

Solanum rigescentoides

Wild tomato

Family: Solanaceae (potato family)



Collection Number: 43

Description: A small, woody shrub. The leaves are dark green with a rough surface. They have hard spines on the stems and softer spines on the leaves. In late July the bushes still had some flowers on it, as well as the fruits being well developed. The flowers are small and delicate, pale purple. The ripe fruit looks like tiny orange tomatoes, it is orange/red and hanging. Leaves are dotted with fine white speckles.

Habitat: This shrub is widespread, occurring amongst the rocks of koppies and in dry riverbeds in the shelter of a tree. It appears to require shade.



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NAME: *Solanum rigescentoides*

Collection No: 43

Date: 27/07/00

Collector : Louise Clapham

Grid ref.: 2515 Bf

Locality: Gorrasis farm, picnic koppie.

Habitat: Granite koppie, amongst rocks, partial shade.

Plant features: Small - med. perennial shrub, woody stem. Hard spines on stems, softer spines on leaves. Fruit red/orange with fine hairs.

DATE: 27.07.2000

Collector: Louise Clapham No.: 43

Provisional name¹

LOCATION:

Region² NamibRand Nature Grid ref.³ 2515 Bd

Major⁴ Reserve - Maltehohe Alt. 1120 m

Minor⁵ Corrois farm Relevé

Precise⁶ Picnic koppie

HABITAT:

Vegetation type⁷ Desert - gravel plain, granite outcrops.

Substrate⁸ Rocky, stony Moisture regime⁹ well drained

Soil type¹⁰ Gravel Lithology¹¹ Granite

Exposure¹² Partial shade Aspect¹³ Slope¹⁴ level

Biotic effect¹⁵ Undisturbed

Other¹⁶

PLANT FEATURES¹⁷⁻²⁴ Small shrub Plant height 30-50 cm

Woody stem, branching from base. Leaves dark green, surface rough. Hard spines on stems, softer spines on the leaves. Fruit orange red, hanging - looks like a tiny tomato. Fruit with fine spine-like hairs. Leaves dotted with white speckles.

NOTES²⁵⁻³¹ Local abundance²⁵ Common

Shrub is widespread, occurring amongst rocks of koppies and in dry riverbeds shaded by a tree.

HERBARIUM USE ONLY

Name of plant

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Det. Date No. of labels

FLOWERS: Present ♂ Absent ♀ Absent FRUIT: Present Absent

SEEDS: Present Absent TYPE SPECIMEN: Yes No

SPECIMEN STATUS: Essential Keep Return Discard

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