

## Threatened Flora on Kangaroo Island **VULNERABLE**

### Kangaroo Island Turpentine Bush *Beyeria subtecta*



#### What does it look like?

- Kangaroo Island Turpentine Bush is a small shrub to 60 cm.
- The flowers have five green-yellow petals and the oval fruit capsules are dark-green in colour.
- The sticky leaves are narrow and short, with a dark green upper and a narrow band of white below.
- The leaf tips are distinctly turned under.

#### How do they live?

- Kangaroo Island Turpentine Bush is a perennial shrub that flowers from June to September.
- It is dioecious (male and female flowers on different plants).
- It grows under Kangaroo Island Narrow-leaf Mallee *Eucalyptus cneorifolia* in open shrub and tall woodlands.
- It has been found growing in sandy or sandy-loam soils.

#### Conservation rating

Kangaroo Island Turpentine Bush is rated as **VULNERABLE** under national and state legislation. It is rated as vulnerable on Kangaroo Island.

#### Where does it occur?

Kangaroo Island Turpentine Bush is **ENDEMIC** to South Australia.

It is found only on the eastern end of Kangaroo Island occurring predominantly along roadsides. Two larger populations occur in Beyeria Conservation Park and a Heritage Agreement

Kangaroo Island Turpentine Bush is suspected to never have been a widespread species.

#### Where is it conserved on Kangaroo Island?

Kangaroo Island Turpentine Bush is conserved in Beyeria Conservation Park on Kangaroo Island and in one Heritage Agreement on eastern Kangaroo Island.

#### Threats



#### Further reading

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