

**ACANTHACEAE**

***Acanthopsis disperma* Nees** , London J. Bot. 1: 28 (1842)

TYPE: from South Africa

Synonyms: *Acanthopsis carduifolia* (L.f.) Schinz var. *longearistata* Schinz; *Blepharis acaulis* Lindau;

IUCN: LC

Common Names: Distelstrauch (German), ombya yambuda (Oshikwanyama)

Ecology: Growing in gravel, rocky hillside, between large rocks on slopes and at the base of mountain, common but restricted to wind-blown sand at base of hill. ; Occasional in full sun on limestone outcrop. Common in full sun, in crevices

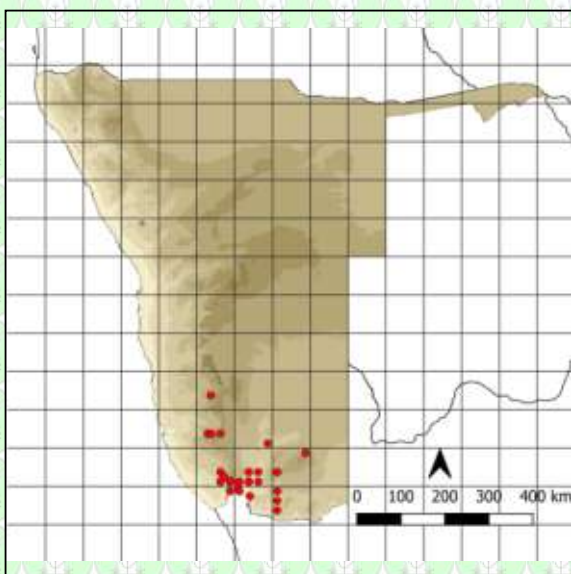


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Description: annual and longer-lived herb; 0.05 - 0.31m high; stem not visible; leaves simple, green, long-oblongate, margins wavy and spiny, in a basal rosette, up to 8 cm x 2 cm, leaves all radical, spreading; flowers deep purple, in a cylindrical/ towering cluster, arising from the middle, spiny

Distribution: Endemic to Namibia and South Africa (N Cape)

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