

SPECIES MANAGEMENT PROFILE

Calochilus campestris copper beard-orchid

Group: Magnoliophyta (flowering plants), Liliopsida (monocots), Orchidales, Orchidaceae

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

Endemic: Found in Tasmania and elsewhere

Status:



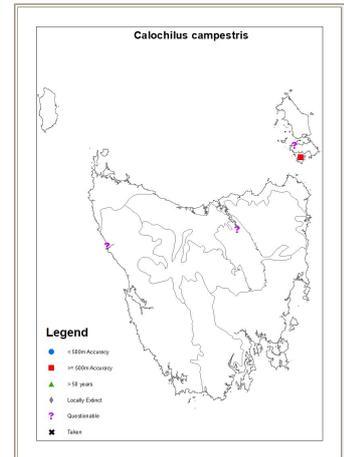
Key Points

- **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

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| 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>Calochilus campestris</i> | Spring | | | | | Summer | | | | | Autumn | | | | | Winter | | | | | | | | |
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| copper beard-orchid | S | S | O | O | N | N | D | D | J | J | F | F | M | M | A | A | M | M | J | J | J | J | A | A |

- Flowers are required for the identification of this ground orchid which dies back to subterranean tubers after flowering. This species is poorly known in Tasmania, collected only once, from Clarke Island on 12 November 1979, which coincides with peak flowering of the other Tasmanian beard-orchids. The flowering period of *Calochilus campestris* on mainland Australia is September to January. Late October to early December is the likely flowering period in this State and the recommended timing for surveys. Flowers only last between 2 and 4 days. This species may respond to fire and other disturbance in a similar manner to other species of *Calochilus*, which generally flower in large numbers in the first few years immediately after an intense fire.
- On mainland Australia, this species occurs on ridges and slopes in forest and woodland and can also be found in coastal heath and headlands. The species is known to colonise embankments and road verges. The habitat in Tasmania is poorly understood.

Further information

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

Recovery Plan

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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.