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Taxonomy

Scientific Name **Cyphostemma rubroglandulosum**
Retief & A.E.van Wyk

Higher Classification
Family Dicotyledons
VITACEAE

National Status

Status and Criteria **Rare**

Assessment Date 2005/02/23

Assessor(s) J.E. Victor & L. von Staden

Justification EOO 5600 km², locally common within a restricted area. Occurs on the margins of Pondoland forests, a habitat that is being threatened and degraded by firewood harvesting and too frequent fires. However, because this species is restricted to extremely rocky sites, it is likely to be protected from fire. Firewood harvesting is causing degradation of the habitat but has no direct impact on this species at present. Although potentially threatened, it is at present still too common to qualify under VU D2.

Distribution

Endemism South African endemic

Provincial distribution Eastern Cape, KwaZulu-Natal

Range Oribi Gorge to Port St Johns.

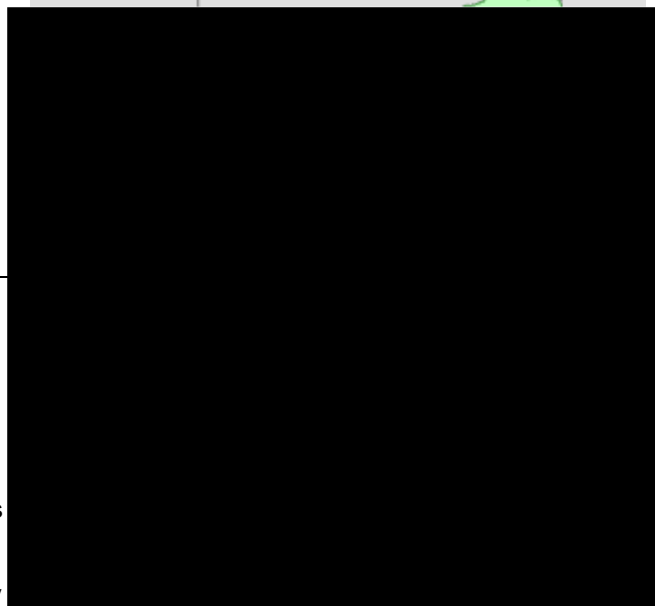
Habitat and Ecology

Major system Terrestrial

Major habitats Northern Coastal Forest, Scarp Forest

Description Pondoland scarp forest. Forest margins on rocky outcrops.

Threats



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Margins of Pondoland Forests are an extremely threatened habitat that is being degraded by firewood harvesting and receding due to too intense and frequent grassland fires. However, the rocky outcrops where this species grows is likely to be protected from fires.

Population

C. rubroglandulosum is fairly common in suitable habitat (E. Retief pers. comm.).

Population trend Stable

Assessment History

Taxon assessed	Status and Criteria	Citation/Red List version
Cyphostemma rubroglandulosum Retief & A.E.van Wyk	Rare	Raimondo et al. (2009)
Cyphostemma rubroglandulosum Retief & A.E.van Wyk	Lower Risk Least Concern	Scott-Shaw (1999)
Cyphostemma rubroglandulosum Retief & A.E.van Wyk	Not Threatened	Hilton-Taylor (1996)

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