

## SPECIES MANAGEMENT PROFILE

*Pterostylis commutata* midlands greenhood

**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 Status:** Found only in Tasmania



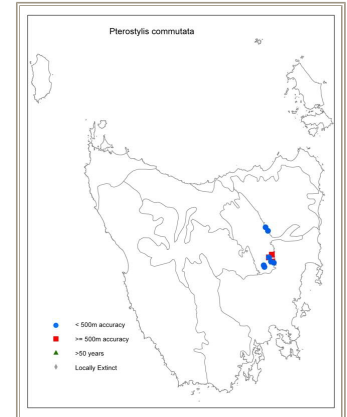
### Key Points

- **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>Pterostylis commutata</i>	Spring						Summer						Autumn				Winter							
midlands greenhood	S	S	O	O	N	N	D	D	<b>J</b>	<b>J</b>	F	F	M	M	A	A	M	M	J	J	J	J	A	A

- Flowers are required for the identification and to aid detection of this ground orchid which dies back to subterranean tubers after flowering. *Pterostylis commutata* flowers in midsummer, and is usually in full flower around Christmas time, when the surrounding vegetation has dried off. It occurs in small, loose colonies. The species may not flower or emerge in dry years.
- *Pterostylis commutata* is restricted to Tasmania's Midlands, where it occurs in native grassland and *Eucalyptus pauciflora* grassy woodland on well-drained sandy soils and basalt loams.

### 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.