

## SPECIES MANAGEMENT PROFILE

*Hypolepis distans* scrambling groundfern

**Group:** Polypodiophyta (ferns), Polypodiopsida, Polypodiales, Dennstaedtiaceae

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

**Endemic:** Within Australia, occurs only in Tasmania

**Status:**



A complete species management profile is not currently available for this species. Check for further information on this page and any relevant Activity Advice.

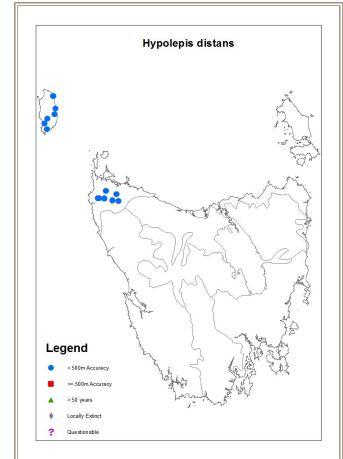
### Key Points

- 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
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>Hypolepis distans</i>	Spring	Summer	Autumn	Winter
scrambling groundfern	S S O O N N	D D J J	F F M M A A	M M J J J J A A

- The distinctive habit and leaf venation of this terrestrial fern allows it to be identified at any time of year.
- Within Australia, *Hypolepis distans* is known only from the North West and King Island in Tasmania. It occurs in wet scrubland bordering *Melaleuca ericifolia* swamp forest, disturbance-induced *Balioskion tetraphyllum* sedgeland, and from disturbed areas in wet eucalypt or mixed forest co-dominated by *Eucalyptus brookeriana* and *Acacia melanoxylon*. Soils tend to be high in organic matter with moderate to poor drainage, while all sites are in areas of moderate rainfall below 40 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.