

## SPECIES MANAGEMENT PROFILE

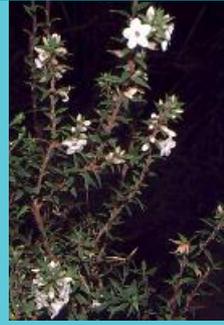
*Epacris apsleyensis* apsley heath

**Group:** Magnoliophyta (flowering plants), Magnoliopsida (dicots), Ericales, Ericaceae

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

**Endemic:** Found only in Tasmania

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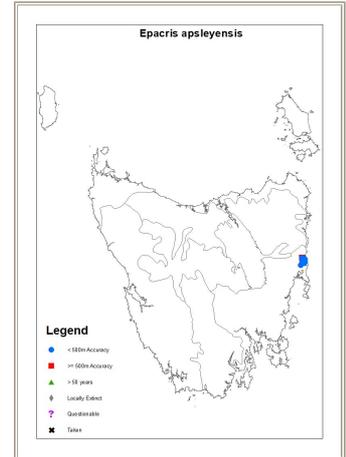


*Epacris apsleyensis* (apsley heath) is a shrub in Tasmania, occurring in dry sclerophyll forest on Jurassic dolerite on Tasmania's central east coast. The total number of mature individuals is estimated at more than 500,000, though the species has a restricted distribution, with linear range of only about 11 km, putting it at risk from localised events. Threats include infection by the exotic soil-borne plant pathogen *Phytophthora cinnamomi*, inappropriate fire regimes, land clearance, habitat fragmentation and modification, and weed invasion.

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
<b>M</b>	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>Epacris apsleyensis</i>	Spring						Summer					Autumn					Winter							
apsley heath	S	S	O	O	N	N	D	D	J	J	F	F	M	M	A	A	M	M	J	J	J	J	A	A

- Epacris apsleyensis* is an erect, multi-stemmed, woody shrub that can be distinguished from other *Epacris* species by the enclosure of all the flower parts within the corolla tube. Flowers aid detection and enable confirmation of the identity of the species. Flowers are produced from January to late spring with peak flowering in late summer, though herbarium specimens have been collected throughout most of the year.
- This species is restricted to the central east coast of Tasmania where it occurs in dry sclerophyll forest on sheltered midslopes of Jurassic dolerite at 20 to 250 m above sea level.

### 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.

