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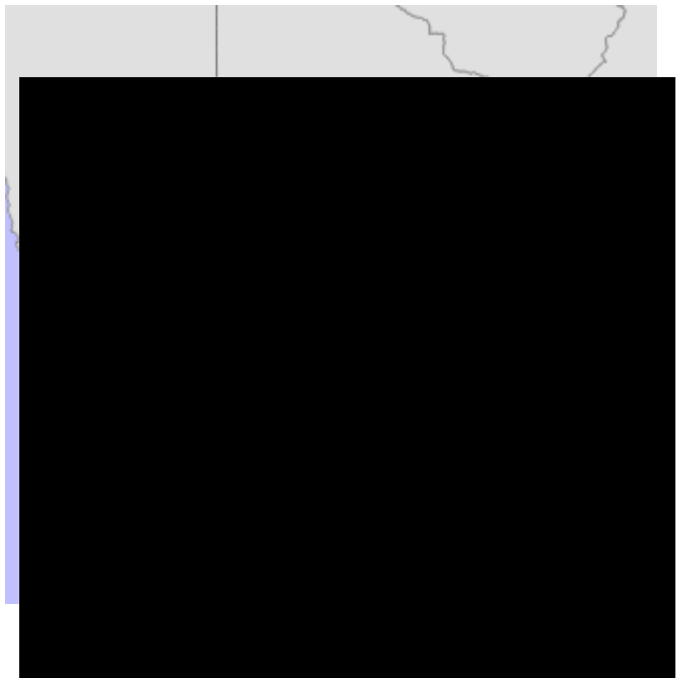
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Taxonomy

Scientific Name	Conophytum ficiforme (Haw.) N.E.Br.
Higher Classification	Dicotyledons
Family	AIZOACEAE
Synonyms	Conophytum altile (N.E.Br.) N.E.Br., Conophytum assimile (N.E.Br.) N.E.Br., Conophytum fenestriferum N.E.Br. on drawing at K!, Conophytum ficiforme (Haw.) N.E.Br. var. placitum (N.E.Br.) Rawé, Conophytum fossulatum Tischer, Conophytum odoratum (N.E.Br.) N.E.Br., Conophytum pallidum (N.E.Br.) N.E.Br., Conophytum placitum (N.E.Br.) N.E.Br., Conophytum placitum (N.E.Br.) N.E.Br. var. placitum, Conophytum placitum (N.E.Br.) N.E.Br. var. pubescens Littlew., Mesembryanthemum altile N.E.Br., Mesembryanthemum assimile N.E.Br., Mesembryanthemum ficiforme Haw., Mesembryanthemum jugiferum N.E.Br., Mesembryanthemum odoratum N.E.Br., Mesembryanthemum pallidum N.E.Br., Mesembryanthemum placitum N.E.Br.



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National Status

Status and Criteria**Assessment** 2015/06/10**Date****Assessor(s)** A.J. Young & L. von Staden**Justification** A range-restricted, but very abundant species with an EOO of 1215 km². It is not declining and not in danger of extinction.**Distribution**

Endemism South African endemic**Provincial distribution** Western Cape**Range** Worcester to Bonnievale and McGregor.**Habitat and Ecology**

Major system Terrestrial**Major habitats** Fynbos, Succulent Karoo**Description** Crevices and exposed places in shale outcrops, or growing among shale rubble on ridges.**Threats**

There are no known significant past, ongoing or future threats that are likely to lead to this species' extinction. It may have lost some habitat to urban expansion around Worcester in the past, and a few subpopulations on the urban edges of Worcester and Robertson are potentially threatened by habitat loss to development and spreading informal settlements, but this threat affects only a very small proportion of the population. This species' habitat is unsuitable to cultivation - the major driver of plant species declines in the region.

Population

This species has a limited distribution range, but is locally abundant within suitable habitat, sometimes occurring in very dense stands. There are at least 11 documented subpopulations, but it is likely that there are many more in unexplored shale ridges around the Breede River. The population well exceeds 10 000 mature individuals and is not declining.

Population trend Stable

Assessment History

Taxon assessed	Status and Criteria	Citation/Red List version
Conophytum ficiforme (Haw.) N.E.Br.	Least Concern	Raimondo et al. (2009)

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