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### Taxonomy

<b>Scientific Name</b>	<b>Tylecodon kritzingeri</b> <b>Van Jaarsv.</b>
<b>Higher Classification</b>	Dicotyledons
<b>Family</b>	CRASSULACEAE

### National Status

<b>Status and Criteria</b>	<b>Vulnerable D2</b>
<b>Assessment Date</b>	2015/05/12
<b>Assessor(s)</b>	P.V. Bruyns, E.J. van Jaarsveld, L. von Staden & P.C.V. Van Wyk
<b>Justification</b>	A rare, localized species (EOO 189 km <sup>2</sup> ), known from five locations and potentially threatened by habitat degradation due to overgrazing.

### Distribution

<b>Endemism</b>	South African endemic
<b>Provincial distribution</b>	Northern Cape
<b>Range</b>	Central mountains of the Richtersveld.

### Habitat and Ecology

<b>Major system</b>	Terrestrial
<b>Major habitats</b>	Rosyntjieberg Succulent Shrubland, Central Richtersveld Mountain Shrubland, Stinkfonteinberge Quartzite Fynbos



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**Description** Sheltered, shaded places among rocks and shrubs on middle to upper slopes.

## Threats

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In the areas where this species occurs, 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 species dependent on nurse-shrubs elsewhere in the Richtersveld, and could potentially have a negative impact on this species as well.

## Population

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This species is rarely recorded, but is also easily overlooked (Van Jaarsveld and Koutnik 2004). Subpopulations are small and localized.

**Population trend** Stable

## Assessment History

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Taxon assessed	Status and Criteria	Citation/Red List version
Tylecodon kritzingeri Van Jaarsv.	<b>VU D2</b>	2015.1
Tylecodon kritzingeri Van Jaarsv.	<b>Rare</b>	Raimondo et al. (2009)
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