

Threatened Flora Species of the Central West

Fairy Bells *Homoranthus darwinioides*

Homoranthus darwinioides, commonly known as Fairy Bells, is a shrub species in the myrtle family Myrtaceae that has vulnerable conservation status in NSW and is listed as vulnerable under the EPBC Act.

Central West LLS region contains limited known populations of Fairy Bells in two Nature Reserves, and on one private property, in the Dubbo area.

The species grows in woodland habitats with shrubby understoreys, usually in gravelly sandy soils.

It typically flowers with in spring, but has been known to flower between March and December. The shrub is characterised by its distinctive drooping flower heads, each consisting of two yellow and pink flowers on a stalk.

Species experts believe there may be more populations in our region on private land that could be protected and improve population density and genetic diversity in our region.

Threats to Fairy Bells include:

- Pest animal activity, particularly goats and rabbits.
- Heavy grazing and trampling by domestic stock.
- Degradation and loss of habitat including from erosion and clearing.



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How can you help?

- Look out for Fairy Bells on your property. Report any sightings to the Environment Line by phone: 1300 361 967 or by email: info@environment.nsw.gov.au.
- If you discover Fairy Bells on your property, protect them from stock, goats and rabbits by fencing or eradication and control methods.
- Rehabilitate and protect degraded areas of potential habitat.