

# *Sarcocaulon marlothii*

## Bushman's Candle

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**Family:** Geraniaceae



**Collection Number:**

**Description:** A smallish, spiky shrub with thick, succulent branches. It is characterised by its hard, translucent bark, which is impregnated with wax and inflammable. The shrub has beautiful frail pink or white flowers.

**Habitat:** Rocky areas, bushman's candle grows in the reserve's mountains and rocky outcrops.

**General information:** Because of the wax coating, a dry bush burns with a bright flame and a strong smell of incense. The wax protects against dessication and its density can be increased depending on humidity and ambient temperature.

There are nine other species of *Sarcocaulon* in Namibia