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### Taxonomy

<b>Scientific Name</b>	<b>Oxalis aridicola</b> <b>T.M.Salter</b>
<b>Higher Classification</b>	Dicotyledons
<b>Family</b>	OXALIDACEAE

### National Status

<b>Status and Criteria</b>	<b>Vulnerable D2</b>
<b>Assessment Date</b>	2012/05/10
<b>Assessor(s)</b>	K.C. Oberlander & L. von Staden
<b>Justification</b>	A very localized (EOO <75 km <sup>2</sup> , AOO <20 km <sup>2</sup> ), but locally very abundant species that is potentially threatened by habitat loss to crop cultivation.

### Distribution

<b>Endemism</b>	South African endemic
<b>Provincial distribution</b>	Western Cape
<b>Range</b>	Eastern Cederberg, flats between Pakhuis and Doornbosch.

### Habitat and Ecology

<b>Major system</b>	Terrestrial
<b>Major habitats</b>	Agter-Sederberg Shrubland, Doringrivier Quartzite Karoo
<b>Description</b>	Sandy and clay flats.

### Threats



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A small proportion of this species' habitat has been converted to crop fields, and cultivation is expanding sporadically. It is however not known whether ploughing is causing a decline or favouring this species - some species of *Oxalis* are known to multiply in response to disturbance, and/or are able to quickly recolonize disturbed sites. *Oxalis aridicola* has been observed growing in large numbers even in badly eroded sites.

## Population

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A localized, but locally extremely abundant species with hundreds of thousands of plants dominating the veld in winter. The number of flowering plants vary according to annual rainfall.

**Population trend** Stable

## Assessment History

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Taxon assessed	Status	Citation/Red List version
<i>Oxalis aridicola</i> T.M.Salter	<b>Data Deficient</b>	2011.1
<i>Oxalis aridicola</i> T.M.Salter	<b>Data Deficient</b>	Raimondo et al. (2009)

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