

SPECIES MANAGEMENT PROFILE

Corunastylis brachystachya shortspike midge-orchid

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

Status: *Threatened Species Protection Act 1995:* **endangered**
Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999: **Endangered**

Endemic: Found only in Tasmania

Status:



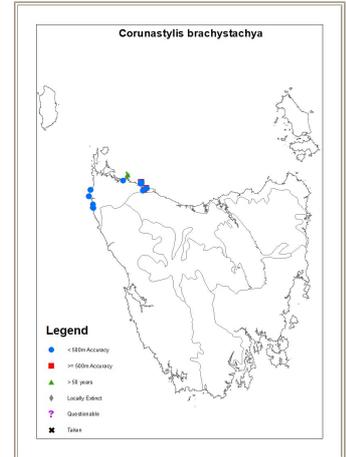
Key Points

- 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

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>Corunastylis brachystachya</i>	Spring						Summer						Autumn						Winter					
shortspike midge-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. *Corunastylis brachystachya* often occurs in relatively low abundance at any particular site, making detection a chance event. The flowering period of *Corunastylis brachystachya* is February to April and the few Tasmanian records of this species were from March. Late summer to early autumn is the recommended timing for surveys.
- Corunastylis brachystachya* occurs in near-coastal lowland habitats (generally below 50 m elevation) in heathland and heathy woodland among low shrubs, boulders and rock plates on well drained soils. The habitat of the subpopulation near Smithton was recorded as patches of teatree scrub in predominantly pasture.

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.