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Taxonomy

Scientific Name	Albuca prolifera J.H.Wilson
Higher Classification	Monocotyledons
Family	HYACINTHACEAE
Synonyms	Ornithogalum bulbilliferum J.C.Manning & Goldblatt

National Status

Status and Criteria	Critically Endangered (Possibly Extinct)
Assessment Date	2012/05/03

Assessor(s)	L. von Staden & M. Martínez- Azorín
Justification	Albuca prolifera is a unique species, known only from the type collection from an area now extensively transformed due to urban expansion of Port Elizabeth. It was overlooked in previous checklists (Germishuizen et al. 2006) and may also have been misidentified in the past as the genus Albuca is still in need of revision. In addition, a number of species known only from the Port Elizabeth area and previously thought extinct, have been rediscovered, and it is likely that this



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species may still
be relocated.

Distribution

Endemism	South African endemic
Provincial distribution	Eastern Cape
Range	Baakens River Valley, Port Elizabeth.

Habitat and Ecology

Major system	Terrestrial
Major habitats	Bethelsdorp Bontveld
Description	Clay slopes in river valley close to the streamside.

Threats

Possibly extinct due to habitat loss and degradation as a result of urban expansion.

Population

Population trend	Stable
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Assessment History

Taxon assessed	Status	Citation/Red List version
	Criteria	
Albuca prolifera	Least Concern	2011.1
J.H.Wilson		
Albuca prolifera	Least Concern	Raimondo et al. (2009)
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