

Puccinellia perlaxa



Puccinellia perlaxa spikelet. D. Morris.

FAMILY: POACEAE

BOTANICAL NAME: *Puccinellia perlaxa*,
(Stapf ex N.G. Walsh) N.G. Walsh &
A.R. Williams, *Nuytsia* 16: 464 (2007)

COMMON NAME: Spreading saltmarshgrass

COMMONWEALTH STATUS: (*EPBC Act*)
Not Listed

TASMANIAN STATUS: (*TSP Act*) rare

Description

An annual or perennial grass, up to 30 cm or possibly 50 cm high. **Leaves:** The sheaths are ribbed and the blades are between 2-15 cm long, inrolled and circular in cross-section. They taper into a fine point and are very slender and almost hairlike. **Stems:** The stems are smooth, stiff and erect. **Seedhead:** The seedhead is up to 15 cm long and the branches are wide-spreading. **Spikelets (Units of the seedhead):** The spikelets are between 4-5 mm long, possibly up to 8 mm long. Flowering is from September to January (Flora of Victoria). **Seed:** The seed is approximately 1.5 mm long (description from Burbridge 1966, Curtis & Morris 1994). **This species was previously known as *Puccinellia stricta* var. *perlaxa* and *Puccinellia stricta* was previously known as *Glyceria stricta*.**

Distribution and Habitat

On the mainland this species occurs in Victoria. *Puccinellia perlaxa* is only known from one site in Tasmania.

Key Sites and Populations

Known only from a creek bed in a saline area of a paddock on the Valleyfield Road, Midlands.

Known Reserves

This species is not currently known from any reserve.

Ecology and Management

There is currently no information available regarding the ecology and management of this species.

Conservation Status Assessment

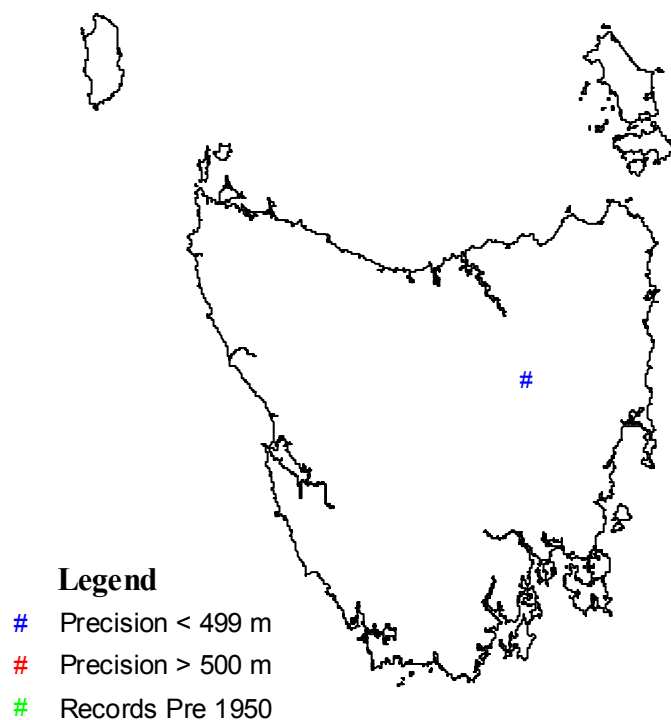
As this species is only known from one location, reassessment of the conservation status of *Puccinellia perlaxa* is warranted though more information is required for a meaningful reassessment.

Further Information

- Burbridge, NT 1966, *Australian Grasses*, Angus and Robertson publishers, Melbourne.
- Curtis, W.M. and Morris, D.I. (1994). *The Student's Flora of Tasmania*. Part 4B. Printing Authority of Tasmania, Hobart.

Tasmanian Distribution

(As per Threatened Species Unit records, June 2003)



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