

Title: A systematic study of the subtropical species of *Thesium* (Santalaceae)

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Additional information:

The genus *Thesium* (Santalaceae) is considered to be one of the genera in urgent need of a taxonomic revision in South Africa. It is a large genus with about 300 species and has its centre of diversity in southern Africa. A systematic study is proposed to identify morphological and anatomical diagnostic characters to infer patterns of taxonomic value within the genus. The main output will be a taxonomic revision of the Grassland species which will include the compilation of morphological descriptions, distribution and habitat information and an identification key.

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