

Codon royenii

Sweet doringbos

Family: Hydrophyllaceae



Collection Number: 35

Description: An upright, small flowering shrub. The stem branches from the base upwards. The stem and leaves are dark green, the leaves are medium sized. The stem, leaves and buds are all covered in large, thick, very sharp white spines. The flowers are white and showy. The plant was flowering in July, following good summer rainfall, but it appears this shrub flowers according to season and does not rely on rainfall.

Habitat: Dry riverbeds on NamibRand. It is also found on disturbed ground, in stony, sandy soil. It is common on the reserve.

General information: There are only 2 spp. of Codon in S.A and Namibia





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NAME *Codon royenii*

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Collection No: 35

Date: 08/07/00

Collector : Louise Clapham

Grid ref.: 2515 Bb

Locality: Gorrasis Gap, dry riverbed near sociable weavers' nest.

Habitat: Open shrubland, dry riverbed.

Plant features: Erect small shrub. Stem and leaves dark green. Leaves, stem and buds covered in large, thick, very sharp white spines. Flowers large, white and showy. Flowering July following Jan/Feb rains

Collector: Louise Clapham No.: 35

Provisional name¹ *Codon royerii*

LOCATION:

Region² Malloholo Grid ref.³ 2515 BbMajor⁴ NamibRand Nature Reserve Alt. 1080 mMinor⁵ Corrauis/Stellanne farm border RelevéPrecise⁶ Next to Sociable weaver nest, dry riverbed between mountains on Corrauis Gap

HABITAT:

Vegetation type⁷ Desert riverbed. (Poz-Namib)Substrate⁸ Stony, rocky soil Moisture regime⁹ Well drainedSoil type¹⁰ gravel, sand Lithology¹¹ graniteExposure¹² full sun Aspect¹³ Slope¹⁴ levelBiotic effect¹⁵ Undisturbed dry riverbedOther¹⁶PLANT FEATURES¹⁷⁻²⁴ Upright small Plant height up to 3.75 m

flowering shrub. stem branching from base upwards.
 stem + leaves dark green. Leaves med. sized. leaves,
 stem, buds all covered in large, thick, v. sharp
 white spines. Flowers white, showy

NOTES²⁵⁻³¹ Local abundance²⁵ locally common

Flowering.
 Extremely prickly.

Photo 35

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Name of plant

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Det. Date No. of labels

FLOWERS: Present Absent FRUIT: Present Absent SEEDS: Present Absent TYPE SPECIMEN: Yes No SPECIMEN STATUS: Essential Keep Return Discard

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