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May all beings have
happiness, and the
causes of happiness,
May all be free from
sorrow and the
causes of sorrow;
May all never be
separated from the
sacred happiness
which is sorrowless;
And may all live in
equanimity, without
too much attach-
ment and without
too much aversion,
And live believing in
the equality of all
that lives.

Buddhist Prayer

New Year Greetings to all members and other plant lovers

I hope and trust that 2025 found all in good spirit and well. Happy New Year!
May it be gentle and kind to our precious environment!

Many parts of Namibia have been blessed with good rainfall at the start of 2025 with the immediate response by nature: a green environment and lush trees and bush, and the promise of flowers and omajova, insects, healthy looking animals and water in the dams; not to mention mosquitoes and flies! We are very grateful for the abundant water in places.

I encourage all to get out there to discover the wonders and surprises of the Namibian flora at its best.

The contact with our members and friends is very important and we are looking forward to seeing many of you at the guided walk in the Botanic Garden on Saturday, 8 February. Please consult the website, social media and other media for more information on the upcoming activities of the Botanical Society.

Enjoy this first copy of "Green Ink"
With kind regards

Ellen Gudde

Otoptera burchellii
In the veld
Windhoek environs.
Photo: Manda Steynberg



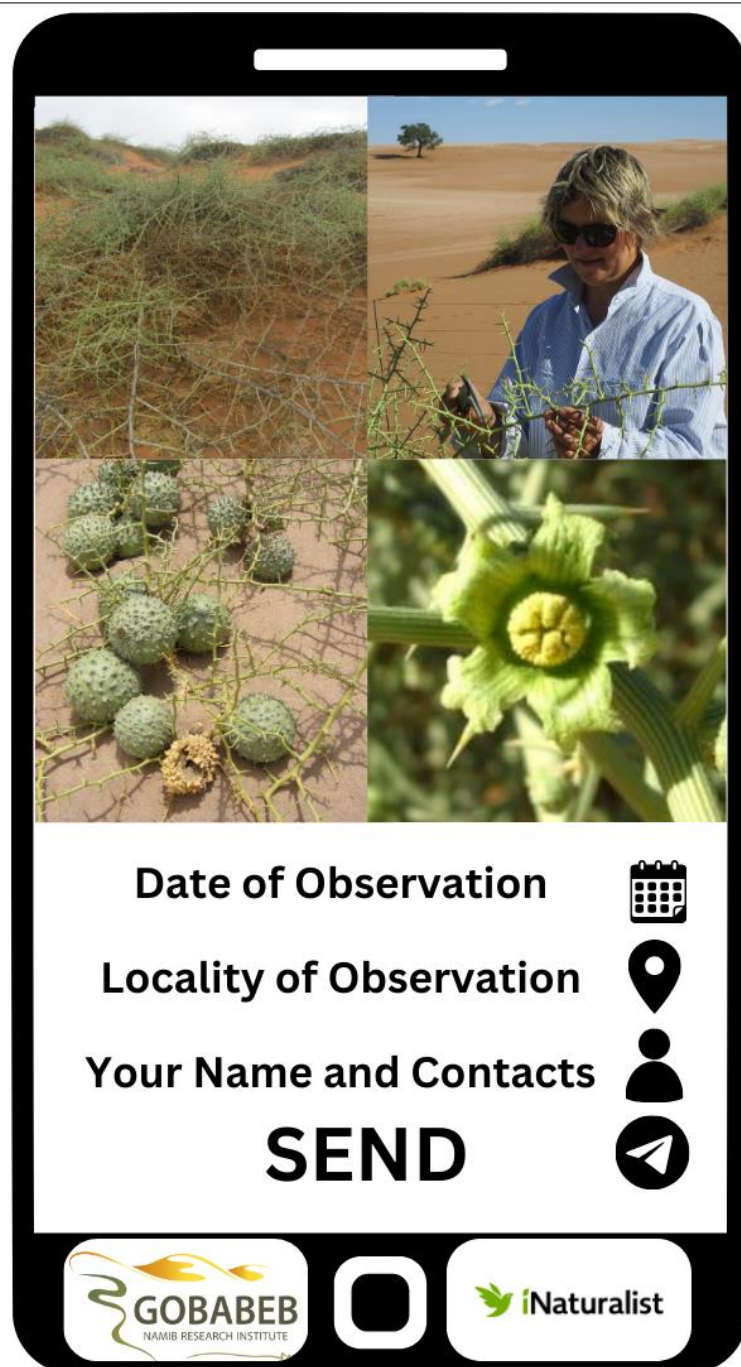
A call for photos...


REQUEST FOR !NARA PHOTOS


Gobabeb MSc Student Associate, Silke Rügheimer, is characterising the endemic plant, !nara (*Acanthosicyos horridus*). One specific objective of her research is to determine the periods of flowering and fruiting across its distribution range in Namibia. To enrich her own dataset, she is sourcing as many documented observations as possible, and is calling on the assistance of Namibian naturalists and visitors to the Namib. Please take photographs (flowers, fruit, entire plant) and submit directly to Silke via WhatsApp or email (details below), together with the following info: date of photograph; GPS loc or location; your name and contact details (for follow-up). Historical photographs, with associated data, would also be valuable to this citizen science effort. Alternatively, for those observers familiar with the biodiversity platform, iNaturalist (www.inaturalist.org/), photographs can be uploaded to your account.


Thank you for your support.


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Date of Observation 

Locality of Observation 

Your Name and Contacts 

SEND 



Seen at
Ongava/Etosha

Left: *Mundulea sericea*
 Fish Poison
 Right: *Sterculia africana*
 Tick Tree

Photos: Frances Chase



Coming up . . . 2025

Saturday	February	8	08h00	Guided Walk in the Botanic Garden
Thursday		20	19h00	Illustrated presentation at the NBRI
Saturday	March	8	08h00	Guided Walk in the Botanic Garden
Thursday		13	18h00	Annual General Meeting
			19h00	Illustrated presentation at the NBRI
Saturday	April	12	08h00	Guided Walk in the Botanic Garden

Special Membership Categories

Welwitschia

Moringa

Lithops

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ProNamib Nature Reserve

Norman & Avril Green

Christmas trees in Namibia



Farm Keerweder
Namib Rand Nature
Reserve

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