

SPECIES MANAGEMENT PROFILE

Asperula scoparia subsp. scoparia prickly woodruff

Group: Magnoliophyta (flowering plants), Magnoliopsida (dicots), Rubiales, Rubiaceae

Status: *Threatened Species Protection Act 1995*: rare
Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999: Not listed

Endemic: Endemic in Australia

Status:



A complete species management profile is not currently available for this species. Check for further information on this page and any relevant Activity Advice.

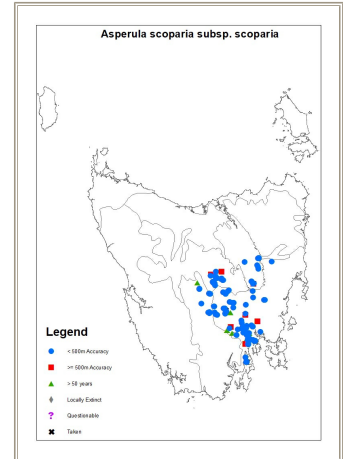
Key Points

- Important:** Is this species in your area? Do you need a permit? Ensure you've covered all the issues by checking the Planning Ahead page.
- Important:** Different threatened species may have different requirements. For any activity you are considering, read the Activity Advice pages for background information and important advice about managing around the needs of multiple threatened species.

Surveying

Key	Survey reliability more info
M	Best time to survey
M	Potential time to survey
M	Poor time to survey
M	Non-survey period

To ensure you follow the law - check whether your survey requires a permit. Always report any new records to the Natural Values Atlas, or send the information direct to the Threatened Species Section. Refer to the Activity Advice: Surveying page for background information.



<i>Asperula scoparia subsp. scoparia</i>	Spring	Summer	Autumn	Winter
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- Flowering of this perennial herb is from September to February (Flora of Victoria). Most herbarium specimens have been collected from late September to January, the recommended timing for surveys, though the species has been observed at other times of the year. The species can be distinguished from other species of *Asperula* using vegetative characteristics.
- In Tasmania, the species is widespread but only occasionally found. It has been recorded from grassy woodland and tall eucalypt forest.

Further information

Check also for listing statement or notesheet pdf above (below the species image).

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Permit: A permit is required under the Tasmanian *Threatened Species Protection Act 1995* to 'take' (which includes kill, injure, catch, damage, destroy and collect), keep, trade in or process any specimen or products of a listed species. Additional permits may also be required under other Acts or regulations to take, disturb or interfere with any form of wildlife or its products, (e.g. dens, nests, bones). This may also depend on the tenure of the land and other agreements relating to its management.