

SPECIES MANAGEMENT PROFILE

Corunastylis firthii firths midge-orchid

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

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

Endemic: Found only in Tasmania

Status:

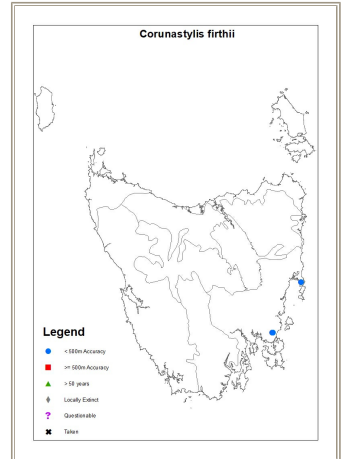


There are doubts regarding the taxonomic status of *Corunastylis firthii*, a possible variant of *Corunastylis tasmanica*, a non-listed species. The few records in NVA are questionable and require verification.

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 firthii</i>	Spring						Summer						Autumn						Winter					
firths 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. The few records indicate this species flowers from mid January to late February. It is restricted to the Freycinet Peninsula, where the closely related and similar *Corunastylis tasmanica* is also in flower at the same time (supporting existing doubts about the taxonomic status of *Corunastylis firthii*).
- This species has been recorded on an almost bare roadside strip on sandy soil and in the Friendly Beaches area, it was found in tall open banksia shrubland with heathy and sedgy ground cover, growing on a well-drained rise in sand derived from granite.

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.