Leucosphaera bainsii Wolbos / silwerbossie

Family:

Amaranthaceae

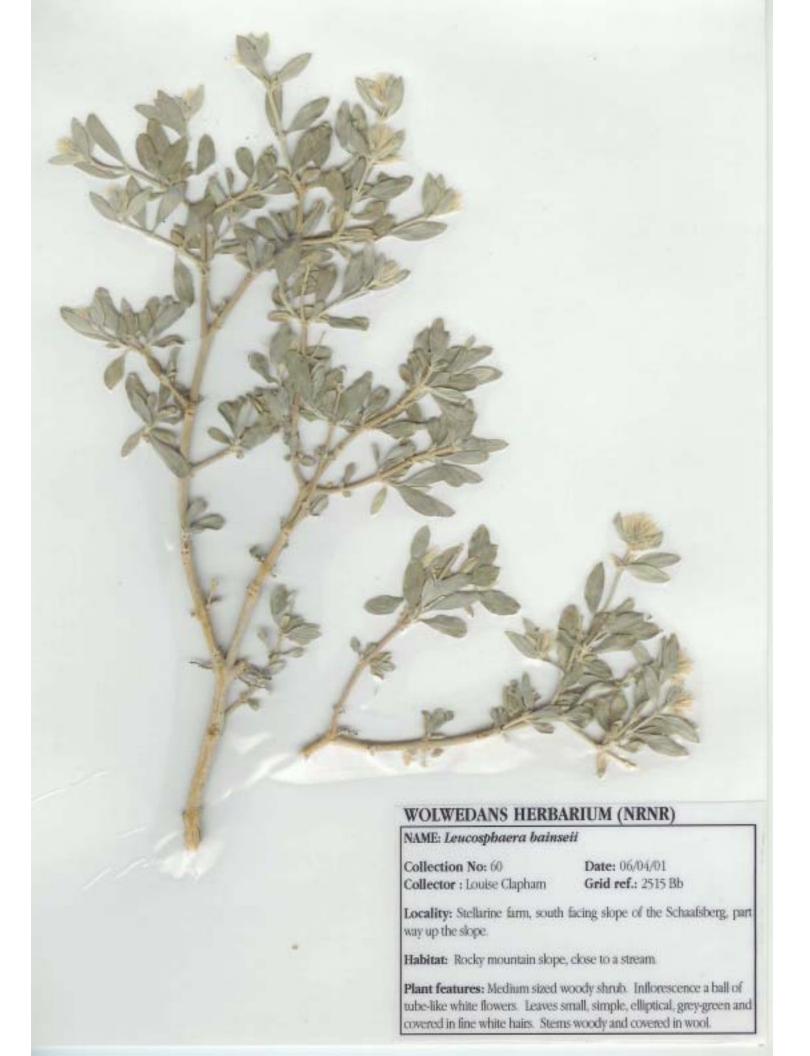


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Description: A small to medium sized, perennial, woody shrub. This many-stemmed shrub grows up to 40 cm in height. Leaves are opposite or alternate, small and elliptical with a rounded apex. They are grey-green, the margin is entire, they are sometimes slightly waxy. Leaves are covered in fine white hairs. The inflorescence is round, soft and woolly, off-white to grey, and is produced in late summer and autumn. It is composed of a ball of tube-like flowers. The bark is light grey, and stems are often covered in fine white wool.

Habitat: Leucosphaera bainsii is widespread in the arid savanna areas of southern Africa. It occurs in the Karoo, and is common in Etosha. On NamibRand it occurs throughout much of the reserve, particularly in stony areas. It is particularly abundant on the stony plains of Toskaan. It does not grow in the dune belt.

General information: The shrub provides valuable nutrition and is browsed on by various species of game, including gemsbok and springbok.





NBRI - Collection Data Form

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