## ENDEMIC PLANTS OF THE SPERRGEBIET

## HOW WIDESPREAD ARE THESE ENDEMIC PLANTS?

The area to which a plant is endemic needs to be clearly defined. Some endemic plants are confined to an area or specific feature within the park, for example *Tylecodon aurusbergensis* only occurs in the Aurus Mountains. Such plants are known as local endemics. Others are more widespread, but only occur in the park, for example *Pteronia spinulosa*. Such plants are park endemics. Then there are some other plants that grow mainly in the park, but extend also across its borders, e.g. *Juttadinteria deserticola*. Such plants are near-endemics.



## HOW MANY ARE THERE?

According to our latest count — and this may change when new information becomes available — there are some 31 plant species strictly endemic to the park (i.e. local and park endemics). Another 32 species occur in the park and just across its borders — to the north into the Namib-Naukluft Park (park & N-E) or to the south across the Orange River into Namaqualand (park & S).



