

SPECIES MANAGEMENT PROFILE

Galaxias auratus Golden Galaxias

Group: Chordata (vertebrates), Actinopterygii (bony fish), Salmoniformes (salmonids), Galaxiidae

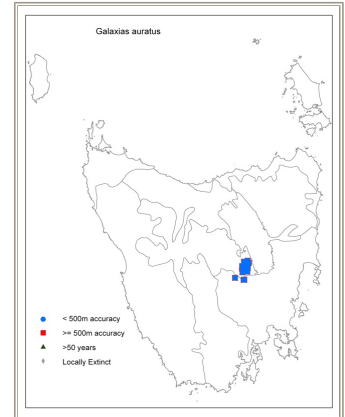
Status: *Threatened Species Protection Act 1995*: rare
Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999: **Endangered**

Endemic Status: Found only in Tasmania



The Golden Galaxias is only found in Lakes Crescent and Sorell and nearby streams and wet areas. The species grows to about 240 mm but is usually shorter. It is a yellow-golden colour on the back becoming a silver grey underneath. The upper body is covered in dark spots and the fins are amber to light orange. The species prefers rocky shorelines but is also found in streams and wetlands. It feeds on insects, aquatic crustaceans and molluscs. Breeding occurs from late autumn to winter. Many eggs are produced and larvae can be found away from the lake shores. Threats are predominantly predation from exotic fish, but also from degradation of habitat from low water levels and turbidity/pollution. Draining of wetlands for grazing is also a threat.

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.

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.