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### Taxonomy

**Scientific Name** ***Disa galpinii* Rolfe**  
**Higher Classification** Monocotyledons  
**Family** ORCHIDACEAE  
**Synonyms** *Disa minax* Kraenzl.

### National Status

**Status and Criteria** Rare  
**Assessment Date** 2008/06/15  
**Assessor(s)** D. Raimondo  
**Justification** A habitat specialist known from two subpopulations from the southern Drakensberg. The area in which the species occurs has not been thoroughly explored, and it is quite possible that it may be more common than the few herbarium records suggest. Not threatened.



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### Distribution

**Endemism** South African endemic  
**Provincial distribution** Eastern Cape, KwaZulu-Natal  
**Range** Between Ramatsiliso's Gate and Naude's Nek Pass.

### Habitat and Ecology

**Major system** Terrestrial  
**Major habitats** Grassland

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**Description** High altitude grasslands near streams, 2000 m.

## Threats

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Unknown. Large sections of the lower slopes of the Drakensberg within the described distribution area of this species is degraded as a result of overgrazing and erosion, but it is not known whether this has caused population decline.

## Population

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A very rare and seldom collected species.

**Population trend** Stable

## Assessment History

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Taxon assessed	Status and Criteria	Citation/Red List version
Disa galpinii Rolfe	<b>Rare</b>	Raimondo et al. (2009)
Disa galpinii Rolfe	<b>Data Deficient</b>	Victor (2002)
Disa galpinii Rolfe	<b>Lower Risk - Least Concern</b>	Scott-Shaw (1999)
Disa galpinii Rolfe	<b>Rare</b>	Hilton-Taylor (1996)
Disa galpinii Rolfe	<b>Rare</b>	Hall et al. (1980)

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