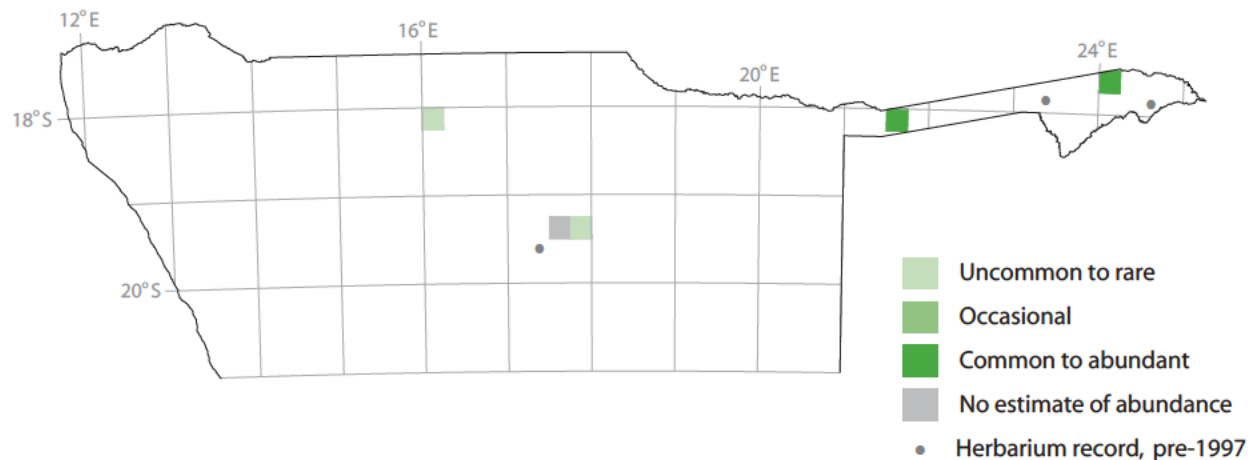


Vangueriopsis lanciflora

False-medlar /
Valsmispel

[8 records from 5 (<0.5%) squares]

Semi-deciduous shrub or small tree. BARK smooth, with orange-red underbark; **young branchlets rusty-red, often powdery and knobby**. LEAVES elliptic to oblong to broadly elliptic; leathery; dark green above; **yellowish-white or yellowish-green below and densely downy**; margin usually undulate; stipules joined at the base, triangular, about 10 mm long; petiole robust and up to 10 mm long. FLOWERS up to 25 mm long, shallow-tubular with markedly recurved lobes; cream-coloured; calyx cup-like, densely downy. FRUIT ovoid, often asymmetric, up to 20 mm in diameter; yellowish-brown when ripe; edible.



DISTRIBUTION & ABUNDANCE

Found in very scattered localities. Common where found in the Caprivi, uncommon in the Cuvelai and Karstveld.

HABITAT

Found on hill slopes in the Karstveld, rocky outcrops on the Okavango River and sandy plains in the Cuvelai.

GROWTH FORM

A shrub of 1–3 m in the Cuvelai and Karstveld; a tree of 1–3 m on the Okavango, and 3–8 m in eastern Caprivi.

ANNUAL CYCLE

No observations were made for June and July, September to November and January and February. FLOWERS only recorded in December. FRUIT in March and December. LEAVES recorded from March to May, and December; bare in August.

CONSERVATION CONCERNS

A rare species in Namibia. No threats recorded.