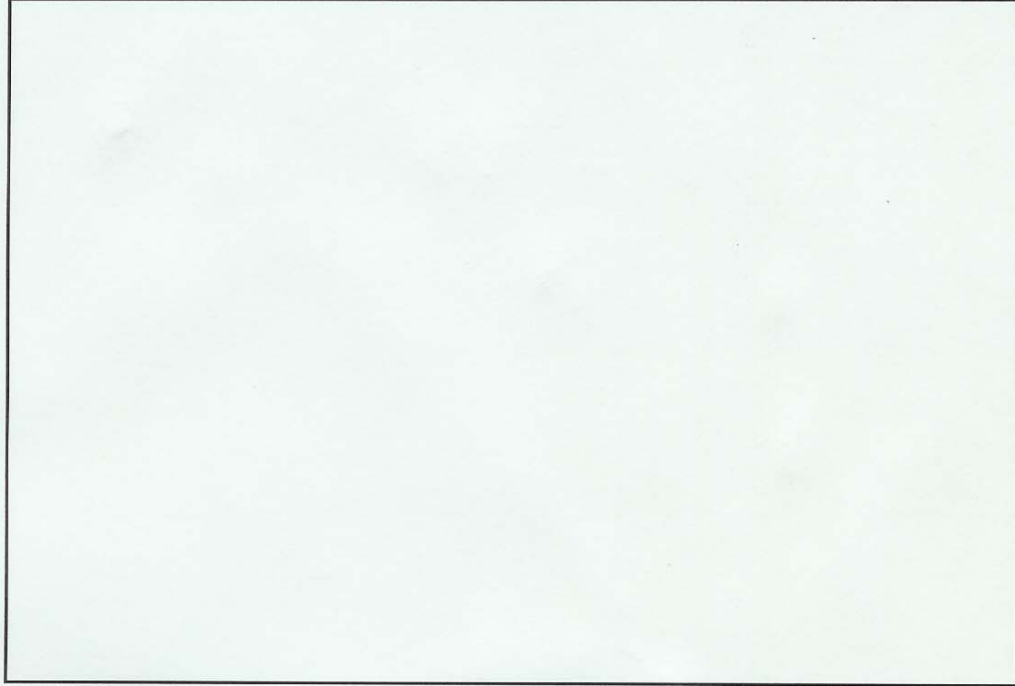


# *Hibiscus elliottiae*

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**Family:** Malvaceae



**Collection Number:** 52

**Description:** A perennial woody shrub, growing to about 50 cm in height. When in flower, it provides a spectacular array of bright crimson flowers. Leaves are relatively sparsely scattered up woody stems. They are smallish, simple and clustered on small branches; roundish to obovate with dentate margins. Fruit is a round green capsule.

**Habitat:** Amongst rocks, the shrub can be found on mountain slopes or around small koppies.

**Other notes:** Common on the reserve in rocky areas. Its distribution extends from Namibia to the northern Cape.



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**NAME:** *Hibiscus eliottiae*

**Collection No:** 52

**Date:** 18/02/01

**Collector:** Louise Clapham

**Grid ref.:** 2416 Cc

**Locality:** Draaihoek farm. In the kloof behind the farmhouse, on a slope halfway up the Nubib mountains.

**Habitat:** Mountain slope, fairly steep, very rocky..

**Plant features:** Perennial woody shrub, approx. 50cm. Small flower, bright crimson, 5 petals. Leaves very round, simple, clustered on branch.

**Other notes:** Locally common

NBRI - Collection Data Form

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farm. In the plot behind the farmhouse, Grid 2416 Cc  
on a slope half way up Nubih mantavis Altitude 1300m  
 Aspect Slope gentle Exposure full sun Photo no's.....  
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DESCRIPTION OF PLANT Please give as much information as possible

Species Hibiscus spp? Perennial?..... Perennial/Annual

Habit (eg: dwarf shrub) Small, woody shrub

Height  $\pm$  50 cm Occurrence (eg: common) Locally common

Flower/Inflorescence (colour, shape, size, smell, texture) Smallish flower, bright red, 5 petals.

Leaves (simple/compound, margin, shape, colour, texture, stipules) Leaves small, simple, in clusters on branches. Very round, slightly obovate. Margins dentate.

Stems and bark (colour, texture, habit - eg: erect stem with yellow peeling papery bark - presence or absence and smell of sap or latex - eg: milky latex with unpleasant smell) Smooth bark, pale brown colour. Stem + major branches woody

Fruits and seed (presence/absence, shape, colour, edibility and taste if edible, single or clustered, maturity) fruit a round green pod

Roots/Underground organs (shape, texture, colour, size).....

Other (eg: uses, ecology).....

Indigenous names and languages.....

Habitat		Substrate	Soil type	Moisture	Biotic effect
cliff face	riverbank/ streambank	soil	sand ✓ Course	tidal	road/railside
mountain/hill peak	seepage area	stony/rocky soil ✓	sandy loam	well-drained ✓	cultivated land
mountain/ <del>hill</del> slope ✓ ?	waterfall/ rapids	gravel	loam	seasonally waterlogged	abandoned land
ravine/kloof/ gorge	littoral	termite mound	humus- rich	permanently waterlogged	heavily grazed
tallus/scree	unknown	bare rock	loamy clay	moist/damp	garden
dune slope		water	clay	freestanding water	plantation
dune crest	Vegetation	roots	calcrete	running water	recently burnt
interdunal street	desert	other	black turf	mist/fog	disturbed - other
ridge	shrubland ✓ open/ <del>closed</del>		salt/brack		other
rocky outcrop	woodland open/closed		gravel		1/2 way up mountain
plain	thornbush savanna		dolomite		
plateau ✓ ?	forest		granite ✓		
valley	grassland		lime		
donga/ditch/gulley	karoo		mica schist		
depression/ pan	Montane		quartzite		
dam			other		
dry bed of river/stream					
floodplain					
estuary/lagoon					
marsh/swamp/ wetland					
river/stream					

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ID.....

Det. By.....

date.....

Accession.....

flowering code		fruiting code	voucher		duplicates
	mature		genebank		
	immature		ethnobotanic		
	remains				
	absent				