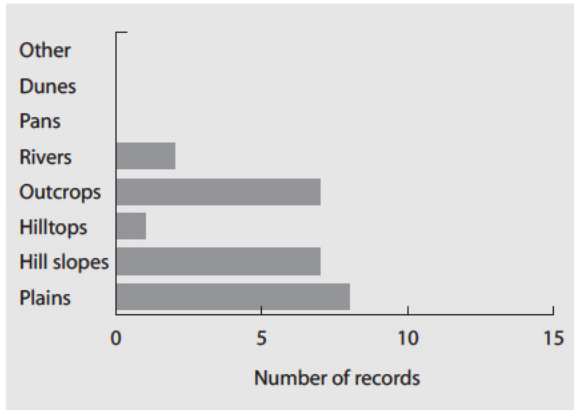


## DISTRIBUTION &amp; ABUNDANCE

Generally uncommon in scattered localities in the north-west, the Karstveld and parts of the Kavango Region; common on the eastern stretches of the Okavango River. It was either formerly more widespread or, as it is a small, unobtrusive plant, overlooked by atlasers.

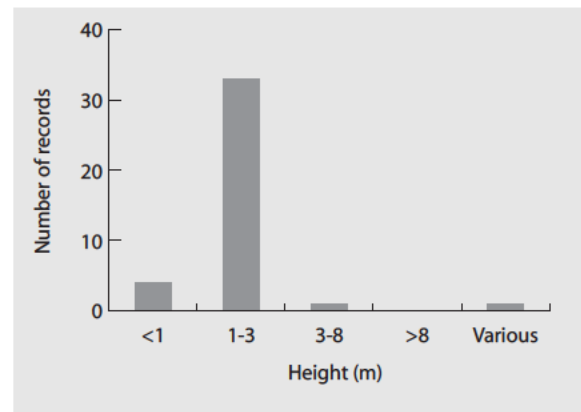
## HABITAT

Mainly found on plains, hill slopes and rocky outcrops. Grows on sand, granite and other rock types.



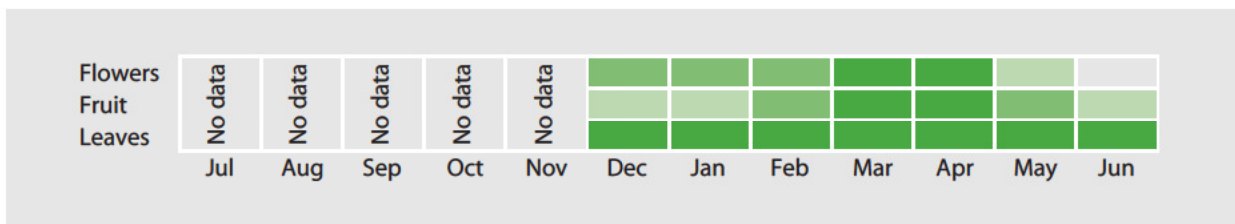
## GROWTH FORM

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



## ANNUAL CYCLE

FLOWERS December to May. FRUIT December to June. LEAVES in summer; no observations in winter.



## GENERAL

Could be of horticultural potential due to its attractive flowers and fruit. Game, as well as large and small stock, browse the leaves.

## CONSERVATION CONCERNS

None recorded. The species appears to have been overlooked in many areas, or the range may have decreased; it would be worth investigating.

*Tinnea rhodesiana*, flowers and inflated fruit capsules, C. Hines

