

Spyridium parvifolium var. *molle*



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FAMILY: RHAMNACEAE

BOTANICAL NAME: *Spyridium parvifolium* var. *molle*, (Hook.f.) Benth., *Fl. Austral.* 1: 428 (1863)

COMMON NAME: Soft Furneaux spyridium

COMMONWEALTH STATUS: (*EPBC Act*) Not Listed

TASMANIAN STATUS: (*TSP Act*) rare

Description

An erect, much branched shrub between 15-50 cm tall. **Leaves:** The leaves are greyish-green and covered with soft, velvety hairs. They are between 4-12 mm long with broadly elliptical leaf blades that have a blunt tip and margins that curve back towards the underside of the leaf. The veins on the leaf are very prominent. **Flowers:** The salmon pink flowers are 3 mm in diameter, stalkless and clustered in heads. Each head is surrounded by brown bracts and subtended by one or more densely hairy floral leaves. The flowers also have a distinctive honey smell. Flowering is in spring (Flora of Victoria). **Fruit:** The fruit is a capsule. **Confusing species:** *Spyridium parvifolium* var. *molle* contrasts from *Spyridium parvifolium* var. *parvifolium* by its greyish green leaves with velvety hairs (description from Curtis & Morris 1975).

Distribution and Habitat

Spyridium parvifolium var. *molle* is endemic to Tasmania, occurring in a range of habitats including riparian, rocky slopes, open woodland and heath. This species is only found in the north-east and the Furneaux group (Curtis & Morris 1975).

Key sites and Populations

Key sites include Cape Barren Island, Flinders Island, Stumpys Bay, Mt. Cameron and Hardwicks Creek.

Known Reserves

Reserved in the Brougham Sugarloaf Conservation Area, Cameron Regional Reserve and Mt William National Park.

Ecology and Management

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

Conservation Status Assessment

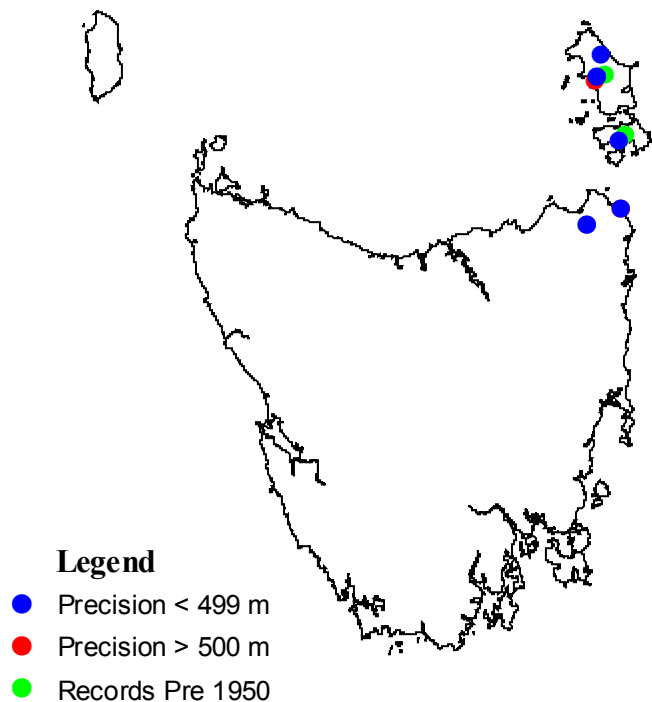
There is no immediate need for reassessment of *Spyridium parvifolium* var. *molle*.

Further Information

- Curtis, WM & Morris, DI 1975, *The Student's Flora of Tasmania*, Part 1, 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, June 2003)



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