

Tetratheca ciliata



FAMILY: TREMANDRACEAE

BOTANICAL NAME: *Tetratheca ciliata*, Lindl. in T.Mitch., *Three Exped. Int. E. Australia* 2: 205 (1838)

COMMON NAME: Pink bells

COMMONWEALTH STATUS: (*EPBC Act*) Not Listed

TASMANIAN STATUS: (*TSP Act*) rare

Tetratheca ciliata.
Threatened Species Unit.

Description

An understorey shrub with slender, erect or spreading branches up to 1 metre tall. **Leaves:** The leaves are egg-shaped or rounded in outline, approximately 10mm long and usually whorled in groups of 3-4. **Flowers:** The flowers are solitary and terminal in the leaf axils (where the stem meets the leaf) on stalks as long as or longer than the leaves. The petals are purple to lilac and about 10 mm long. Flowering is from August to December (Flora of Victoria). **Fruit:** The fruit is a flattened capsule and the seeds have an appendage-like outgrowth (Curtis & Morris 1975).

Distribution and Habitat

On the mainland this species occurs in South Australia and Victoria. In Tasmania, *Tetratheca ciliata* is restricted to coastal heaths and heathy woodland, predominantly in the north of the State (Curtis & Morris 1975).

Key Sites and Reserves

Key sites include Sisters Beach, Rocky Cape, Launceston and Tomahawk.

Known Reserves

Reserved in Rocky Cape National Park.

Ecology and Management

Halictid bees are the most likely pollination vector for this species (A. Hingston pers. comm.).

Conservation Status Assessment

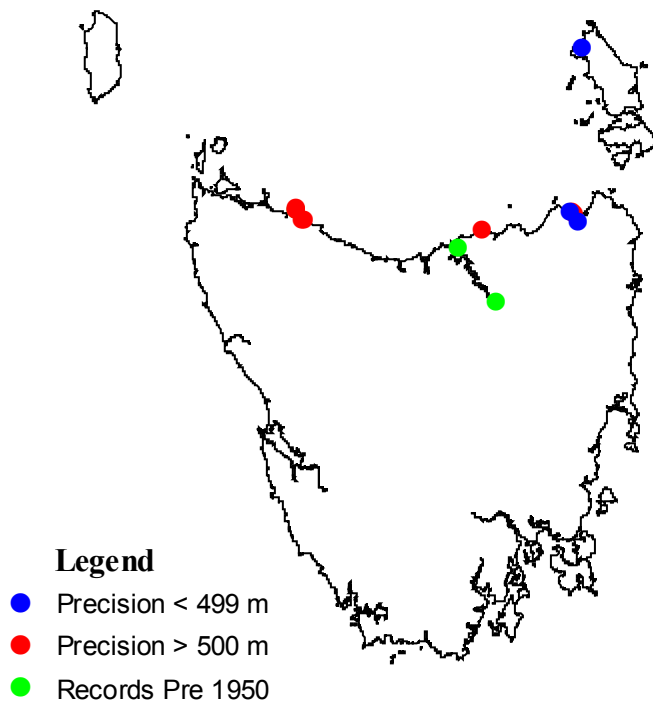
There is not enough information available to enable a meaningful reassessment of *Tetratheca ciliata*.

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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Bell Bay, Launceston, Mawbanna, Monarch, Rocky Cape, Tam O'Shanter, Tanner, Tomahawk.

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