

Chrysocephalum baxteri



Chrysocephalum baxteri. A. Lyne
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FAMILY: ASTERACEAE

BOTANICAL NAME: *Chrysocephalum baxteri*,
(A.Cunn. ex DC.) A.Anderb., *Comp. Newsl.* 19:
22 (1991)

COMMON NAME: Fringed everlasting

COMMONWEALTH STATUS: (EPBC Act)
Not Listed

TASMANIAN STATUS: (TSP Act) rare

Description

A perennial herb with a branching base between 15-40 cm high. **Leaves:** The leaves are arranged alternately along the stem. They are stalkless and measure between 15-20 mm long. The young leaves are covered with cottony white hairs, while older leaves retain a hairy under-surface and are close to hairless and green on the upper leaf surface. **Flowers:** The flower heads are solitary, between 2.2-3.0 cm in diameter and situated at the ends of the stems. Flowering is from spring to summer (Flora of Victoria). **Fruit:** The fruit is small, dry and does not split open. It has a thin, leathery wall (description from Curtis 1963). Herbarium specimens have been collected from September to December. **This species was previously called *Helichrysum baxteri*.**

Distribution and Habitat

On the mainland this coastal species occurs in South Australia and Victoria. In Tasmania, *Chrysocephalum baxteri* is restricted to the Furneaux Group where it is found on sand dunes between the beach and lagoon, also granite bedrock with some large tors and sandy soils on bare, recently burnt forest (Curtis 1963, S. Harris pers. comm.).

Key Sites and Populations

Key sites include Clarke Island and Cape Barren Island (southeast side near Cone Point, Crows Beach and the summit of Mt. Kerroud).

Known Reserves

Reserved in the Clarke Island Nature Reserve and the Sydney Cove Historic Site.

Ecology & Management

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

Conservation Status Assessment

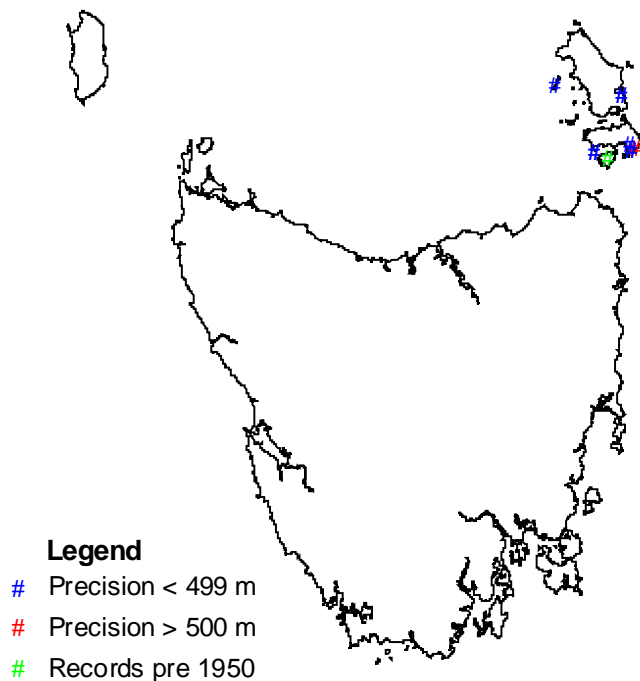
There is not enough information available to enable meaningful reassessment of *Chrysocephalum baxteri*.

Further Information

- Curtis, WM 1963, *The Student's Flora of Tasmania*, Part 2, Government Printer, Hobart.
- 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, April 2003)



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