

Coopernookia barbata



FAMILY: GOODENIACEAE

BOTANICAL NAME: *Coopernookia barbata*,
(R.Br.) Carolin, *Proc. Linn. Soc. New South
Wales* 92: 213 (1968)

COMMON NAME: Purple goodenia

COMMONWEALTH STATUS: (*EPBC Act*)
Not Listed

TASMANIAN STATUS: (*TSP Act*) presumed
extinct

Coopernookia barbata.
Permission from N. Walsh (Flora of Victoria).

Description

A ground trailing or erect shrub to 1 metre in height. **Stems:** The stems are ribbed and circular with glandular hairs. **Leaves:** The leaves are stalkless and linear in shape, between 10-40 mm long and 1-6 mm wide. Both leaf surfaces have scattered glandular and star-shaped hairs. **Flowers:** The flower stalks are approximately 30 mm long with two leaf-like bracts above the middle of the stalk. The flowers are mauve to blue in colour with glandular and star-shaped hairs on the outside. The flowers have wing-like petals, which are between 1-3 mm wide. Flowering occurs throughout the year (Flora of Victoria). **Fruit:** The fruit is a capsule between 5-7 mm long (description from Walsh & Entwistle 1999). **This species was previously known as *Goodenia barbata*.**

Distribution and Habitat

On the mainland this species occurs in Victoria and New South Wales. In Tasmania, *Coopernookia barbata* was recorded by Robert Brown (1810) from examination of a dried specimen and cited by Bentham (1869). The specimen was said to be from Port Dalrymple in northern Tasmania (from Curtis 1963) though some doubt remains as to whether the specimen was collected from Tasmania.

Key Sites and Populations

Key sites for this species include Port Dalrymple.

Known Reserves

This species is not currently known from any reserve.

Ecology and Management

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

Conservation Status Assessment

There is no immediate need to reassess *Coopernookia barbata* though there is some doubt as to whether this species was ever collected from Tasmania.

Further Information

- Curtis, WM 1963, *The Student's Flora of Tasmania*, Part 2, Government Printer, Hobart.
- Walsh, NG & Entwistle, TJ eds 1999, *Flora of Victoria*, Volume 4, Inkata Press, Melbourne.

Tasmanian Distribution

There is no distribution information available for *Coopernookia barbata*.

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