

Brachyloma depressum



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Tasmanian Herbarium specimen.

FAMILY: EPACRIDACEAE

BOTANICAL NAME: *Brachyloma depressum*,
(F.Muell.) Benth., *Fl. Austral.* 4: 173 (1868)

COMMON NAME: Spreading brachyloma

COMMONWEALTH STATUS: (*EPBC Act*) Not Listed

TASMANIAN STATUS: (*TSP Act*) rare

Description

A shrub with many slender and wiry branches, up to 1 metre high. **Leaves:** The leaves are between 8-15 mm long, lance-shaped and taper into a sharp point. They are alternately arranged along the stem and closely clustered. The leaves are usually without stalks. **Flowers:** The white flowers are solitary and 2-3 mm long. Flowering is from August to December (Flora of Victoria). Most herbarium specimens have been collected between these months. **Fruit:** The fruit is fleshy (Curtis 1963).

Distribution and Habitat

On the mainland this species occurs in Victoria. In Tasmania, *Brachyloma depressum* is found in shrubby heathland amongst granite boulders/sheets or on granite soils. It occurs throughout eastern Tasmania and is also found on Flinders Island in the Furneaux Group (Curtis 1963, Tasmanian Herbarium data 2002).

Key Sites and Populations

Key sites for this species include Rues Hill, Cape Barren Island, Boat Harbour Road, Flinders Island, the eastern side of Maclaines Creek on Clarke Island, Mt Freycinet, Mt Amos, Coles Bay, Gates Bluff heaths, Freycinet Peninsula and Bicheno.

Known Reserves

Reserved in the Cameron Regional Reserve, Clarke Island Nature Reserve, Freycinet National Park and the Waterhouse Conservation Area.

Ecology and Management

There is currently no information available regarding the ecology and management of this species.

Conservation Status Assessment

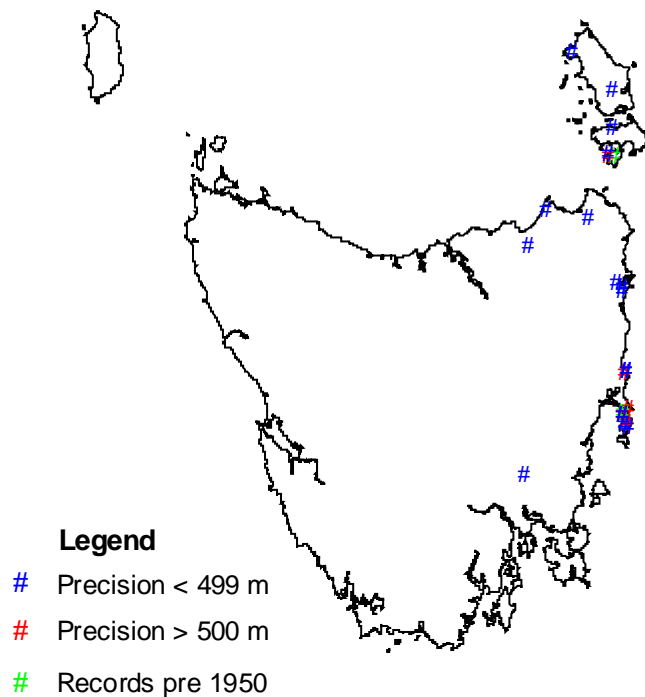
There is no immediate need for reassessment of *Brachyloma depressum*.

Further Information

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- Kirkpatrick, JB, Barker, P, Brown, MJ, Harris, S & Mackie, R 1994, *The Reservation Status of Tasmanian Vascular Plant Communities*, Tasmanian Conservation Trust Incorporated, Hobart.

Tasmanian Distribution

(As per Threatened Species Unit records, June 2003)



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Anderson, Beaumaris, Bicheno, Colebrook, Coles Bay, Gladstone, Graham, Logan, Passage, Pearly Brook, Preservation, St Helens, Tanner, Waterhouse.

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