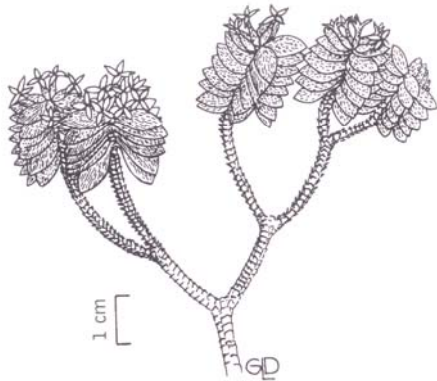


Pimelea milliganii



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FAMILY: THYMELAEACEAE

BOTANICAL NAME: *Pimelea milliganii*,
Meisn. in A.P. de Candolle, *Prodr.* 14:509
(1857)

COMMON NAME: Milligan's rice flower

COMMONWEALTH STATUS: (*EPBC Act*)
Not Listed

TASMANIAN STATUS: (*TSP Act*) rare

Description

A low, much branched shrub with leafy branches (up to 70 cm tall). The older parts of the branches are marked with raised scars from fallen leaves. **Leaves:** The stalkless leaves are oval to elliptical in shape and between 6-12 mm long and 4-8 mm broad. The leaves also overlap like roof tiles and are arranged in opposite pairs along the stem. They are strongly clustered at the ends of the branches. Both the upper and lower leaf surfaces are densely covered with silvery-silky hairs that are long and shiny. **Flowers:** The white-pinkish flowers are arranged in heads at the ends of the branches. They are between 3-5 mm long and covered with long, soft hairs. **Fruit:** The fruit is dry (description from A. Buchanan pers. comm., Curtis 1967, Kirkpatrick 1997). Herbarium specimens have been collected from December to April.

Distribution and Habitat

Pimelea milliganii is endemic to Tasmania and is found in alpine heath on mountain summits in the south-west of the State (Kirkpatrick 1997).

Key Sites and Populations

Key sites include Propsting, the Western Arthurs, Mt Council and the De Witt Range. This species is regularly found in alpine heath throughout the south-west and there is estimated to be around 10 000 individual plants (J. Balmer Pers. comm.). This species is more abundant than records indicate.

Known Reserves

This species is reserved in the Franklin-Gordon Wild Rivers National park, Lake Beatrice Conservation Area, Southwest National Park, Tyndall Regional Reserve and the West Coast Range regional reserve.

Ecology and Management

Butterflies and long-tongued flies are the most likely pollination vector for this species (A. Hingston pers. comm.).

Conservation Status Assessment

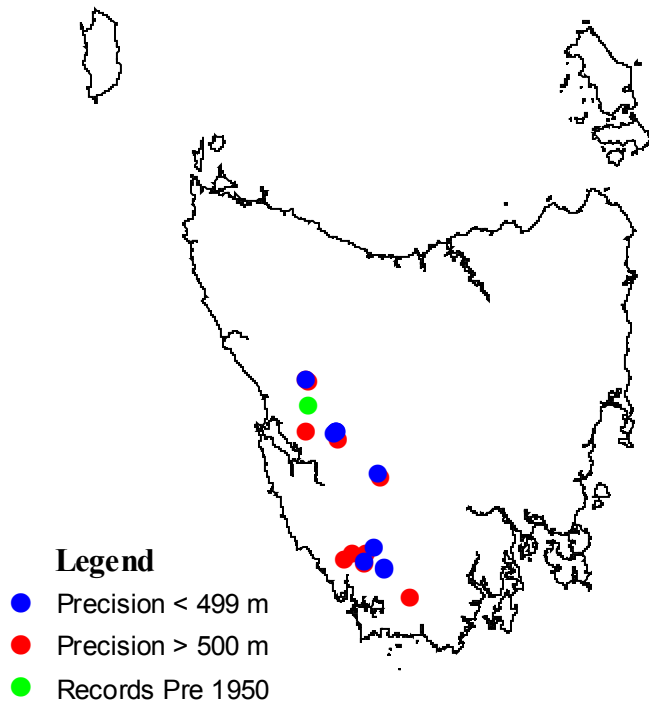
There is no immediate need for reassessment of *Pimelea milliganii*.

Further Information

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Tasmanian Distribution

(As per Threatened Species Unit records, June 2003)



1:25 000 Map Sheets

Crossing, Darwin, Federation, Maconochie, Owen, Pokana, Propsting, Spires, Tyndall, Vera.

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