

Galenia papulosa

Family: Aizoaceae



Collection Number: 36

Description: A very low growing, small perennial shrub. Probably succulent. It has many branches growing from the base. Very delicate appearance, it can be pale grey-green to various shades of pink. It has small velvety leaves covered in minute white hairs. The stems have very tiny white prickles. Flowers are minute, and deep pink-purple. The plant has a fresh floral smell. It was flowering in July, following good summer rainfall.

Habitat: Grows in stony ground, soil is sand / gravel. This specimen was found in a dry riverbed. It is perhaps surprising to find it on the reserve, as it is usually an inhabitant of brackish, salty places and is often found on the coast.





WOLWEDANS HERBARIUM (NRNR)

NAME: *Galenia papulosa*

Collection No: 36

Date: 10/07/00

Collector : Louise Clapham

Grid ref.: 2515 Bb

Locality: Gorrasis Gap, close to sociable weavers' nest.

Habitat: Open shrubland, close to the dry riverbed.

Plant features: Very low, partly creeping and partly erect, many stems from the base. Succulent-like, pale grey/green. Leaves velvety, minute white hairs. Tiny deep purple flowers.

Other notes: Fresh floral smell

DATE: 10-07-2000

Collector: Louise Clapham

No.: 36

Provisional name¹

LOCATION:

Region² Maltahöhe

Grid ref.³ 2515 Bb

Major⁴ NamibRand Nature Reserve

Alt. 1080

m

Minor⁵ Border Stellerine / Gorrasis

Relevé

Precise⁶ Gorrasis gap - close to sociable weaver nest, leopard mt.

HABITAT:

Vegetation type⁷ Pro-namib desert Dry nixerbed

Substrate⁸ Stony, rocky soil, w/ silt, Moisture regime⁹ Well drained

Soil type¹⁰ gravel / sand

Lithology¹¹ Granite / dolerite

Exposure¹² partial shade

Aspect¹³

Slope¹⁴ level

Biotic effect¹⁵ undisturbed dry nixerbed

Other¹⁶

PLANT FEATURES¹⁷⁻²⁴

Plant height few centimetres

Small, shrub-like. v. delicate looking. Many branches from base. Succulent-like. pale grey/green. leaves velvety, covered in minute white hairs. Stems - v. tiny white prickles. Minute deep purple flowers. A Fresh floral smell.

NOTES²⁵⁻³¹

Local abundance²⁵ Rare

HERBARIUM USE ONLY

Name of plant

Genspec

Det.

Date

No. of labels

FLOWERS:

Present

♂

♀

Absent

FRUIT: Present

Absent

SEEDS: Present

Absent

TYPE SPECIMEN: Yes

No

SPECIMEN STATUS: Essential

Keep

Return

Discard

DUPL. DIST.