

Richness, composition and relationships of the floras of selected forests in southern Africa

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ABSTRACT

Species lists of 14 widely separated forests representing particular geographic regions in southern Africa were used to study the size and composition of the individual floras, the similarities between them, and possible determinants of the observed patterns. The forests contain 1 438 species which belong to 155 families and 661 genera. The growth form spectra show specific patterns amongst the individual forests such as an abundance of ferns in montane forests, and of woody plants and vines in coastal forests. The richness of a forest flora increases with increasing altitudinal range within the forest. Significant linear species-area relationships exist for both woody and herbaceous species, but explain only 30% and 38% of the variation respectively in the size of the floras. In a multiple regression model the number of dispersal corridors, the proximity to other forests and mean altitude explained 81% of the variation in the number of woody species. The number of landscape types and of dispersal corridors explained 75% of the variation in number of herbaceous species. Several other factors contribute to the disproportionately large floras of relatively small forests such as at Umtamvuna, Sabie and Richards Bay. A high proportion of unique taxa are present (30% woody and 42% herbaceous species). The shared taxa show definite trends of the southward attenuation of species and the presence of elements of the Afromontane and Indian Ocean Coastal Regions. In conclusion, it is suggested that the southern Cape forests have been isolated from forests along the escarpment and mountains to the east since at least the Pliocene due to the Sundays River valley which stretches from the coast to the escarpment in the arid interior.

UITTREKSEL

Soortlyste van 14 geïsoleerde woude wat spesifieke geografiese streke in suidelike Afrika verteenwoordig, is gebruik om die grootte en samestelling van individuele floras, die ooreenkomste tussen hulle, en moontlike bepalende faktore van die waargenome patrone te bestudeer. Die woude bevat 1 438 spesies wat tot 155 families en 661 genera behoort. Die verskeidenheid groeivorms toon spesifieke patrone by individuele woude, soos 'n oorvloed van varings in bergwoude, en van houtagtige soorte en rankers in kuswoude. Die rykdom van 'n woudfloora neem toe met toenemende wydte van die grense in hoogte bo seespieël binne die woud. Betekenisvolle liniêre spesies-area-verhoudings bestaan vir beide houtagtige en kruidagtige soorte, maar verklaar slegs 30% en 38% onderskeidelik van die variasie in die grootte van die floras. In 'n meervoudige regressie-model verklaar die aantal migrasieroetes, die nabyheid aan ander woude en gemiddelde hoogte bo seespieël 81% van die variasie in die aantal houtagtige soorte. Die aantal landskaptipes en migrasieroetes verklaar 75% van die variasie in aantal kruidagtige soorte. Verskeie ander faktore dra by tot die buitengewoon groot floras van relatief klein woude soos by Umtamvuna, Sabie en Richardsbaai. 'n Hoë persentasie unieke taksons kom voor (30% houtagtige en 42% kruidagtige soorte). Die gedeelde soorte toon definitiewe neigings tot die suidwaartse vermindering van soorte en die teenwoordigheid van soorte van die Afromontaanse streke en die kusgebiede van die Indiese Oseaan. Ten slotte word voorgestel dat die Suid-Kaapse woude ten minste sedert die Plioseen van die woude langs die eskarp en berge na die ooste geïsoleer is as gevolg van die Sondagsriviervallei wat strek vanaf die kus tot by die eskarp in die droë binneland.

INTRODUCTION

Many forest species have a wide distribution in southern Africa (Palgrave 1977; Von Breitenbach 1986) and characterize two main floristic regions (White 1978, 1983; Moll & White 1978). Forests of the Afromontane Region occur along the Drakensberg escarpment, the Natal and eastern Cape midlands and the southern and southwestern Cape mountains and coastal plateaux. Tongaland-Pondoland forests of the Indian Ocean Coastal Region occur along the coastal dunes and lowlands. The distribution of many other species overlaps the two regions. Transitional forests in the drier lowlands and river valleys between the two regions such as Kaffrarian Subtropical Transitional Thicket in the eastern Cape (Cowling 1984; Everard 1987) and similar types in Natal (Edwards 1967) contain species of both regions. The strong southern attenuation of species has been attributed to the subtropical temperate transition

(Scheepers 1978; Tinley 1985; Cawe 1986) and the increasing fragmentation of forests due to climatic deterioration (Geldenhuys 1989). The few widely separated, large forests are interspersed with many smaller forests (Anon. 1987).

The aims of this study were twofold; firstly, to determine the floristic richness of widely separated forests which represent the different geographic regions in southern Africa and for which comprehensive checklists exist, and the floristic relationships between them. There is a need for this because recent studies of southern African flora have excluded the forest flora because of the small size of the forest biome and the difficulties posed by the techniques used to study relationships between floras (Gibbs Russell 1985, 1987). Furthermore, the studies of White (1978, 1983) and Moll & White (1978) focused on tree species only; secondly, to determine the most likely of several possible sources for the variation in size, composition and interrelationships of the floras. Based on biogeographic principles, the following factors are considered (Brown & Gibson 1983): the size and spatial separation of the individual forests; the role of dispersal

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corridors and barriers; the climatic gradient from tropical northeast to temperate southwest and from the mountains to the coast; habitat diversity within a forest, including climatic and edaphic gradients and disturbance regimes; speciation centres, the development of wider tolerance ranges through different ecotypes of a species, and the increase in smaller and more herbaceous growth forms with a more confined distribution due to increased stress.

STUDY AREA AND METHODS

Fourteen forests or forest complexes (several smaller forests in close proximity in the same geographical region) were selected because relatively detailed floristic information was available for them and because they represented different geographic areas of the forest biome in southern Africa (Figure 1). The forests varied greatly in extent, altitudinal range, geographic location, degree of isolation, geology, landscape types, surrounding vegetation types, and rainfall and temperature regimes (Tables 1 & 2). Values for size of the Transvaal and Natal forests were obtained from Cooper (1985), and for forests in Transkei, Ciskei and the Cape Province from relevant floristic sources.

Various published and unpublished species lists (Taylor 1955; Killick 1963; Moll 1969, 1978, 1980; Van der Schijff & Schoonraad 1971; Venter 1972; Campbell & Moll 1977; McKenzie *et al.* 1977; McKenzie 1978; Scheepers 1978; Weisser 1980; Weisser & Drews 1980; Nicholson 1982;

Abbott 1985; Deall 1985; Burns 1986; Cawe 1986; Phillipson 1987; Lubke & Strong 1988; Geldenhuys 1989; C.J. Geldenhuys unpubl. data) were used to compile a list of species for each forest (see Appendix). Each species was classified as canopy tree, subcanopy tree, woody shrub, soft shrub, liane (woody climber), vine (herbaceous climber), fern (terrestrial) with erect or creeping rhizome, epiphyte, geophyte, graminoid or forb using the system of Geldenhuys *et al.* (1988). Only presence or absence of a species was indicated for each forest.

Woody and herbaceous plants were separated for the different analyses because the two categories show contrasting patterns along the climatic gradients from mountain to coast (Geldenhuys & MacDevette 1989).

The effect of forest size on species richness was investigated by means of the species-area relationship $S = cA^z$, where S is the number of species, A is area and c and z are constants. These were fitted by means of a linear log.log regression. The relationship between the logarithm of the number of woody or herbaceous species in a forest and several environmental variables was determined by means of the stepwise forward selection procedure of multiple regression analysis (STSC 1986; Kleinbaum & Kupper 1978). The following independent variables were included: log forest size (ha); log mean altitude (m); log altitudinal range (m); distance from the tropical source as measured along the forest zone from arbitrary points, i.e. the Zimbabwe border for the mountain forests, and the Mozambique border for coastal

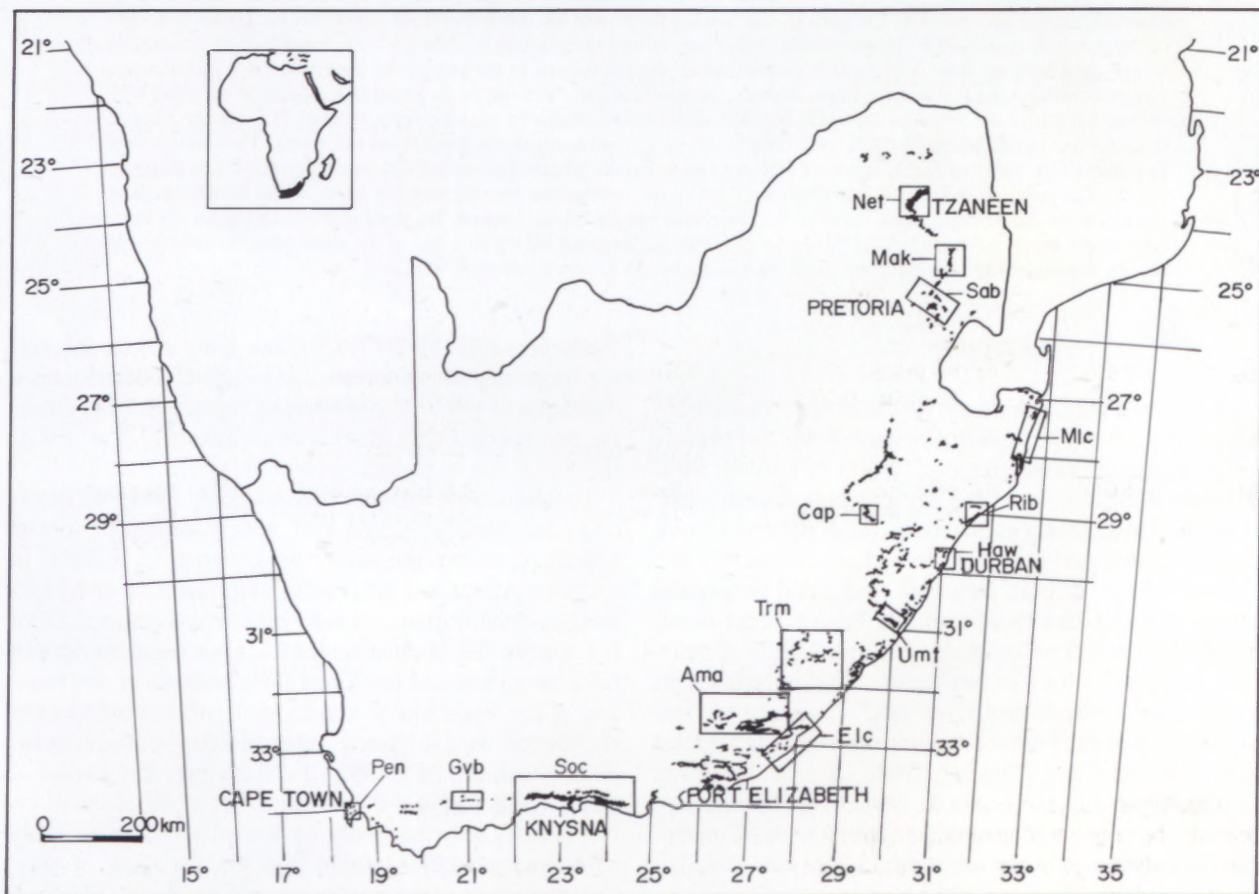


FIGURE 1.—Distribution of the forests in southern Africa. International political boundaries are not indicated in order not to clutter the forest pattern. The location of the study areas is indicated as follows: Ama, Amatole Mountains; Cap, Cathedral Peak; Eic, East London coast; Gyb, Grootvadersbosch; Haw, Hawaan; Mak, Mariepskop; Mlc, Maputaland coast; Net, northeastern Transvaal escarpment; Pen, Cape Peninsula; Rib, Richards Bay; Sab, Sabie transect; Soc, southern Cape; Trm, Transkei mountains; Umt, Umtamvuna Gorge.

TABLE 1.—Environmental data for forests included in this study

Forest*	Size ha	Grid reference and altitude m (mean)	Geology	Landscape types	Other vegetation
Pen	150	34.0°S 18.5°E 150–730 (260)	Quartzite Granite	Mountain slope Valley	Fynbos
Gvb	250	34.0°S 20.8°E 200–1 100 (300)	Quartzite Shale	Mountain slope Valley Gorge	Fynbos Renosterveld Thicket
Soc	60 500	34.0°S 24.5°E 34.0°S 22.0°E 5–1 220 (240)	Quartzite Shale Schist Conglomerate Dune sand	Mountain slope Coastal platform Coast scarp Gorge and valley Dune	Fynbos Thicket
Ama	8 000	32.7°S 27.2°E 700–1 250 (1 000)	Shale Sandstone Mudstone Dolerite	Mountain slope Mountain plateau Escarpment Valley	Alpine Grassland Thornveld Thicket
Elc	1 000	32.6°S 28.4°E 33.6°S 27.0°E 5–180 (50)	Dune sand Shale Mudstone Dolerite	Dune Valley Estuary	Thicket Thornveld Grassland Marshes
Trm	15 000	31.5°S 28.5°E 600–1 400 (1 000)	Shale Mudstone Sandstone Dolerite	Mountain slope Mountain plateau Escarpment Valley	Alpine Grassland Thornveld Thicket
Umt	1 100	31.0°S 30.2°E 50–500 (200)	Quartzite Shale	Gorge Coastal platform	Grassland Thornveld
Haw	100	29.7°S 31.1°E 15–60 (30)	Dune sand	Dune	Grassland Woodland
Rib	540	28.8°S 32.0°E 10–70 (30)	Dune sand Alluvium (mud) River	Dune Estuary Woodland	Grassland Marshes
Mlc	11 400	28.4°S 32.4°E 26.8°S 32.8°E 10–100 (30)	Dune sand Limestone	Dune Estuary River valley	Marshes Grassland Woodland
Cap	350	29.0°S 29.3°E 1 280–1 830 (1 500)	Sandstone Shale Dolerite	Mountain slope Gorge Escarpment	Grassland Alpine Woodland
Sab	1 100	25.2°S 30.6°E 500–1 600 (1 200)	Quartzite Granite Shale Dolomite	Mountain slope Mountain plateau Valley Escarpment	Woodland Grassland Thicket
Mak	2 950	24.5°S 30.9°E 760–1 900 (1 200)	Quartzite Shale Granite Conglomerate	Mountain slope Mountain plateau Valley Escarpment	Woodland Grassland Thicket
Net	6 600	23.7°S 30.0°E 750–1 400 (1 200)	Granite Xenolith	Mountain slope Mountain plateau Escarpment Valley	Woodland Grassland Thicket

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forests; the proximity to other large forests (1 for close to several large forests; 2 for close to several small forests but distant from large forests; 3 for very isolated from most forests); the number of geological types (quartzite, sandstone, mudstone, limestone, dolerite, dolomite, shale, schist, conglomerate, granite and dune sand); the number of landscape types (mountain slope, mountain plateau, escarpment, valley, gorge, estuary and dune); the number of plant dispersal corridors present (mountain range, escarpment, river, and coastal dune system); and the

number of different structural vegetation types surrounding the forest (fynbos, renosterveld, grassland, thornveld, woodland and thicket).

Information for the last four variables was obtained from descriptions of the study areas of the relevant floristic sources.

The index of similarity of Czekanowski (IsC) (as used by Rogers & Moll 1975), expressed as percentage, was

used to compare similarity between forests, where $IsC = 200w/(a+b)$, a and b are the numbers of species present in each forest, and w is the number of species common to both forests.

RESULTS

Size and composition of total forest flora

Number of taxa

Table 3 lists the number of families, genera and species, as well as the species/family and species/genus ratios for the vascular plants in each forest and for the total forest flora. The list of species (Appendix) represents 1 438 species, i.e. the bulk of species occurring in the southern African forests.

Twenty-six families each contain 1% (14) or more of the taxa (species, subspecies and varieties) of the total forest flora. These families are (number of species in brackets): Acanthaceae (45), Adiantaceae (21), Anacardiaceae (29), Apocynaceae (19), Asclepiadaceae (31), Aspleniaceae (24), Asteraceae (81), Capparaceae (14), Celastraceae (40), Convolvulaceae (15), Crassulaceae (20), Cyperaceae (35), Ebenaceae (19), Euphorbiaceae (67), Fabaceae (79), Flacourtiaceae (21), Lamiaceae (33), Liliaceae (42), Malvaceae (15), Moraceae (14), Oleaceae (17), Orchidaceae (53), Poaceae (57), Rubiaceae (66), Scrophulariaceae (19) and Vitaceae (14). These same families also represent 17% of all families present and include 55% of the genera and 62% of all forest species. Fifty-four percent of families have four or fewer species. Sixty-five families are represented by a single genus and 37 by a single species.

Only 15 genera contain 10 or more species. Of these, only *Streptocarpus* (12) (Gesneriaceae) does not belong to one of the largest families. The other genera are

TABEL 2.—Rainfall and temperature data for forests included in this study. Data were obtained from the respective study reports or from published and unpublished sources for nearby stations

Forest*	Total annual rainfall mm	Percentage summer rain (October to March)	Mean daily temperature °C	
			Max. & warmest month	Min. & coldest month
Pen	1 000–1 400	22.5	25 – January	9 – July
Gvb	1 070	56.8	29 – January	4 – July
Soc	500–1 200	54.9	26 – January	5 – July
Ama	750–1 500	70.5	23 – January	6 – June
Elc	745–1 025	63.8	26 – February	6 – July
Trm	800–1 340	78.6	25 – January	6 – June
Umt	1 220	71.4	26 – January	12 – July
Haw	1 000	66.2	28 – February	10 – June
Rib	1 110	62.4	28 – January	14 – June
Mlc	1 000	73.2	28 – January	14 – June
Cap	1 230–1 580	83.4	23 – December	5 – June
Sab	1 000–1 850	83.1	25 – December	3 – July
Mak	1 360	83.7	23 – January	4 – July
Net	1 000–2 090	84.8	24 – December	4 – June

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TABEL 3.—Number of families, genera and species, and species/family and species/genus ratios for the different forests and the total forest flora

Forest*	Number of			Ratio	
	Families	Genera	Species	Species/family	Species/genus
Pen	52	79	103	2.0	1.3
Gvb	68	119	151	2.2	1.3
Soc	108	284	465	4.3	1.6
Ama	104	257	390	3.8	1.5
Elc	72	170	242	3.4	1.4
Trm	78	160	255	3.3	1.6
Umt	117	316	501	4.3	1.6
Haw	56	119	151	2.7	1.3
Rib	104	324	449	4.3	1.4
Mlc	79	213	338	4.3	1.6
Cap	76	140	176	2.3	1.3
Sab	102	254	366	3.6	1.4
Mak	101	254	373	3.7	1.5
Net	97	244	324	3.3	1.3
Total	155	661	1 438	9.3	2.2

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Asplenium (23), *Crassula* (18), *Cyperus* (11), *Diospyros* (12), *Ficus* (12), *Helichrysum* (10), *Isoglossa* (10), *Maytenus* (14), *Pavetta* (13), *Plectranthus* (18), *Protaspargus* (10), *Rhus* (21), *Senecio* (19) and *Vernonia* (10). Sixty-one percent of the genera are represented by a single species.

Growth forms

The growth form spectra varied significantly between the different forests (Table 4; Chi-square value = 593.7, $df = 143$, $P < 0.001$). Values with a particularly high Chi-square value for a particular cell are indicated in the table. None of the forests contain canopy trees, soft shrubs or geophytes in disproportionate numbers. The forests which contain species of a particular growth form in excess of the expected number are Maputaland (subcanopy trees and graminoids), Umtamvuna (woody shrubs), Hawaan (lianes), Transkei mountains and Cape Peninsula (erect ferns), Mariepskop (epiphytes) and the southern Cape (forbs). Growth forms in numbers less than the expected number occur in the southern Cape (subcanopy trees and lianes), Transkei mountains (vines, graminoids and forbs), Umtamvuna (graminoids), Richards Bay (erect ferns), Maputaland (all ferns and forbs) and northeastern Transvaal (woody shrubs).

Woody species constitute approximately 50% of the total flora in all forests but this percentage varies greatly between individual forests (Table 4). In general, coastal forests have a percentage of woody species in excess of 60%, whereas for montane forests the percentage varies between 39% and 53%. However, the Transkei mountain forests have a percentage of 68% and the Richards Bay coastal forests a percentage of 57%.

The geographical ranges of species are significantly related to their growth form (Chi-square value based on absolute frequencies = 246.7, $df = 99$, $P < 0.001$). Cell

TABLE 4.—Number of species by growth forms for the different forests. The signs following some numbers indicate that the number is much higher (+) or lower (–) than the expected number under assumption of independence (Chi-square analysis)

Growth form	Forest*														Total
	Pen	Gvb	Soc	Ama	Elc	Trm	Umt	Haw	Rib	Mlc	Cap	Sab	Mar	Net	
Canopy trees	17	26	46	41	35	46	58	18	56	48	20	38	42	40	109
Subcanopy trees	15	20	40–	48	52	58	97	36	67	77+	17	59	60	41	191
Woody shrubs	9	18	58	63	48	56	135+	34	78	79	26	59	55	33–	276
Soft shrubs	4	7	27	20	9	1	13	3	12	4	8	13	16	14	58
Lianes	3	7	12–	16	12	13	35	22+	41	27	5	25	23	27	77
Vines	6	12	45	29	26	6–	28	10	46	32	15	28	32	40	122
Erect ferns	18+	11	35	23	6	29+	15	0	3–	1–	14	25	25	25	58
Creeping ferns	8	10	17	22	2	15	7	0	6	1–	12	15	21	15	38
Epiphytes	6	9	26	17	4	9	17	3	10	4	9	13	28+	24	58
Geophytes	3	5	28	21	4	11	18	2	21	6	9	10	11	11	75
Graminoids	6	9	33	23	13	3–	9–	9	38	34+	14	25	16	12	93
Forbs	8	17	98+	67	31	8–	69	14	70	25–	27	56	44	42	283
TOTAL															
Woody**	48	78	183	188	156	174	338	113	254	235	76	194	196	155	711
Herbaceous	55	73	282	202	86	81	163	38	194	103	100	172	177	169	727
All plants	103	151	465	390	242	255	501	151	448	338	176	366	373	324	1 438
% woody	47	52	39	48	64	68	67	75	57	70	43	53	53	48	49

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** Woody species include trees, shrubs and lianes.

values which have made a large contribution to the significant Chi-square value are indicated in Table 5. Trees, lianes and ferns are well represented: 37% of canopy trees, 26% of subcanopy trees, 27% of lianes, 31% of erect ferns and 24% of creeping ferns occur in more than five of the forests. Fifteen per cent or less of the other growth forms occur in more than five forests. No species occurs in all forests but the species which occur in more than 10 forests (75%) are *Apodytes dimidiata*, *Calodendrum capense*, *Canthium inerme*, *Celtis africana*, *Clausena anisata*, *Cussonia spicata*, *Dietes iridioides*, *Ekebergia capensis*, *Galapina circaeoides*, *Grewia occidentalis*, *Halleria*

lucida, *Ilex mitis*, *Maytenus heterophylla*, *Maytenus undata*, *Olea capensis* subsp. *macrocarpa*, *Oplismenus hirtellus*, *Pittosporum viridiflorum*, *Protaspargus setaceus*, *Psychotria capensis*, *Psydrax obovata*, *Rapanea melanophloeos*, *Rhoicissus tridentata*, *Scutia myrtina*, *Secamone alpinii* and *Zanthoxylum capense*.

Regression analyses

Size and species richness of the different forests vary greatly (Tables 1 & 3). The number of species of both woody and herbaceous plants shows a significant log

TABLE 5.—The frequency of occurrence of species of different growth forms in 14 widely separated forests of southern Africa

No. of forests	Growth form*												All growth forms	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Relative	Absolute
1	14–	30	43	40	31	39	21	16	26	48	39	54+	38	542
2	18	18	19	24	17	21	16	11	24	24	26	23	20	294
3	15	15	13	14	16	10	14	24	26	17	13	9	14	195
4	9	8	6	9	8	8	10	21+	3	5	6	5	7	103
5	6	5	7	3	3	8	7	5	5	1	5	4	5	75
6	8	7	4	3	14+	4	17+	11	3	0	5	2	5	78
7	6	6	3	2	3	4	7	5	5	1	1	1	3	50
8	5	6+	2	2	3	2	3	0	3	0	1	1	2	34
9	4	2	1	2	3	2	3	0	2	0	1	0	1	20
10	5	2	0	2	1	2	2	8	2	1	1	1	2	22
11	5+	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	13
12	2	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
13	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total species	109	191	276	58	77	122	58	38	58	75	93	283	1 438	

* 1, canopy trees; 2, subcanopy trees; 3, woody shrubs; 4, soft shrubs; 5, lianes; 6, vines; 7, erect ferns; 8, creeping ferns; 9, epiphytes; 10, geophytes; 11, graminoids; 12, forbs.

TABLE 6.—Constants and significance of the linear log-log models of the species-area relationships for the forests

Plant group	Woody	Herbaceous
Intercept	1.71514	1.47996
Slope	0.14573	0.18278
Error MS	0.03702	0.04084
F-ratio (12 df)	5.24493	7.47886
Probability level	0.04092	0.01811
Correlation coefficient	0.55149	0.61964

species-log area relationship (Table 6). However, this relationship explains only 30% and 38% respectively of the variation in the size of the floras. In both models a number of forests lie outside the 95% confidence intervals. The Umtamvuna, Richards Bay and Sabie forests have many more plants of both categories, whereas the Peninsula, Grootvadersbosch and Cathedral Peak forests have far fewer woody species, and the Transkei mountain, East London coast, Hawaan and Maputaland coast forests have much fewer herbaceous species than the number predicted by the linear log species-log area regression model.

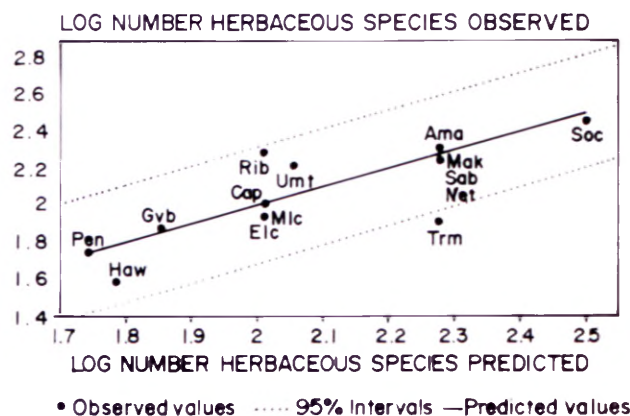
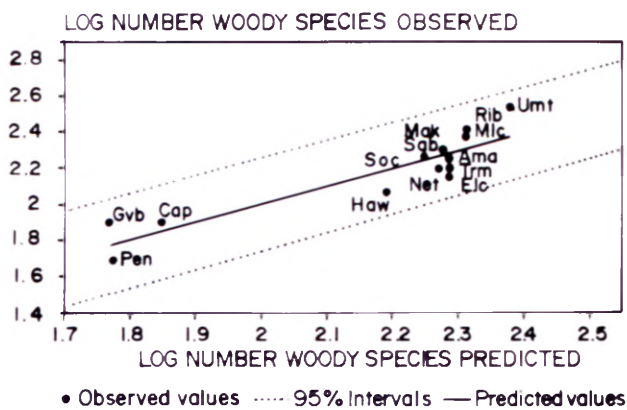


FIGURE 2.—Observed and predicted values, and 95% confidence intervals in relation to predicted values for the number of woody and herbaceous plants in a forest. The coefficients for the multiple regression equations are presented in Table 7. The study areas are indicated as follows: Ama, Amatole Mountains; Cap, Cathedral Peak; Elc, East London coast; Gvb, Grootvadersbosch; Haw, Hawaan; Mak, Mariepskop; Mlc, Maputaland coast; Net, northeastern Transvaal escarpment; Pen, Cape Peninsula; Rib, Richards Bay; Sab, Sabie transect; Soc, southern Cape; Trm, Transkei mountains; Umt, Umtamvuna Gorge.

In the multiple regression analysis for woody plants, proximity to other forests, the number of dispersal corridors and mean altitude explained 81.6% of the variation in the observed values (Table 7). The use of fewer or more variables in the model caused a reduction in the coefficient of determination (R^2). The number of landscape types and dispersal corridors explained 75.1% of the observed variation in the number of herbaceous plants (Table 7). Data for the Transkei mountain forests were excluded from this analysis because Cawe (1986) undersampled herbaceous plants other than ferns. All observed values, except those for herbaceous species in the Transkei mountain forests, fall within the 95% confidence intervals around the values predicted by the multiple regression model (Figure 2).

Shared and unique taxa and percentage similarity

Shared species

Shared taxa show at least three distinct patterns (Table 8). Firstly, forests share many more of their species with forests to their north and east than they share with forests to their south and west. This indicates an erosion of species from the two tropical source areas, i.e. the Transvaal and Maputaland forests, to the southwestern Cape forests. Secondly, forests share many more species with their nearest neighbours than with forests further away. Note that the forests to the south share more species with the Mariepskop forest than with either the Sabie or the northeastern Transvaal forests. Thirdly, the Afromontane forests, i.e. including forests from the southern to western Cape, share relatively fewer species with the forests of the coastal areas. The Umtamvuna and Transkei mountain forests, however, share relatively many species with both the coastal and montane areas.

Unique species

A large proportion of the species are unique to individual forests: 33% of the woody and 42% of the herbaceous species (Table 9). Canopy trees and ferns have the lowest proportions of unique species, whereas these proportions are $\geq 40\%$ for the shrubs, geophytes and forbs (Table 5). Umtamvuna (20%), southern Cape (16%), Richards Bay (13%), Maputaland coast (13%) and the Sabie transect (12%) together contributed 74% of the unique species, and were the most important contributors to the unique species of each growth form. The Mariepskop and northeastern Transvaal escarpment forests contain relatively many unique soft shrubs and epiphytes.

Percentage similarity

The mean percentage similarity between any two forests is 34.4% for woody plants and 23.7% for herbaceous plants (Table 10). The individual forests differ widely in the number of forests and in the particular forests with which they share a similarity higher than the mean for the particular plant group.

DISCUSSION

Before the results are discussed, it is necessary to note that some components of the flora, in particular some

TABLE 7. — Analysis of variance for the significant regression variables in the order in which they were fitted, and estimates of the regression coefficients

Source	df	Mean square	P-value	Coefficient	SE	P-value
(i) Woody plants						
Constant				2.289104	0.1862	0.0000
Mean altitude	1	0.0185411	0.1979	- 0.131281	0.0575	0.0456
Corridors	1	0.5281966	0.0000	0.172275	0.0728	0.0394
Proximity	1	0.0450090	0.0572	- 0.123031	0.0573	0.0572
Error	10	0.0097458				
Model	3	0.1972489	0.0001			
R^2 (adjusted for df) = 0.81617			SE of estimate = 0.0987209			
(ii) Herbaceous plants (excluding data for Transkei mountains)						
Constant				1.361557	0.1242	0.0000
Landscapes	1	0.4923280	0.0002	0.112245	0.0352	0.0097
Corridors	1	0.1154728	0.0226	0.155882	0.0579	0.0226
Error	10	0.0159350				
Model	2	0.3039004	0.0004			
R^2 (adjusted for df) = 0.75074			SE of estimate = 0.126234			

TABLE 8. —The percentage shared taxa for the 14 forests. The upper triangle gives the values for the woody plants and the lower triangle the values for the herbaceous plants. In each cell of two values in the triangles, the upper value indicates the percentage of the species of the forest of that row which is shared with the forest of that column. The bottom value of the cell shows the reverse relationship

	Forest*													
	Pen	Gvb	Soc	Ama	Elc	Trm	Umt	Haw	Rib	Mlc	Cap	Sab	Mak	Net
* species shared between forests														
	Woody species													
Pen		75	85	69	31	56	54	15	27	33	46	38	52	38
		46	22	18	10	16	8	6	5	9	29	9	13	12
Gvb	45		95	74	46	67	62	15	35	37	44	38	54	46
	60		40	31	23	30	14	11	11	12	45	15	21	23
Soc	17	24		63	45	49	56	15	33	29	26	32	43	37
	87	92		61	53	51	30	25	24	23	63	30	40	43
Ama	15	26	67		46	63	65	18	41	35	31	39	48	43
	56	73	48		56	68	36	30	30	28	78	38	46	52
Elc	19	28	58	59		49	66	30	51	54	14	25	35	28
	29	33	18	25		44	30	42	30	36	29	20	28	28
Trm	20	25	53	64	25		71	24	47	40	30	43	48	45
	29	27	15	26	23		37	37	32	30	68	39	43	50
Umt	8	13	43	39	17	15		22	42	34	12	30	36	29
	24	30	25	32	31	31		65	56	49	55	53	61	64
Haw	0	3	18	29	24	8	26		78	72	7	28	28	23
	0	1	2	5	10	4	6		35	34	11	16	16	17
Rib	3	8	25	26	15	7	25	12		56	10	33	33	29
	11	22	17	25	35	16	29	61		60	34	44	43	47
Mlc	4	6	19	20	15	2	17	17	75		10	26	26	22
	7	8	7	10	17	2	10	47	40		30	31	32	33
Cap	13	30	47	58	17	36	27	0	26	9		54	59	51
	24	41	17	29	20	44	17	0	13	9		21	23	25
	8	15	34	38	13	23	26	5	29	14	24		58	49
	25	36	21	32	26	49	27	21	26	23	42		57	62
Mak	16	24	50	49	16	21	30	5	24	12	27	42		60
	51	58	32	43	34	47	33	21	22	20	47	43		76
Net	10	20	47	50	16	22	29	5	26	9	29	43	58	
	31	45	28	42	31	47	30	21	23	16	49	42	55	
Herbaceous species														

* Ama, Amatole Mountains; Cap, Cathedral Peak; Elc, East London coast; Gvb, Grootvadersbosch; Haw, Havaan; Mak, Mariepskop; Mlc, Maputaland coast; Net, northeastern Transvaal escarpment; Pen, Cape Peninsula; Rib, Richards Bay; Sab, Sabie transect; Soc, southern Cape; Trm, Transkei mountains; Umt, Umtamvuna Gorge.

TABLE 9.—The number of unique species over growth forms, and the unique species as a percentage of all plants, for each forest

Forest*	Growth form ⁺												% of flora	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7/8	9	10	11	12	Total	Woody	Herbs
Pen	-	3	2	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	1	9	10	7
Gvb	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	-	5
Soc	2	2	11	5	-	8	2	4	10	10	35	89	11	24
Ama	-	-	2	-	1	-	1	1	2	1	1	9	2	3
Elc	-	2	3	2	-	4	-	-	-	2	10	23	4	19
Trm	-	2	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	6	2	4
Umt	-	19	43	2	4	3	3	2	6	-	25	107	21	24
Haw	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	6	11	3	21
Rib	6	4	8	2	8	10	3	-	7	2	19	69	11	21
Mlc	5	11	27	-	4	4	1	-	3	8	6	69	20	21
Cap	-	-	1	2	-	-	1	-	2	2	9	17	4	14
Sab	1	8	11	3	4	7	4	1	1	7	21	68	17	29
Mak	-	6	5	4	1	4	1	3	3	-	10	37	8	12
Net	-	-	3	3	1	6	-	4	1	1	5	24	5	10
Total	15	58	118	23	24	47	18	15	36	35	153	542	33	42

* Ama, Amatole Mountains; Cap, Cathedral Peak; Elc, East London coast; Gvb, Grootvadersbosch; Haw, Hawaan; Mak, Mariepskop; Mlc, Maputaland coast; Net, northeastern Transvaal escarpment; Pen, Cape Peninsula; Rib, Richards Bay; Sab, Sabie transect; Soc, southern Cape; Trm, Transkei mountains; Umt, Umtamvuna Gorge.

+ 1, canopy trees; 2, subcanopy trees; 3, woody shrubs; 4, soft shrubs; 5, lianes; 6, vines; 7, erect ferns; 8, creeping ferns; 9, epiphytes; 10, geophytes; 11, graminoids; 12, forbs.

herbaceous growth forms, may have been undersampled. This is understandable in studies of forests because attention is invariably focused on the trees and conspicuous understorey plants. Firstly, this occurred in the Transkei mountain forest data where Cawe (1986) was concerned with the timber resource potential but also sampled the conspicuous fern understorey as a possible indicator of site productivity. This undersampling of herbaceous species in Transkei was considered in the regression analyses for herbaceous species, and explains the deviations of the Transkei herbaceous data from the observed general trends (see Tables 4, 8, 10). Secondly, several species, especially herbaceous plants, tend to exhibit a disjunct distribution, being absent in a given forest but present in neighbouring ones. This may reflect inadequate collection of inconspicuous and rare plants. The recently published species list for the Amatole forests (Phillipson 1987) lacked several species which by that time had been

collected from the eastern parts of the forests (C.J. Geldenhuys unpubl. data). By contrast, the lists may also reflect the inclusion of species which are usually associated with other biomes (such as grasses, shrubs and pioneer trees) but which are contained in particular development stages of some forests. Finally, the lists may merely reflect the true distribution pattern of some species. More detailed studies may clarify this and the Appendix is included to assist in this clarification.

Flora size and relationships

The evergreen forests in southern Africa cover only 0.08% of the area and contain only 7.1% of the indigenous vascular species, and thus have a relatively rich 0.58 species/km², making it the second richest biome per unit area in southern Africa. The overall ratio for southern Africa with over 20 227 indigenous vascular taxa is 0.0079

TABLE 10.—Percentage Czekanowski similarity of the woody and herbaceous components of the floras of the 14 forests. The upper triangle gives the values for the woody plants (trees, shrubs and lianes) and the lower triangle the values for the herbaceous plants

	Forest*													
	Pen	Gvb	Soc	Ama	Elc	Trm	Umt	Haw	Rib	Mlc	Cap	Sab	Mak	Net
Pen	-	57	35	28	15	24	13	9	9	11	35	15	20	18
Gvb	52	-	57	44	31	41	23	13	16	19	44	22	31	31
Soc	28	38	-	62	48	50	39	19	28	25	37	31	41	40
Ama	24	39	56	-	51	65	46	23	35	31	45	38	47	47
Elc	23	30	27	35	-	47	42	35	39	43	19	22	31	28
Trm	24	26	24	37	24	-	48	29	38	34	42	41	45	47
Umt	12	19	31	35	22	20	-	33	48	40	20	38	45	40
Haw	0	2	4	9	15	5	10	-	48	47	8	21	21	19
Rib	5	12	20	26	21	9	27	20	-	58	16	38	38	36
Mlc	5	7	10	14	16	2	13	26	52	-	15	28	29	26
Cap	17	35	25	38	18	40	21	0	18	9	-	30	33	34
Sab	12	21	26	35	17	32	26	8	27	17	31	-	57	55
Mak	24	34	39	46	22	29	31	7	23	15	34	42	-	67
Net	15	27	35	45	21	30	30	8	24	12	36	42	57	-

* Ama, Amatole Mountains; Cap, Cathedral Peak; Elc, East London coast; Gvb, Grootvadersbosch; Haw, Hawaan; Mak, Mariepskop; Mlc, Maputaland coast; Net, northeastern Transvaal escarpment; Pen, Cape Peninsula; Rib, Richards Bay; Sab, Sabie transect; Soc, southern Cape; Trm, Transkei mountains; Umt, Umtamvuna Gorge.

plant species/km² (Gibbs Russell 1985). Fynbos has 1.36 species/km² with a total of 7 316 species, and grassland has 0.25 species/km² with 3 788 species (Gibbs Russell 1987).

Sixteen of the largest families of the forest flora are included amongst the 38 largest flowering plant families listed by Gibbs Russell (1985). The other large forest families are Adiantaceae, Apocynaceae, Aspleniaceae, Capparaceae, Celastraceae, Ebenaceae, Flacourtiaceae, Moraceae, Oleaceae and Vitaceae. Of these latter families only Capparaceae is indicated by Gibbs Russell (1987) as a characteristic family of any other biome, i.e. the desert biome. However, most families listed by Gibbs Russell (1987) as characteristic of other biomes occur in the forest list. Notable absences are two large families listed by Gibbs Russell (1985), namely Restionaceae and Chenopodiaceae, which respectively partly distinguish fynbos and desert (Gibbs Russell 1987).

Gibbs Russell (1985) suggested that families with a species/genus ratio more than twice the overall ratio of 9.6 for southern African seed plants have diversified extensively within southern Africa. The species/genus ratio for the total forest flora is only 2.2 with the ratio for the individual forests ranging between 1.3 and 1.6 (Table 3). Forty-nine of the families have a species/genus ratio greater than 2.2 (Appendix). The families with a species/genus ratio of more than 4.4, i.e. twice the overall mean, are Aspleniaceae (12.0), Crassulaceae (6.7), Dioscoreaceae (6.0), Ebenaceae (9.5), Gesneriaceae (12.0), Lycopodiaceae (6.0), Moraceae (4.7), Ochnaceae (7.0), Polygalaceae (9.0), Solanaceae (5.0) and Thelypteridaceae (4.5). The high ratio of these families can be attributed to a single genus with many species. They are mostly forest understorey or subcanopy plants.

Size of individual forest floras

Species-area relationships

Forest size determines the richness of the flora but only in simple linear regression and explains 30% to 38% of the observed variation in species richness. It explains the rich southern Cape forest flora despite its extreme southern location at the western end of the larger forests of southern Africa (see Anon. 1987). However, size does not explain the rich floras of the small Umtamvuna, Richards Bay and Sabie forests. In the multiple regression analyses, forest size was an insignificant variable, whereas variables which explain dispersal patterns and habitat diversity (proximity to other forests, the number of dispersal corridors and landscape types, and mean altitude) explained 75% to 82% of the variation in species richness.

Number of dispersal corridors

The number of dispersal corridors meeting in a particular forest is one of the strongest variables determining the number of woody plants in a forest (Table 7). A dispersal corridor provides environments which are similar to the two source areas at either end of it, or it is a broad band of similar habitat (Brown & Gibson 1983). Mountain chains (Transkei and Amatole Mountains), escarpments (Natal and Transvaal Drakensberg), river valleys (Tugela River, Edwards 1967) and coastal dune systems (Zululand

and eastern Cape) link forests into larger complexes and link forest complexes on either side of dry, open valleys and lowlands (see Anon. 1987). The most prominent dry zone stretches from the Transvaal lowveld to the eastern Cape between the southwest-northeast mountain chains and escarpment, and the Indian Ocean coast (Zucchini & Adamson 1984).

Each type of corridor provides a different set of environmental conditions and provides for a specific direction of dispersal for the plants.

The Tugela River basin is a good example of a corridor which allows coastal and montane species to mix along the rivers and escarpments, at a distance from both sources, for example in the Qudeni, Nkandhla and Ngoye forests on the eastern margin of the Tugela River basin (Edwards 1967; Anon. 1987). This explains in part the high degree of similarity between the small Sabie and Richards Bay forests and the higher degree of similarity of the Transvaal escarpment forests to the Richards Bay forest rather than to the other two Natal north coast forests (Table 10). But coastal and montane forest species cannot establish themselves in the area between the rivers due to unfavourable climatic conditions (drought and frosts) and the frequent occurrence of fires.

The corridor provided by the Drakensberg escarpment explains the high similarity amongst the Transvaal forests, and between these and those occurring on the Transkei and Amatole Mountains (Table 10). The Transvaal escarpment provides sites with very uniform climate over several degrees of latitude, and which protect the forest against the frequent grassland fires such as the Wonderwoud near Tzaneen. This escarpment is also part of the chain of mountains which extend more or less uninterrupted as far south as the Amatole forests.

Mountain ranges and dune systems provide for large habitat diversity through climatic (altitudinal range and different slopes and exposures), edaphic and disturbance gradients (Van der Schijff & Schoonraad 1971; Scheepers 1978; Deall 1985; Burns 1986; Geldenhuys 1989). The diversity of habitats allows species to migrate within the system during conditions of environmental change (Scheepers 1978). Mountain ranges also allow forests to persist within larger areas of totally different, extreme climatic and disturbance regimes such as the Karoo and Fynbos (Anon. 1987; Geldenhuys 1985, 1989).

Both the number of corridor types present in a forest and the proximity of the forest to other forests contribute significantly to the number of woody species in that forest (Table 7). This concept is demonstrated in the rich woody flora of the small Umtamvuna gorge forest. It exists in a central position between the coastal and mountain forests of the eastern Cape, Transkei and Natal. It is linked to those different types of forests by different types of corridors which allow an interchange of species between forests along the coast, and on mountain ranges and the Drakensberg escarpment. This is shown by the high similarity between the Umtamvuna and the other mentioned forests. The gorge is relatively deep, and therefore protected from fires, but at the same time it is unobstructed, which allows coastal elements to migrate inland and mountain elements to migrate towards the coast.

Proximity between forests

The greater floristic similarity between forests of the larger complexes which occur in relatively close proximity is attributed to the similarity of their environments. Examples are the close affinity between the Transvaal escarpment forests, between the Natal coastal forests and between the Amatole, Transkei and Umtamvuna forests (Table 10). The probability of successful establishment after chance events of long-distance dispersal (Brown & Gibson 1983) is increased if the forests in close proximity share similar environments. By contrast, the Natal coastal forests share much fewer species with the distant Drakensberg escarpment forests which is presumably due to great climatic and edaphic dissimilarity.

The smaller similarity between relatively isolated forests is attributed to the effective abiotic and biotic barriers to dispersal of propagules between them, and the lack of effective dispersal corridors. Firstly, the climate in the valleys and lowlands between adjacent forest complexes (Muir 1929; Edwards 1967; Cowling 1984; Everard 1987), the more extreme fire regimes of adjacent woodlands, grasslands and fynbos (Granger 1984; Edwards 1984), and the exposed mountain peaks and ridges (Killick 1963; Geldenhuys 1989) are barriers to the successful dispersal of forest biota. Van Daalen (1981) noted the inability of forest species to establish in fynbos. Secondly, the Peninsula, Grootvadersbosch, southern Cape, Hawaan and Cathedral Peak forests occur isolated from most other forests and are linked with them by few and ineffective corridors.

The Peninsula, Grootvadersbosch and Cathedral Peak forests have high similarities only with their nearest neighbours, and share mostly the widespread species.

The Peninsula forests are presently very isolated from the main western Cape mountain ranges. However, their species richness is higher than that of the forests of those mountains (for example McKenzie 1978). They share several species with forests along the coast to the east (Masson & McKenzie 1989) which makes a coastal corridor very likely.

Grootvadersbosch is very isolated from other forests, even the southern Cape forests. The links between Grootvadersbosch and the coast are poor and cross relatively dry country (Muir 1929).

Cathedral Peak forests are isolated from the rest of the Drakensberg escarpment forests. They have very poor links with the Natal midlands and coastal forests. They are surrounded by extensive grasslands which burn frequently (Edwards 1984; Tainton & Mentis 1984; Everard 1986).

Hawaan forest shares several species with smaller forests in the vicinity such as Steinbank and Krantzklouf (coastal scarp), and Karkloof (Natal midlands) although it is most similar to the Hlogwene dune forest (Rogers & Moll 1975; Moll 1978).

The southern Cape forest is large, covers several landscape types and is linked with the forests to the east mainly through the discontinuous mountain ranges and along the coast. The rivers provide only local links with the

inland mountains which have very small, isolated forests (Geldenhuys 1989).

Altitude

Mean altitude improved the coefficient of determination of the number of woody plants in the multiple regression model, but was an insignificant variable in linear regression (Table 7). Its negative coefficient emphasizes the higher richness of coastal forests compared to the mountain forests. This was also shown by Geldenhuys & MacDevette (1989) for both the southern Cape and Natal. I attribute its insignificance in linear regression to the wide altitudinal range of many forests along the eastern escarpment and mountains.

Number of landscape types

The number of landscape types in a forest is the most significant variable determining the number of herbaceous species (Table 7). Different landscape types provide different combinations of slopes, aspects, soil depths, soil nutrient and moisture status, and different disturbance regimes (Scheepers 1978; Deall 1985; Geldenhuys 1989). Each landscape type carries a subset of unique species with narrower habitat tolerances. Geldenhuys & MacDevette (1989) have shown that different herbaceous growth forms show different habitat preferences along gradients from the coast to the mountain, both in Natal and the southern Cape. This is particularly evident in the southern Cape, Amatole, and Transvaal escarpment forests which include the largest number of landscape types (Table 1) and which have many species in most of the herbaceous growth forms (Table 4).

Habitat requirements and distribution of species

Physiological tolerances of species to climatic conditions are reflected in the growth form spectra of different forests (Table 4) and the distribution ranges of species of different growth forms. This would also contribute to the observed variation in the richness of the floras of different forests. The southern African forest environment is characterized by relatively steep climatic gradients (Killick 1963; Venter 1972; Scheepers 1978; Campbell & Moll 1977; McKenzie 1978; Deall 1985; Burns 1986). Mountains are cool to cold and the coastal areas warm to hot. The northeastern parts are subtropical-tropical with summer rain, and the southwestern parts almost cool temperate with winter rain. The mountains and coast receive high rainfall with relatively dry areas in-between.

Growth form spectra indicate that cooler mountain forests have a larger proportion of herbaceous plants whereas the warm, humid coastal forests have a larger proportion of woody plants (Table 4; Geldenhuys & MacDevette 1989). Coastal forests are particularly rich in trees, woody shrubs, lianes and vines. Mountain forests are particularly rich in ferns, which are far less common in the coastal forests, and are deficient in climbers except in the lower-lying (drier and/or warmer) parts. Fern and bryophyte epiphytes are generally associated with mountain forests and mistbelts (Pócs 1982) and epiphytic orchids with tropical lowlands (Harrison 1972). Mountain forests generally contain many epiphytes (e.g. Scheepers 1978).

Notable exceptions are the Peninsula, Grootvadersbosch, Transkei (where they were not collected) and Cathedral Peak forests. In the southern Cape epiphytes are abundant and represented by numerous species. This feature is most pronounced in the large, less frequently disturbed forests (by fire) of the coastal platform and river valleys, rather than in the small, more frequently disturbed mountain forests (Geldenhuys & MacDevette 1989). More frequent disturbance by fire could explain, in part, the lack of epiphytes in the smaller mountain forests of this study. Protection from fire could explain the high species richness in the larger montane forests of the Transvaal escarpment and in the well-protected but small Umtamvuna forests.

Many species drop out along the tropical-temperate gradient (Table 8). This southward attenuation of species was noted in several studies (Phillips 1931; McKenzie 1978; Moll & White 1978; Scheepers 1978; Tinley 1985; Cawe 1986; MacDevette 1987; Geldenhuys 1989). The high number of unique trees and shrubs of the Maputaland dune forests has been related to the deterioration of the tropical climate to the south (Table 9; Moll & White 1978; Tinley 1985). Further south, I have related the sharp decline in numbers of species from the southern Cape to the Cape Peninsula to the increasing aridity, fire frequency and forest fragmentation since the Pliocene (Geldenhuys 1989).

Steep gradients imply that the widespread species have wide habitat tolerances, and that the restricted species have narrower tolerances. Tree species have much wider ranges than shrubs, and ferns have much wider ranges than the other herbaceous growth forms (Table 5). However, only 7% of all species occur in eight or more forests, and no species occur in all forests.

Interaction with adjacent vegetation types

The climatic and disturbance regimes and structure of surrounding vegetation types will determine the interaction of the forest with those vegetation types. This interaction can increase the number of species in the forest in several ways:

Forest margin in close contact with disturbance regimes of adjacent vegetation types

Small forests have a large ratio of forest margin to forest area. As such they may contain proportionately more species which are usually associated with adjacent vegetation types but which appear in forest communities during the successional stages. The Richards Bay and Sabie forest communities in particular contained shrub, graminoid and forb species which were common in communities other than forest. These forests occurred in complex mosaics with other vegetation communities (Venter 1972; Deall 1985). This partly explains the high species richness of these two forests in relation to their small size (Figure 2). The inclusion of many ecotonal species in the forest floras of Sabie, Richards Bay and the southern Cape could also explain the high number of unique species of several different growth forms of these forests (Table 8). In contrast, Hawaan forest is well protected and mature but surrounded by cultivated land (Moll 1969; Cooper 1985). It therefore lacks an ecotone and this could, at least in part, explain its low number

of herbaceous species. Everard (1986) also pointed to the negative effect on species richness of a forest if the forest ecotone is frequently destroyed by fire.

Vegetation types with structure and disturbance regimes somewhat similar to forest

Subtropical transitional thicket in the eastern Cape (Cowling 1984; Everard 1987), similar types in Natal (Edwards 1967) and moist savanna (Huntley 1984) of the Transvaal (Van der Schijff & Schoonraad 1971; Scheepers 1978; Deall 1985) and Natal (Edwards 1967) share various proportions of forest taxa. As such they provide corridors for the dispersal of forest species across the barriers (Edwards 1967; Moll & White 1978; Cowling 1984; Everard 1987). Current land use practices, such as intensive agriculture in the eastern Cape and Natal, remove this corridor and may intensify the isolation of the forests. However, plantation forestry and the associated reduction of fire and amelioration of the microclimate provide corridors for plant species migration (Geldenhuys *et al.* 1986; Knight *et al.* 1987).

Environmental change

The present patterns of composition and interrelationships of the different forests suggest that their high degree of similarity may have been established before major fragmentation of the forests occurred. For example, the southern Cape forests are relatively similar to the Amatole, Transkei and Transvaal forests. Yet they are linked with the forests to the east by broken mountain ranges which are separated by relatively dry wide open valleys and extensive lowlands. One particularly prominent gap in forest distribution is formed by the Sundays River valley east of Port Elizabeth (Figure 1). It stretches in a north-westerly direction towards remnants of the escarpment of the African Surface in the vicinity of Graaff-Reinet in the arid interior. East of this valley a massive uplift occurred during late Pliocene (± 2.5 million years ago) along the Ciskei-Swaziland axis, whereas west of the valley the uplift was of lesser magnitude. This resulted in significant rejuvenation along the major inland drainage lines which are evident in the high accumulation rates of sediment at the mouths of major rivers along the southeastern coast (Partridge & Maud 1987).

I suggest that the forests in the southern Cape became isolated from the forests along the escarpment to the east of the Sundays River valley by the late Pliocene. The maps of Partridge & Maud (1987) suggest that the Sundays River was already extensive by the Miocene but indications are that aridity increased rapidly towards the Pliocene-Pleistocene (Deacon 1983). The relatively dry Suurberg forests immediately to the east of the Sundays River valley are the closest forests to the southern Cape (Geldenhuys 1985). The only connections between the southern Cape forests and those to the east would have been along the coast and by means of the subtropical transitional thicket.

The increasing aridity which followed the Pliocene (Deacon 1983) increasingly fragmented the forests. Forests were probably most limited during the last cold, dry Glacial Maximum of 18 000 years ago (Deacon *et al.* 1983; Scholtz 1986). Acocks (1988) and White (1983) attributed

the relic nature of the forests within the grassland and fynbos biomes to the destructive activities of man during the relatively recent 100 to 300 years. However, Feely (1980, 1986) indicated that most of the present southern African grassland existed throughout the Holocene and was not induced by recent forest clearing. Forests still persist today in areas where Iron Age farmers in Transkei settled in high density for at least the last 1 400 years. I have indicated that fires associated with hot, desiccating winds have confined forests to shadow areas of fire-bearing winds (Geldenhuys 1989) whereas others (Story 1952; McKenzie 1978; Scheepers 1978; Deacon *et al.* 1983) have also commented on the role of fire.

During this long period of forest fragmentation, forests and forest biota survived in areas which we now consider as dispersal corridors. I suggest that the forest species responded in different ways to the increasing pressures of drought and fire. Some species survived in the specific landscape types because of better availability of moisture and protection against fires. Outside of these sites many species were eliminated due to pressures from droughts and fires. Species with wider climatic tolerances persisted with a wide distribution range and with the adoption of a range of sizes and shapes. The pressures of drought and fire caused many other species to evolve into smaller growth forms. This view is supported by two findings of this study. Firstly, forests in closer proximity share more species than forests further apart. Dispersal may play a role, but I suggest that this role is of lesser significance. Secondly, most of the large families, and many of the other important families and genera are shared between the forest and the other vegetation types. Their species/family ratios are small in the forest compared to the large ratios outside the forest. They have few but widespread species in the forest, and many but relatively localized species in the surrounding vegetation types. Species with the taller, longer-living growth forms occur in the forest, whereas the smaller and often herbaceous growth forms occur in the vegetation types which are exposed to more extreme environmental conditions.

CONCLUSION

I suggest that fragmentation of the forests and an increase in vegetation types which are tolerant of frequent fires and/or droughts had a profound effect on the speciation of the southern African flora. Most of the large plant families, and many of the other important families, are shared between the forest and the other vegetation types. This sharing suggests that forest might have been the original gene source for the speciation of many of the families and genera. Examples are the Anacardiaceae, especially *Rhus*, Asteraceae, Liliaceae, Orchidaceae, Proteaceae and Rosaceae. This effect of increasing aridity and disturbance on the radiation of species beyond forests should be considered in studies of the phylogenies of many of the groups.

I have indicated that a variety of factors contributed to the variation in the size of the floras of individual forests. Forests where several positive factors operate have rich floras compared to the poorer floras of forests with fewer positive factors (Table 1). However, the significant variables do not explain the large number of both woody and

herbaceous plants of the Umtamvuna forest, except perhaps the number of corridors. The Umtamvuna forest forms part of the southern Natal/Pondoland quartzite sandstone complex which is known to have a remarkably high number of endemic woody species (Van Wyk 1981). This whole complex requires a detailed study to determine the composition and distribution of different plant communities, and the distribution of the rare and endemic species. This would allow a more objective explanation of its high number of species in the relatively confined area.

The fragmentation had been aggravated by current land use practices, such as clearing for agriculture, forestry and subsistence utilization, and veld burning practices for grazing and improved water runoff in catchments (Phillips 1963; Feely 1980, 1986; Cooper 1985) and the development of coastal resorts and townships. I suggest that more localized studies should be conducted to determine the effect of these land use practices on the survival of species in different regions.

The suggestion of the isolation of the southern Cape forests from those to the east already by the Pliocene implies long isolation and stability of the forest species. Several well-defined ecotypes may exist in many of the taxa. Collection of seed of those species for planting in other parts of their range may have serious implications for the conservation of the ecotypes within those species.

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Scadoxus membranaceus (Bak.) Friis & Nordal	10 1	00000010000000
Scadoxus multiflorus (Martyn) Raf.	10 2	00000100000100
Scadoxus puniceus (L.) Friis & Nordal	10 7	00110011100011
ANACARDIACEAE 8, 29, 3.6		
Harpephyllum caffrum Bern. ex Krauss	1 6	00011110100001
Lannea discolor (Sond.) Engl.	2 1	0000000000100
Laurophyllum capensis Thunb.	3 2	01100000000000
Loxostylis alata Spreng. f. ex Reichb.	1 2	00100010000000
Ozoroa obovata (Oliv.) R. & A. Fernandes	3 1	00000000010000
Ozoroa paniculosa (Sond.) R. & A. Fernandes	3 1	00000000010000
Protorhus longifolia (Bernh.) Engl.	1 9	00011111100111
Rhus chirindensis Bak. f.	1 10	01111110100111
Rhus crenata Thunb.	3 2	00101000000000
Rhus dentata Thunb.	3 6	00010110101100
Rhus excisa Thunb.	3 1	00000010000000
Rhus fastigiata Eckl. & Zeyh.	3 2	00010010000000
Rhus glauca Thunb.	3 2	00101000000000
Rhus guenzii Sond.	3 1	00000100000000
Rhus krebsiana Presl ex Engl.	3 2	00010100000000
Rhus longispina Eckl. & Zeyh.	3 2	00101000000000
Rhus lucida L.	2 7	11100110001010
Rhus natalensis Bernh. ex Krauss	3 4	00001111110000
Rhus nebulosa Schomb.	3 5	00000111110000
Rhus pentheri Zahlbr.	3 3	00000100100100
Rhus pyroides Burch.	3 6	00011100000111
Rhus refracta Eckl. & Zeyh.	3 2	00101000000000
Rhus rehmanniana Engl.	3 8	01110110100011
Rhus sp. nov.	3 2	00000010000010
Rhus tomentosa L.	3 2	11000000011000
Rhus transvaalensis Engl.	3 1	0000000000100
Rhus tumulicola S. Moore	3 1	0000000000100
Rhus undulata Jacq.	3 1	00100000000000
Sclerocarya birrea (A. Rich.) Hochst.	1 3	00000000110100
ANNONACEAE 4, 4, 1.0		
Annona senegalensis Pers.	2 3	00000000110100
Artabotrys monteiroae Oliv.	5 2	00000001100000
Monanthotaxis caffra (Sond.) Verdc.	5 6	00010011110100
Uvaria caffra E. Mey. ex Sond.	5 4	00000011110000
APIACEAE 7, 10, 1.4		
Berula erecta (Hudson) Cov.	12 1	00001000000000
Centella asiatica (L.) Urb.	12 2	00010000100000
Centella eriantha (Rich.) Drude	12 3	01110000000000
Conium chaerophylloides (Thunb.) Eckl. & Zeyh.	12 1	00000000001000
Heteromorpha pubescens Burtt Davy	3 2	00000000000110
Heteromorpha trifoliata (Wendl.) Eckl. & Zeyh.	3 9	01111110001011
Peucedanum capense (Thunb.) Sond.	4 3	00110000001000
Peucedanum venosum Burtt Davy	4 1	00000000000001
Rhyticarpus difformis (L.) Benth. & Hook.	4 1	00100000000000
Sanicula elata Buch.-Ham.	12 7	01110000001111
APOCYNACEAE 10, 19, 1.9		
Acokanthera oblongifolia (Hochst.) Codd	3 5	00101011010000
Acokanthera oppositifolia (Lam.) Codd	3 9	00111111100011
Acokanthera rotundata (Codd) Kupicha	3 1	00000000010000
Carissa bispinosa (L.) Desf. ex Brenan	3 10	00111011110111
var. acuminata (E. Mey.) Codd	3 6	01010110011000
var. bispinosa	3 2	00000000000011
Carissa edulis Vahl	3 2	00000000000011
Carissa macrocarpa (Eckl.) A. DC.	3 2	00001000110000

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Carissa wyliei N.E. Br.	3 2	00000010100000
Ephippiocarpa orientalis (S. Moore) Markg.	3 1	00000000010000
Gonioma kamassi E. Mey.	2 2	00100010000000
Landolphia capensis Oliv.	5 1	00000000000010
Landolphia kirkii T.-Dyer	5 2	00000001100000
Landolphia petersiana (Klotsch) T.-Dyer	5 1	00000000100000
Oncinotis inandensis Wood & Evans	5 1	00000010000000
Rauvolfia caffra Sond.	1 4	00000000100111
Strophanthus speciosus (Ward & Harv.) Reber	5 4	00010010000011
Tabernaemontana elegans Stapf.	2 1	00000000010000
Tabernaemontana ventricosa Hochst. ex A. DC.	1 1	00000000100000
Voacanga thouarsii Roem. & Schult.	2 2	00000010100000
AQUIFOLIACEAE 1, 1, 1.0		
Ilex mitis (L.) Radlk.	1 12	11110110111111
ARACEAE 4, 6, 1.5		
Gonatopus boivinii (Decne.) Engl.	10 2	00000000110000
Stylochiton natalense Schott	10 3	00000000110100
Stylochiton sp.	10 1	00000000000010
Zamioculcas zamiifolia (Lodd.) Engl.	10 1	00000000100000
Zantedeschia aethiopica (L.) Spreng.	10 5	11110000100000
Zantedeschia albomaculata (Hook.) Baill.	10 3	00010000000011
ARALIACEAE 3, 9, 3.0		
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Cussonia nicholsonii Strey	2 1	00000010000000
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Cussonia zuluensis Strey	2 2	00000000110000
Schefflera umbellifera (Sond.) Baill.	1 6	00100010100111
Seemannaralia gerrardii (See- mann) Vig.	2 1	00000000000010
ARECACEAE 1, 1, 1.0		
Phoenix reclinata Jacq.	2 6	00001010110110
ASCLEPIADACEAE 15, 31, 2.1		
Asclepias fruticosa L.	12 2	00110000000000
Astephanus marginatus Decne.	6 1	00100000000000
Astephanus triflorus (L. f.) Schultes	6 1	00100000000000
Ceropegia africana R. Br.	12 1	00100000000000
Ceropegia nilotica Kotschy	12 1	00000000100000
Ceropegia racemosa N.E. Br.	6 1	00000000000100
Ceropegia woodii Schltr.	12 2	00000000000101
Cynanchum ellipticum (Harv.) R.A. Dyer	6 6	00111001110000
Cynanchum natalitium Schltr.	6 3	00101000100000
Cynanchum obtusifolium L. f. var. obtusifolium	6 5	10101000110000
var. pilosum Schltr.	6 1	00100000000000
Cynanchum tetrapterum (Turcz.) R.A. Dyer	6 3	00100000010001
Dregea floribunda E. Mey.	6 1	00001000000000
Oncinema lineare (L. f.) Bullock	6 2	01100000000000
Pentarrhinum sp.	6 2	00000000110000
Pergularia daemia (Forssk.) Chiov.	6 1	00000000100000
Riocreuxia picta Schltr.	6 2	00000000000011
Riocreuxia torulosa Decne.	6 5	00000010101011
Sarcostemma viminale (L.) R. Br.	6 7	00110010110011
Schizoglossum bidens E. Mey.	6 1	00000010000000
Secamone alpinii Schultes	5 12	11111110011111

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CUNONIACEAE 2, 2, 1.0
Cunonia capensis L. 1 5 11110010000000
Platylophus trifoliatus (L. f.) D. Don 1 3 11100000000000

CUPRESSACEAE 1, 1, 1.0
Widdringtonia cupressoides (L.) Endl. 2 6 11110000001010

CYATHEACEAE 1, 2, 2.0
Cyathea capensis (L. f.) J.E. Sm. 7 6 11110000000011
Cyathea dregei Kunze 7 5 00000100001111

CYPERACEAE 11, 35, 3.2
Carex aethiopica Schkuhr 11 6 11110000000011
Carex spicata-paniculata C.B. Cl. 11 2 00000000001100
Carpha glomerata (Thunb.) Nees 11 3 00110010000000
Cyperus albobistriatus Schrad. 11 10 00011111110111
Cyperus crassipes Vahl 11 1 00000000100000
Cyperus denudatus L. f. 11 1 00000000010000
Cyperus immensus C.B. Cl. 11 1 00000000000100
Cyperus leptocladus Kunth 11 3 00000000110100
Cyperus natalensis Hochst. 11 2 00000000110000
Cyperus obtusiflorus Vahl 11 4 00010000110100
Cyperus pseudoleptocladus Kuekenh. 11 1 00000000000100
Cyperus sexangularis Nees 11 1 00000000000100
Cyperus tenax Boeck. 11 1 00000000010000
Cyperus tenellus L. f. 11 2 00110000000000
Epischoenus adnatus Levyns 11 1 00100000000000
Ficinia acuminata (Steud.) Nees 11 3 11001000000000
Ficinia fascicularis Nees 11 2 00110000000000
Ficinia leiocarpa Nees 11 1 00100000000000
Ficinia sp. 11 1 00100000000000
Fimbristylis complanata (Retz.) Link 11 2 00000000110000
Fimbristylis hispida (Vahl) Kunth 11 1 00000000010000
Fimbristylis obtusifolia (Lam.) Kunth 11 2 00000000110000
Isolepis costata (Boeck.) A. Rich. 11 2 00110000000000
Isolepis ludwigii Kunth 11 2 00110000000000
Isolepis prolifer R. Br. 11 1 00100000000000
Mariscus congestus (Vahl) C.B. Cl. 11 5 00010000101011
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Mariscus sumatrensis (Retz.) J. Raynal 11 1 00000000010000
Schoenoplectus corymbosus (Roth. ex Roem. & Schult.) J. Raynal 11 1 00000000000100
Schoenoxiphium altum Kukkonen 11 1 00100000000000
Schoenoxiphium lanceum (Thunb.) Kuekenh. 11 5 11100010000010
Schoenoxiphium lehmannii (Nees) Steud. 11 8 11111010001100
Schoenoxiphium sparteam (Wahlenb.) C.B. Cl. 11 1 00000000001000
Scleria natalensis C.B. Cl. 11 3 00100010000010
Scleria angusta Nees ex Kunth 11 1 00000000100000

DAVALLIACEAE 3, 4, 1.3
Arthropteris monocarpa (Cordem.) C. Chr. 7 1 00000000000100
Nephrolepis biserrata (Swartz) Schott 7 1 00000000100000
Nephrolepis exaltata (L.) Schott 7 1 00000010000000
Oleandra distenta Kunze 7 1 00000010000000

DENNSTAEDTIACEAE 4, 5, 1.3
Blotiella glabra (Bory) Tryon 8 3 001000000000110
Blotiella natalensis (Hook.) Tryon 7 1 00100000000000
Histiopteris incisa (Thunb.) J. Sm. 8 5 11110000000010
Hypolepis sparsisora (Schrad.) Kuhn 8 7 111100000000111

Pteridium aquilinum (L.) Kuhn 8 10 11110000111111
DICHAPETALACEAE 1, 1, 1.0
Tapura fischeri Engl. 1 2 00000001010000
DIOSCOREACEAE 1, 6, 6.0
Dioscorea cotinifolia Kunth 6 5 00000010100111
Dioscorea crinita Hook. f. 6 1 00000000100000
Dioscorea dregeana (Kunth) Dur. & Schinz 6 4 00000110000101
Dioscorea mundtii Bak. 6 1 00100000000000
Dioscorea retusa Mast. 6 4 00011000000011
Dioscorea sylvatica (Kunth) Eckl. 6 7 00110000111110
DIPSACACEAE 1, 1, 1.0
Scabiosa columbaria L. 12 2 00000000110000
EBENACEAE 2, 19, 9.5
Diospyros austro-africana De Winter 3 3 00011000001000
Diospyros dichrophylla (Gand.) De Winter 1 5 00111110000000
Diospyros glabra (L.) De Winter 3 2 01100000000000
Diospyros inhacaensis F. White 1 2 00000000110000
Diospyros lycioides Desf. 3 8 00010010111111
Diospyros natalensis (Harv.) Brenan 2 5 00001011110000
Diospyros pallens (Thunb.) F. White 3 2 00101000000000
Diospyros rotundifolia Hiern 3 2 00000000110000
Diospyros scabrida (Harv. ex Hiern) De Winter 3 6 00011110110000
Diospyros simii (Kuntze) De Winter 3 4 01010110000000
Diospyros villosa (L.) De Winter 5 6 00011111100000
Diospyros whyteana (Hiern) F. White 2 10 11110100011111
Euclea crispa (Thunb.) Guerke 2 8 00110110001111
Euclea divinorum Hiern 2 2 00000000110000
Euclea natalensis A. DC. 2 7 00001111110100
Euclea polyandra (L. f.) E. Mey. ex Hiern 3 1 00100000000000
Euclea racemosa Murray 2 3 01101000000000
Euclea schimperi (A. DC.) Dandy 2 7 01111100010100
Euclea undulata Thunb. 2 5 00111010010000
ERICACEAE 1, 1, 1.0
Erica natalitia H. Bol. 3 1 00000010000000
ERYTHROXYLACEAE 2, 5, 2.5
Erythroxylo delagoense Schinz 2 1 00000000100000
Erythroxylo emarginatum Thonn. 2 4 00001001110000
Erythroxylo pictum E. Mey. ex Sond. 3 5 00001110110000
Nectaropetalum capense (H. Bol.) Stapf & Boodle 3 1 00000010000000
Nectaropetalum zuluense (Schonl.) Corbishley 3 1 00000010000000
ESCALLONACEAE 1, 1, 1.0
Choristylis rhamnoides Harv. 2 4 00010100000101
EUPHORBIACEAE 36, 67, 2.2
Acalypha capensis (L. f.) Prain & Hutch. 12 1 00100000000000
Acalypha ecklonii Baill. 12 3 00110000100000
Acalypha glabrata Thunb. 3 5 00011011010000
Acalypha petiolaris Hochst. 3 1 00000000100000
Acalypha punctata Meisn. 4 1 0000000000010
Acalypha sonderiana Muell. Arg. 12 1 00000001000000
Acalypha wilmsii Pax ex Prain & Hutch. 3 1 00000100000000
Adenocline acuta (Thunb.) Baill. 6 7 01110100101001
Alchornea hirtella Benth. 2 1 00000000000010
Andrachne ovalis (Sond.) Muell. Arg. 3 5 00110100000101

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- Cyphia sylvatica Eckl.
var. salicifolia (Presl) E. Wimm. 6 1 00001000000000
Lobelia anceps L. f. 12 2 0011000000000000
Lobelia cuneifolia Link & Otto 12 1 0010000000000000
Lobelia patula L. f. 12 4 0111000000010000
Lobelia pteropoda (Presl) A. DC. 12 1 0000000000000010
Monopsis stellarioides (Presl) Urb. 12 2 0001000000000010

LOGANIACEAE 4, 13, 3.3

- Anthocleista grandiflora Gilg 1 3 000000000000111
Buddleja auriculata Benth. 3 4 00010100001100
Buddleja dysophylla (Benth.) Radlk. 3 2 00010100000000
Buddleja saligna Willd. 2 6 0111111000000000
Buddleja salviifolia (L.) Lam. 3 7 01110100001011
Nuxia congesta R. Br. ex Fresen. 2 4 00001010000011
Nuxia floribunda Benth. 1 8 01111110000011
Strychnos decussata (Pappe) Gilg 1 7 00101011110010
Strychnos henningsii Gilg 2 5 00010111010000
Strychnos madagascariensis Poir. 2 4 00000010110000
Strychnos mitis S. Moore 2 4 00001010010001
Strychnos spinosa Lam. 3 4 00000010110100
Strychnos usambarensis Gilg 2 3 00000111000000

LOMARIOPSIDACEAE 1, 2, 2.0

- Elaphoglossum acrostichoides (Hook. & Grev.) Schelpe 9 5 10110000000011
Elaphoglossum angustatum (Schrad.) Hieron. 9 5 01100010001010

LORANTHACEAE 3, 6, 2.0

- Erianthemum dregei (Eckl. & Zeyh.) V. Tieghem 3 4 00000010100101
Helixanthera woodii (Schltr. & Krause) Danser 3 1 00000010000000
Tapinanthus kraussianus (Meisn.) V. Tieghem 3 4 00000011110000
Tapinanthus natalitius (Meisn.) Danser subsp. zeyheri (Harv.) Wiens 3 1 00000000100000
Tapinanthus prunifolius (E. Mey. ex Harv.) V. Tieghem 5 1 00010000000000
Tapinanthus sp. 3 1 00100000000000

LYCOPODIACEAE 1, 6, 6.0

- Lycopodium cernuum L. 8 4 00100010000011
Lycopodium clavatum L. 8 4 00110000000011
Lycopodium gnidioides L. f. 9 7 01110110000110
Lycopodium ophioglossoides Lam. 9 1 00000000000010
Lycopodium saururus Lam. 8 1 00000000001000
Lycopodium verticillatum L. f. 9 5 00010110001010

LYTHRACEAE 1, 1, 1.0

- Rhynchocalyx lawsonioides Oliv. 2 1 00000010000000

MALPIGHIACEAE 2, 2, 2.0

- Acridocarpus natalitius Juss. 5 3 00000011100000
Sphegamnocarpus galphimifolius (Juss.) Szyszyl. 6 3 00000000000111

MALVACEAE 5, 15, 3.0

- Abutilon grantii A. Meeuse 12 1 00000001000000
Abutilon sonneratianum (Cav.) Sweet 12 5 00111000100001
Hibiscus calyphyllus Cav. 4 1 00000010000000
Hibiscus diversifolius Jacq. 4 2 00100000100000
Hibiscus ludwigii Eckl. & Zeyh. 12 1 00100000000000
Hibiscus pedunculatus L. f. 4 4 00100010000011
Hibiscus surattensis L. 12 1 00000000100000
Hibiscus tiliaceus L. 2 2 00000000110000
Hibiscus trionum L. 12 1 00000000100000
Pavonia columella Cav. 12 5 00110010000110
Pavonia praemorsa (L. f.) Cav. 12 1 00001000000000
Sida dregei Burt Davy 12 3 00100010000001

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- Sida rhombifolia L. 12 3 00010010100000
Sida ternata L. f. 12 3 001100000000001
Thespesia acutifolia (Bak. f.) Exell & Mendonça 12 1 00000000010000

MARATTIACEAE 1, 1, 1.0

- Marattia fraxinea J.E. Sm. ex J.F. Gmel. 7 6 00100110000111

MELASTOMACEAE 1, 2, 2.0

- Memecylon bachmannii Engl. 2 1 00000010000000
Memecylon natalense Markg. 2 1 00000010000000

MELIACEAE 3, 6, 2.0

- Ekebergia capensis Sparrm. 1 11 00111110111111
Ekebergia pterophylla (C. DC.) Hofmeyr 2 4 00000110100110
Trichilia dregeana Sond. 1 4 00000110100001
Trichilia emetica Vahl 1 4 00000000110011
Turraea floribunda Hochst. 2 4 00000011110000
Turraea obtusifolia Hochst. 2 3 00001001100000

MELIANTHACEAE 2, 5, 2.5

- Bersama lucens (Hochst.) Szyszyl. 2 5 00000111110000
Bersama swinnyi Phill. 2 1 00000010000000
Bersama transvaalensis Turrrill 2 3 00000000000111
Bersama tysoniana Oliv. 2 4 00000110000110
Melianthus villosus H. Bol. 4 1 00000000001000

MENISPERMACEAE 3, 5, 1.7

- Cissampelos capensis L. f. 6 2 10100000000000
Cissampelos hirta Klotzsch 6 1 00000000100000
Cissampelos torulosa E. Mey. ex Harv. 6 9 00111100110111
Stephania abyssinica (Dill. & Rich.) Walp. 6 2 00000000000110
Tinospora caffra (Miers) Troupin 6 3 00000001110000

MESEMBRYANTHEMACEAE 4, 6, 1.5

- Aptenia cordifolia (L. f.) Schwant. 12 3 00111000000000
Carpobrotus dimidiatus (Haw.) L. Bol. 12 2 00000000110000
Carpobrotus edulis (L.) L. Bol. 12 1 00001000000000
Delosperma calycinum L. Bol. 12 1 00001000000000
Delosperma sp. 12 1 00000010000000
Mesembryanthemum aitonis Jacq. 12 1 00001000000000

MORACEAE 3, 14, 4.7

- Bosquiea phoberos Baill. 1 1 00000000100000
Ficus bizanae Hutch. & Burt Davy 2 1 00000010000000
Ficus burtt-davyi Hutch. 3 8 0011111111100000
Ficus capreifolia Del. 5 1 00000000100000
Ficus craterostoma Warb. ex Mildbr. & Burr. 1 5 00000110100011
Ficus ingens (Miq.) Miq. 1 3 00000100101100
Ficus lutea Vahl 2 1 00000000010000
Ficus natalensis Hochst. 1 3 00001000110000
Ficus polita Vahl 1 2 00000001010000
Ficus sur Forssk. 1 8 00110110100111
Ficus sycomorus L. 1 1 00000000100000
Ficus thonningii Blume 2 2 00000010000100
Ficus trichopoda Bak. 1 1 00000000100000
Morus mesozygia Stapf 1 1 00000000010000

MUSACEAE 1, 1, 1.0

- Ensete ventricosum (Welw.) E.E. Cheesm. 4 1 00000000000001

MYRICACEAE 1, 3, 3.0

- Myrica pilulifera Rendle 3 4 00000100001110
Myrica quercifolia L. 3 1 00100000000000
Myrica serrata Lam. 3 8 01110010101110

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Stenoglottis fimbriata Lindl.	9	6	00010100001111
Tridactyle bicaudata (Lindl.) Schltr.	9	3	00101010000000
Tridactyle tricuspidata (H. Bol.) Schltr.	9	3	000000000000111
Tridactyle tridentata (Harv.) Schltr.	9	1	00000010000000
OSMUNDACEAE 2, 2, 1.0			
Osmunda regalis L.	7	5	00100010001011
Todea barbara (L.) T. Moore	7	6	11100010000110
OXALIDACEAE 1, 4, 4.0			
Oxalis incarnata L.	12	2	00101000000000
Oxalis purpurea L.	12	4	11101000000000
Oxalis semiloba Sond.	12	1	00000000100000
Oxalis stellata Eckl. & Zeyh. var. gracilior Salter	12	1	00100000000000
PASSIFLORACEAE 1, 3, 3.0			
Adenia digitata (Harv.) Engl.	5	1	00000000000100
Adenia gummifera (Harv.) Harms	5	6	00000011110011
Adenia hastata (Harv.) Schinz	5	1	00000001000000
PEDALIACEAE 1, 1, 1.0			
Ceratotheca triloba (Bernh.) Hook. f.	12	2	00000000100100
PERIPLOCACEAE 4, 5, 1.3			
Cryptolepis capensis Schltr.	6	1	00000000000001
Cryptolepis oblongifolia (Meisn.) Schltr.	12	2	00000010000100
Mondia whitei (Hook. f.) Skeels	5	2	00000000100001
Petopentia natalensis (Schltr.) Bullock	3	1	00000010000000
Tacazzea apiculata Oliv.	5	1	00000000100000
PHYTOLACCACEAE 1, 2, 2.0			
Phytolacca americana L.	4	2	10100000000000
Phytolacca octandra L.	4	4	00110010000010
PIPERACEAE 2, 4, 2.0			
Peperomia blanda (Jacq.) H.B.K.	12	4	00000010100110
Peperomia retusa (L. f.) A. Dietr.	9	7	111100000000111
Peperomia tetraphylla (G. Forst.) Hook. & Arn.	9	8	01110110001101
Piper capense L. f.	4	5	011000000000111
PITOSPORACEAE 1, 1, 1.0			
Pittosporum viridiflorum Sims	1	11	01111110011111
PLUMBAGINACEAE 2, 3, 1.5			
Limonium scabrum (Thunb.) Kuntze	12	1	00100000000000
Plumbago auriculata Lam.	4	4	00111000000010
Plumbago zeylanica L.	4	1	00000000000010
POACEAE 34, 57, 1.7			
Agrostis lachnantha Nees	11	2	00100000000100
Aristida junciformis Trin. & Rupr.	11	1	00000000100000
Brachiaria chusqueoides (Hack.) Clayton	11	4	00100001110000
Brachypodium flexum Nees	11	7	01111000001011
Cymbopogon validus (Stapf) Stapf ex Burt Davy	11	4	00000000110100
Dactyloctenium australe Steud.	11	3	00000001110000
Dactyloctenium geminatum Hack.	11	1	00000000010000
Digitaria diversinervis (Nees) Stapf	11	3	00000001110000
Digitaria eriantha Steud.	11	1	00001000000000
Digitaria natalensis Stent	11	2	00000000110000
Ehrharta calycina J.E. Sm.	11	4	01110000100000
Ehrharta capensis Thunb.	11	1	10000000000000
Ehrharta erecta Lam. var. erecta	11	4	001100000000110
var. natalensis Stapf	11	3	00100000101000
Ehrharta rehmannii Stapf	11	1	00100000000000

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Ehrharta subspicata Stapf	11	1	00100000000000
Ehrharta villosa Schult. f.	11	1	00001000000000
Eragrostis capensis (Thunb.) Trin.	11	2	00000000110000
Eragrostis curvula (Schrud.) Nees	11	2	00000000110000
Eulalia villosa (Thunb.) Nees	11	2	00000000100100
Eustachys paspaloides (Wahl) Lanza & Mattei	11	2	00000000110000
Festuca africana (Hack.) Clayton	11	1	00100000000000
Hyparrhenia filipendula (Hochst.) Stapf	11	1	00000000100100
Imperata cylindrica (L.) Raeuschel	11	2	00000000110000
Ischaemum fasciculatum Brongn.	11	3	00000000110100
Loudetia simplex (Nees) C.E. Hubb.	11	1	00000000000000
Microstegium nudum (Trin.) A. Camus	11	3	00100000000011
Miscanthus capensis (Nees) Anderss.	11	1	00000000001000
Oplismenus hirtellus (L.) Beauv.	11	11	01111110101111
Panicum aequinerve Nees	11	5	00011000111000
Panicum deustum Thunb.	11	9	00111011110110
Panicum ecklonii Nees	11	5	00010010001110
Panicum laticomum Nees	11	3	00000001110000
Panicum maximum Jacq.	11	6	00010001110110
Panicum obumbratum Stapf.	11	1	00010000000000
Panicum subalbidum Kunth	11	1	00100000000000
Paspalum scrobiculatum L.	11	1	00000000000001
Perotis patens Gand.	11	2	00000000110000
Phragmites australis (Cav.) Steud.	11	1	00000000100000
Phragmites mauritanus Kunth	11	1	00000000000100
Prosphytochloa prehensilis (Nees) Schweick.	11	4	00010010000011
Pseudobromus silvaticus K. Schum.	11	2	00000000000011
Sacciolepis curvata (L.) Chase	11	1	00000000100000
Setaria megaphylla (Steud.) Dur. & Schinz	11	5	00000000111101
Setaria sphacelata (Schumach.) Moss	11	6	00000000111111
Setaria verticillata (L.) Beauv.	11	1	00000001000000
Sporobolus fourcadii Stent	11	1	00100000000000
Sporobolus mauritanus (Steud.) Dur. & Schinz	11	1	00000000010000
Sporobolus subtilis Kunth	11	1	00000000010000
Sporobolus virginicus (L.) Kunth	11	2	00000000110000
Stenotaphrum secundatum (Walt.) Kuntze	11	3	00101000100000
Stipa dregeana Steud. var. dregeana	11	6	11101100001000
var. elongata (Nees) Stapf.	11	3	00111000000000
Stipagrostis zeyheri (Nees) De Winter	11	2	00001000100000
Trachypogon spicatus (L. f.) Kuntze	11	2	00000000110000
Trichopteryx dregeana Nees	11	1	00000000000100
Urelytrum agropyroides (Hack.) Hack.	11	2	00000000110000
PODOCARPACEAE 1, 3, 3.0			
Podocarpus falcatus (Thunb.) R. Br. ex Mirb.	1	9	01111100101011
Podocarpus henkelii Stapf ex Dallim. & Jacks.	1	2	00000100001000
Podocarpus latifolius (Thunb.) R. Br. ex Mirb.	1	10	11110110001111
POLYGALACEAE 1, 9, 9.0			
Polygala confusa Macowan	12	1	00000000001000
Polygala esteræ Chod.	3	1	00000010000000
Polygala fruticosa Berg.	3	1	00100000000000
Polygala hottentotta Presl	4	2	00000000100100
Polygala myrtifolia L.	3	4	10110000001000
Polygala ohlendorffiana Eckl. & Zeyh.	3	3	00010010100000

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SELAGINELLACEAE 1, 3, 3.0
Selaginella dregei (Presl) Hieron. 8 3 000000000000111
Selaginella kraussiana (Kunze) A. Br. ex Kuhn 8 6 001101000000111
Selaginella mittenii Bak. 8 2 000000000000111

SIMAROUBACEAE 1, 1, 1.0
Kirkia acuminata Oliv. 1 1 000000000000100

SOLANACEAE 2, 10, 5.0
Solanum aculeastrum Dun. 4 3 001010000000001
Solanum aculeatissimum Jacq. 12 4 001100000000011
Solanum americanum Mill. 4 1 000010000000000
Solanum didymanthum Dun. 4 1 000000100000000
Solanum geniculatum E. Mey. 5 2 001000000000010
Solanum giganteum Jacq. 4 6 01110000001011
Solanum hermannii Dun. 4 1 001000000000000
Solanum retroflexum Dun. 4 2 000100100000000
Solanum terminale Forssk. 5 2 00000010000001
Withania somnifera (L.) Dun. 3 3 00010000100010

STERCULIACEAE 3, 6, 2.0
Cola greenwayi Brenan 2 1 00000000010000
Cola natalensis Oliv. 1 3 00000011010000
Dombeya pulchra N.E. Br. 3 1 00000000000100
Dombeya rotundifolia (Hochst.) Planch. 1 2 00000000100100
Dombeya tiliacea (Endl.) Planch. 2 2 00001010000000
Sterculia murex Hemsl. 2 2 00000000000110

STRELITZIACEAE 1, 4, 4.0
Strelitzia alba (L. f.) Skeels 2 1 001000000000000
Strelitzia caudata R.A. Dyer 2 2 00000000000101
Strelitzia nicolai Regel & Koern. 2 4 00001010110000
Strelitzia reginae Ait. 12 1 000010000000000

THELYPTERIDACEAE 2, 9, 4.5
Macrothelypteris torresiana (Gaud.) Ching 7 1 00000010000000
Thelypteris bergiana (Schlechltd.) Ching 7 6 01110000000111
Thelypteris confluens (Thunb.) Morton 7 4 00110000001001
Thelypteris dentata (Forssk.) E. St. John 7 3 00000100100010
Thelypteris gueinziana (Mett.) Schelpe 7 5 00100110000110
Thelypteris interrupta (Willd.) K. Iwats. 7 2 00100000000100
Thelypteris knysnaensis N.C. Anthony & Schelpe 7 1 00100000000000
Thelypteris madagascariensis (Fee) Schelpe 7 3 00000100000101
Thelypteris pozoi (Lagasca) Morton 7 6 00110100000111

THYMELAEACEAE 6, 11, 1.8
Dais cotinifolia L. 2 5 00000110001011
Englerodaphne pilosa Burt Davy 3 2 00010100000000
Englerodaphne ovalifolia (Meisn.) Phill. 3 1 00000010000000
Gnidia denudata Lindl. 3 2 01100000000000
Gnidia polyantha Gilg 3 1 00000000000010
Gnidia pulchella Meisn. 3 2 00010010000000
Gnidia woodii C.H. Wr. 3 1 00000010000000
Passerina falcifolia C.H. Wr. 3 1 00100000000000
Passerina rigida Wikstr. 3 3 00001000110000
Peddiea africana Harv. 2 8 00000111110111
Struthiola pondoensis Gilg ex C.H. Wr. 3 1 00000010000000

TILIACEAE 3, 8, 2.7
Grewia caffra Meisn. 5 3 00000001110000
Grewia lasiocarpa E. Mey. ex Harv. 3 3 00001110000000
Grewia occidentalis L. 3 13 11111111110111

Sparrmannia africana L. f. 4 2 011000000000000
Sparrmannia ricinocarpa (Eckl. & Zeyh.) Kuntze 4 3 00010000001001
Triumfetta annua L. 12 1 00000000000010
Triumfetta pilosa Roth 3 3 00000010100100
Triumfetta rhomboidea Jacq. 3 2 00000000100100

TRIMENIACEAE 1, 1, 1.0
Xymalos monospora (Harv.) Baill. 1 6 00010110000111

TYPHACEAE 1, 1, 1.0
Typha capensis (Rohrb.) N.E. Br. 1 11 00000000100100

ULMACEAE 3, 4, 1.3
Celtis africana Burm. f. 1 13 11111101111111
Celtis durandii Engl. 1 2 00000010100000
Chaetacme aristata Planch 3 7 00011111110000
Trema orientalis (L.) Blume 2 6 00000010110111

URTICACEAE 9, 12, 1.3
Australina capensis Wedd. 12 1 00100000000000
Didymodoxa caffra (Thunb.) Friis & Wilmot-Deaer 12 2 00010000000001
Droguetia burchellii N.E. Br. 12 4 01111000000000
Droguetia thunbergii N.E. Br. 12 1 01000000000000
Laportea alatipes Hook. f. 12 2 00000000000011
Laportea grossa (Wedd.) Chew 12 2 00100010000000
Laportea peduncularis (Wedd.) Chew 12 10 00111010111111
Obetia tenax (N.E. Br.) Friis 12 1 00000010000000
Pilea rivularis Wedd. 12 1 00000000000001
Pouzolzia parasitica (Forssk.) Schweinf. 3 1 00000000000001
Urera cameroonensis Wedd. 3 3 00000011100000
Urtica lobulata Blume 12 1 00010000000000

VELLOZIACEAE 2, 2, 1.0
Talbotia elegans Balf. 10 1 00000000001000
Xerophyta retinervis Bak. 10 1 00000000000100

VERBENACEAE 5, 7, 1.4
Avicennia marina (Forssk.) Vierh. 2 1 00000000100000
Clerodendron glabrum E. Mey. 2 9 001100111110111
Clerodendron myricoides (Hochst.) Vauke 2 2 00000001000100
Clerodendron suffruticosum Guerke 2 1 00000000000100
Lantana mearnsii Moldenke 3 1 00000000000100
Lippia javanica (Burm. f.) Spreng. 3 3 00000010100100
Priva meyeri Jaub. & Spach 3 2 00010000010000

VIOLACEAE 1, 3, 3.0
Rinorea angustifolia (Thouars) Baill. 2 2 00000010000001
Rinorea domatiosa Van Wyk 2 1 00000010000000
Rinorea ilicifolia (Welw. ex Oliv.) Kuntze 3 2 00000000110000

VISCACEAE 1, 4, 4.0
Viscum nervosum Hochst. ex A. Rich. 3 1 00000000000010
Viscum obovatum Harv. 3 1 00000000100000
Viscum obscurum Thunb. 3 5 00110110000010
Viscum rotundifolium L. f. 3 1 00100000000000

VITACEAE 4, 14, 3.5
Cayratia gracilis (Guill. & Perr.) Suesseng. 6 1 00000000000001
Cissus fragilis E. Mey. ex Kunth 5 2 00000010100000
Cissus quadrangularis L. 5 1 00000000010000
Cyphostemma anatomicum (C.A. Sm.) Wild & Drum. 5 3 00000000000111
Cyphostemma cirrhosum (Thunb.) Descoings ex Wild & Drum. 6 6 00011001110001

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Cyphostemma hypoleucum (Harv.) Descoings ex Wild & Drum.	6 2	00100010000000
Cyphostemma sp. nov.	5 1	00000010000000
Cyphostemma woodii (Gilg & Brandt) Descoings	5 1	00000000000100
Rhoicissus digitata (L. f.) Gilg & Brandt	5 7	01111010110000
Rhoicissus revoilii Planch.	5 6	00010100010011
Rhoicissus rhomboidea (E. Mey. ex Harv.) Planch.	5 8	00000111110111
Rhoicissus sp.	5 2	00000000110000
Rhoicissus tomentosa (Lam.) Wild & Drum.	5 10	01101111100111

Rhoicissus tridentata (L. f.) Wild
& Drum.

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VITTARIACEAE 1, 1, 1.0
Vittaria isoetifolia Bory

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ZAMIACEAE 1, 2, 2.0
Encephalartos altensteinii Lehm.
Encephalartos villosus Lem.

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3 2 00001010000000

ZYGOPHYLLACEAE 1, 2, 2.0
Zygophyllum morgsana L.
Zygophyllum uitenhagense Sond.

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