

Epacris purpurascens var purpurascens

Scientific Name:

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Conservation Status in NSW:

Vulnerable



SPECIAL NOTE: *Epacris purpurascens var purpurascens* is confined to coastal plateaus in the Sydney region.

Description:

Epacris purpurascens var purpurascens is a stiff prickly shrub reaching 1-1.5 high. The flowers are star-like in shape and white to pink, each in the fold of a single leaf.

Habitat:

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(Robinson, 1991)

Threats:

Habitat loss through expanding urban areas and habitat degradation from inappropriate fire regimes, illegal track creation and weed invasion.

Community Action:

Warringah residents can protect plants such as *Epacris purpurascens var purpurascens* by having a "bush-friendly" garden, which reduces the threat of weed invasions into nearby bushland.