

Scutellaria humilis



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Tasmanian Herbarium specimens.

FAMILY: LAMIACEAE

BOTANICAL NAME: *Scutellaria humilis*,
R.Br., *Prodr.* 507 (1810)

COMMON NAME: Dwarf scullcap

COMMONWEALTH STATUS: (*EPBC Act*) Not Listed

TASMANIAN STATUS: (*TSP Act*) rare

Description

A slender, erect perennial herb between 5-30 cm high. **Leaves:** The lower leaves are stalked, almost round in outline and between 8-15 mm long. They are lobed or with shallow rounded teeth and a heart-shaped or straight base. The upper leaves are similar but smaller, less divided and short stalked. **Flowers:** The flowers are solitary, pale pink or purplish, between 6-7 mm long and borne in the leaf axils (where the stem meets the leaf) toward the end of the branches. Flowering is predominantly from October to February (Flora of Victoria). **Fruit:** The fruit is a small nutlet (Curtis 1967).

Distribution and Habitat

On the mainland this species occurs in South Australia, Victoria and New South Wales. In Tasmania, *Scutellaria humilis* is found in moist, shady places in the north-east of the State (Curtis 1967).

Key Sites and Populations

Key sites include Falmouth, Fingal, George Town, Clarence Point (West Tamar), Launceston, Cataract Gorge, Binalong Bay and Maria Island.

Known Reserves

Reserved in the Humbug Point Nature Recreation Area.



Ecology and Management

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

Conservation Status Assessment

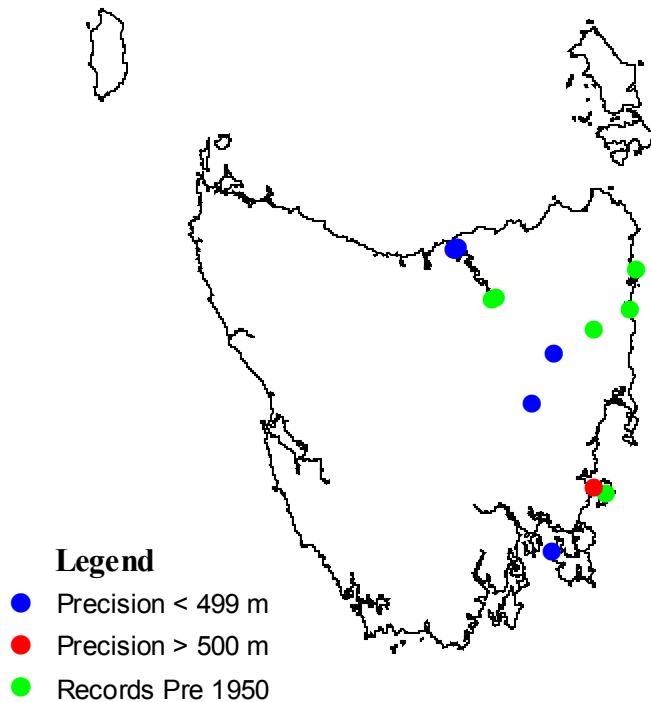
Scutellaria humilis may qualify for uplisting given the paucity of recent records, though more information may be required for a meaningful reassessment.

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, Binalong, Communication, Falmouth, Fingal, Hanleth, Launceston, Orford, Riedle, Tunbridge.

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