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Taxonomy

Scientific Name **Tylecodon bayeri** Van Jaarsv.
Higher Classification Dicotyledons
Family CRASSULACEAE

National Status

Status and Criteria Vulnerable D2
Assessment Date 2015/05/12
Assessor(s) E.J. van Jaarsveld & L. von Staden
Justification A localized species (EOO 424 km²), known from five locations and potentially threatened by habitat degradation due to overgrazing.



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Distribution

Endemism South African endemic
Provincial distribution Range Northern Cape
Richtersveld, mountains between Eksteenfontein and Steinkopf.

Habitat and Ecology

Major system Terrestrial
Major habitats Kosiesberg Succulent Shrubland, Rooiberg Quartz Vygieveld, Kahams Mountain Desert
Description Sheltered among

rocks and shrubs
on south-facing
slopes.

Threats

This species occurs in montane areas where the grazing pressure is currently low. However, as rangelands on the plains and closer to settlements are becoming increasingly degraded, herders are starting to move into montane areas in search of better grazing for their livestock. Severe overgrazing has caused a loss of vegetation cover and a decline in succulents dependent on nurse-shrubs elsewhere in the Richtersveld, and could potentially have a negative impact on this species as well.

Population

This species is known from only a few records, but is easily overlooked, and fairly common within suitable habitat (E.J. van Jaarsveld pers. comm.).

Population Stable trend

Assessment History

Taxon	Status	Citation/Red List version
assessed and Criteria		
Tylecodon	VU	D2 2015.1
bayeri		
Van		
Jaarsv.		
Tylecodon	Least Concern	Raimondo et al. (2009)
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