



## LEGUMINOSAE

***Acacia robynsiana* Merxm. & A.Schreib. , Bull. Jard. Bot. État Bruxelles 27: 268 (1957)**

**TYPE:** NAMIBIA: Kunene, Grootberg slopes, Walter 2/197 (holotype M; isotypes PRE, WIND)

**Synonyms:** *Senegalia robynsiana* (Merxm. & A.Schreib.) Kyal. & Boatwr.;

**Common Names:** antenna-akasia, hemelbesem, sweepstokdoring (Afrikaans), whip-stick acacia, whip-stick thorn (English), Antennenakazie (German), !nue.b, /nueb, /ue, lue (Khoekhoegowab)

**Ecology:** Found occurring in thornbush savanna, dry grassland, in semi-desert with few scattered trees, on stony koppies, mountain slopes, in washes, up small kloof, in well-drained rocky (gravelly) sandy loam soil. Growing in association with *Euphorbia damarana* (dominant bush) and *Boscia foetida*, closed woodland. ; partially in shade or exposed to sun.

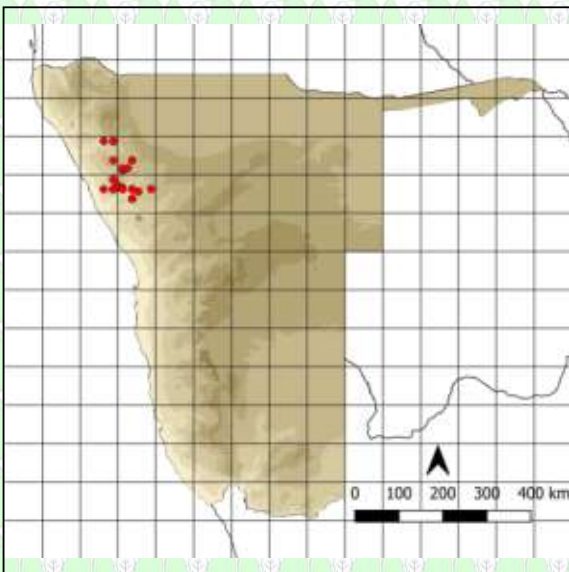


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**Description:** perennial tree; 1 - 15 m high; stem multi-stemmed or one very much longer, whip-like stem, pale grey to brown/green at growing tips, dark blue to black below nodes, bark red brown, smooth, paired hooked thorns, internodes short; base with densely branched bush and few long, slender branches, branchlets red to maroon, some with short prickles, flowers and pods all on tall upper branches; semi-evergreen; leaves pale to dark green, bipinnately compound, 6-4 leaflets; flowers yellowish - cream, short spike, inflorescences indeterminate; fruit pods brittle, straight, bright green when immature, yellow-brown when mature.

**Distribution:** Endemic to Namibia and Angola

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