

## SPECIES MANAGEMENT PROFILE

*Chorizandra enodis* black bristlesedge

**Group:** Magnoliophyta (flowering plants), Liliopsida (monocots), Cyperales, Cyperaceae

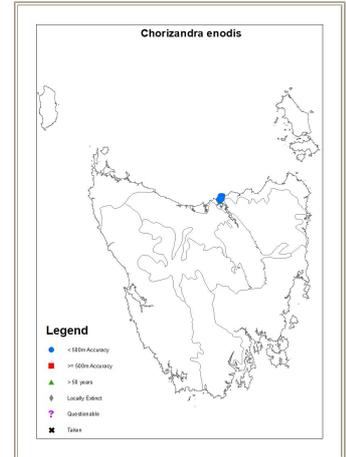
**Status:** *Threatened Species Protection Act 1995:* **endangered**  
*Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999:* Not listed

**Endemic:** Found in Tasmania and elsewhere

**Status:**



*Chorizandra enodis* (black bristlesedge) is a perennial sedge which in Tasmania is restricted to the George Town/Low Head area in the north of the State. It forms locally dense stands in low-lying swampy ground, including in remnant stands of *Melaleuca ericifolia* (coast paperbark) where it is most abundant on the fringes and in clearings, and slashed road-side verges and road-side drains. The species has a linear range of less than 8 km, and occupies an area of less than 1 ha, making it susceptible to chance events. *Chorizandra enodis* is unreserved, being restricted to private land used mainly for agricultural purposes, and road verges managed by the local council. It is known to persist under quite intensive land management practices, but is at risk from clearing for residential and industrial development and road improvements, intensification of agricultural activities including improving drainage and intensive stock grazing, frequent cleaning or deep scraping of roadside drains and competition from weeds.



## 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
<b>M</b>	Best time to survey
M	Potential time to survey
<i>M</i>	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>Chorizandra enodis</i>	Spring	Summer	Autumn	Winter
black bristlesedge	S S O O N N	D D J J F F	M M A A M M	J J J J A A

- Flowering of this perennial sedge is from spring to autumn (Flora of Victoria). This species can be identified at any time of the year.
- In Tasmania, *Chorizandra enodis* is found in damp, sandy heath around the Low Head region.

## 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.

