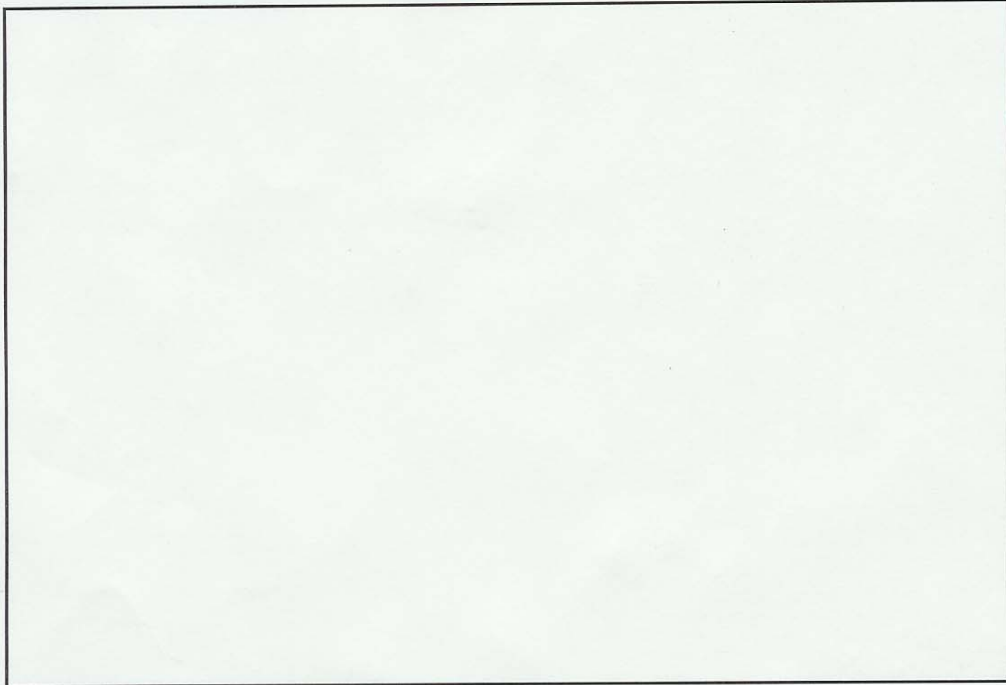


Amphiasma divaricatum

Family: Rubiaceae



Collection Number: 55

Description: A perennial, dwarf shrub, very woody and dense. Leaves are simple, linear, and arranged in opposite clusters on the stem. When flowering it produces masses of tiny white flowers, like a shower of minute stars. The fruit is a tiny woody capsule opening to a cup shape to release black seeds.

Habitat: In rocky areas on the mountain slopes. It is particularly common on the slopes of the Nubib mountains, and may grow out in full sun.

Other notes: *Amphiasma* is a genus that is endemic to Namibia, having only three species.



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NAME: *Amphiasma divaricatum*

Collection No: 55

Date: 18/02/01

Collector: Louise Clapham

Grid ref.: 2614 Cc

Locality: Draaihoek farm, kloof near dry waterfall, part way up the mountain.

Habitat: Mountain slope, gentle., steep in places. Amongst rocks and boulders. Open shrubland.

Plant features: Small, very woody shrub. Leaves very small, linear and growing in clusters. Masses of tiny white flowers

Other notes: Abundant.

INBRI - Collection Data Form

Collectors No. 55 Date 18.02.2001
 Collector/s Louise Clapham GPS S
 Locality (please describe properly, not just grid/gps) Draaihoek E
1 km in kloof behind the farmhouse half- Grid 2614 Cc
way up Nubib mountains. Altitude _____
 Aspect Slope gentle, Exposure full sun Photo no's _____
 Reference Steep in some areas

DESCRIPTION OF PLANT Please give as much information as possible

Species Amphiasma discoloratum Perennial/Annual

(eg: dwarf shrub) Low shrub, very woody + dense

Height 30 cm Occurrence (eg: common) Abundant

Fruit/Inflorescence (colour, shape, size, smell, texture) A lot of tiny white flowers, at the flowers finished - seeds dispersed. Flowers look like tiny white stars.

Leaves (simple/compound, margin, shape, colour, texture, stipules) Simple, linear, very thin and growing from the stems in clusters.

Wood and bark (colour, texture, habit - eg: erect stem with yellow peeling papery bark - presence or absence and smell of sap or latex - eg: milky latex with unpleasant smell) Very woody shrub.

Fruit and seed (presence/absence, shape, colour, edibility and taste if edible, single or clustered, etc) Tiny round seed pods.

Underground organs (shape, texture, colour, size) _____

Other (eg: uses, ecology) _____

Vernacular names and languages _____