

# *Petalidium setosum*

**Family:** Acanthaceae



**Collection Number:** 18

**Description:** A small shrub, sometimes low and spreading. Leaves simple and elliptical with margins entire. Oppositely arranged on branches, light green in colour and covered with very small prickles which also occur on the stem. The flowers are small with bright red and yellow petals. Flowers grow in a dense cluster sometimes forming a ball.

**Habitat:** *P. setosum* grows on coarse sand and gravel, and is common in many of the plains and dry riverbeds of the reserve. It does not occur in the dunes.



**WOLWEDANS HERBARIUM (NRNR)**

**NAME:** *Petalidium setesom*

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**Date:** 09.05.1999

**Collector :** Louise Clapham

**Grid ref.:** 2416 Cc

**Locality:** Keerweder farm, stony plain approx. 1km. from the base of Nubib mts, behind Keerweder farmhouse.

**Habitat:** Grassland with thorny shrubs. Sandy gravel amongst stones.

**Plant features:** Small, dense shrub. Leaves simple, margin entire, light green, very small prickles. Also on stem. Small red and yellow flowers growing in a cluster, making a distinctive ball.

**Other notes:** Very common