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### Taxonomy

|                              |   |
|------------------------------|---|
| <b>Scientific Name</b>       | <b>Conophytum jucundum (N.E.Br.) N.E.Br. subsp. ruschii (Schwantes) S.A.Hammer</b>  |
| <b>Higher Classification</b> | Dicotyledons  |
| <b>Family</b>                | AIZOACEAE   |
| <b>Synonyms</b>              | Conophytum ruschii Schwantes (in part),<br>Conophytum ruschii Schwantes var. obtusipetalum L.Bolus,<br>Conophytum ruschii Schwantes var. ruschii, Conophytum speciosum Tischer,<br>Conophytum wettsteinii (A.Berger) N.E.Br. subsp. ruschii (Schwantes) S.A.Hammer,<br>Conophytum wettsteinii (A.Berger) N.E.Br. var. oculatum L.Bolus,<br>Conophytum wettsteinii (A.Berger) N.E.Br. var. speciosum (Tischer) Tischer |



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### National Status

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| <b>Status and Criteria</b> | <b>Least Concern</b>   |
| <b>Assessment Date</b>     | 2015/06/30   |
| <b>Assessor(s)</b>         | A.J. Young   |
| <b>Justification</b>       | Relatively widespread (EOO 2787 km <sup>2</sup> ) and common, and not in danger of extinction. |

## Distribution

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| <b>Endemism</b>                | South African endemic  |
| <b>Provincial distribution</b> | Northern Cape          |
| <b>Range</b>                   | Northern Richtersveld. |

## Habitat and Ecology

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| <b>Major system</b>   | Terrestrial   |
| <b>Major habitats</b> | Succulent Karoo   |
| <b>Description</b>    | Gneiss, in the shade, sometimes in weathered depressions. |

## Population

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This subspecies is locally common, and the population size likely to be well in excess of 5 000 plants.

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| <b>Population trend</b> | Stable |
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## Assessment History

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| <b>Taxon assessed</b>  | <b>Status and Criteria</b> | <b>Citation/Red List version</b> |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Conophytum jucundum (N.E.Br.)<br>N.E.Br.<br>subsp.<br>ruschii<br>(Schwantes)<br>S.A.Hammer | <b>Least Concernal.</b>    | Raimondo et al. (2009)           |

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