



## SAVING OUR SPECIES

# Help save the a whip snake

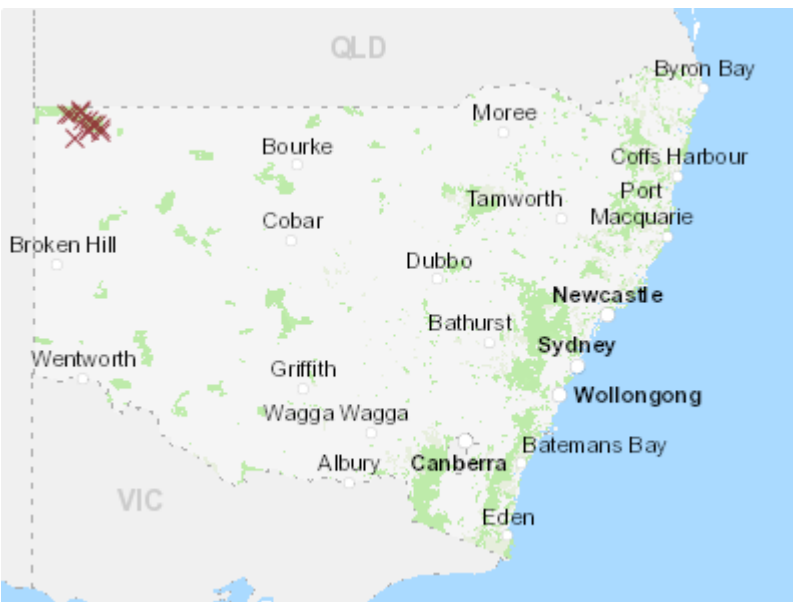
*Demansia rimicola*

*Saving our Species* aims to secure as many threatened species and ecological communities as possible. This conservation strategy aims to secure the species in the long term. This strategy was developed by experts who identified the priority management areas and conservation actions required to manage critical threats to conserve the species in NSW.

*Saving our Species* is based on a cost-effective approach that maximises the number of threatened species and ecological communities conserved through on-ground management action. If you want to contact us please email [savingourspecies@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:savingourspecies@environment.nsw.gov.au)

**Strategic Importance:** *Demansia rimicola* is associated with the Channel Country bioregion in NSW. In NSW the species is only known from the Sturt National Park and Tibooburra area, and though the NSW records appear to be geographically disjunct it is not clear whether this is an isolated population or an artefact of low survey effort. The species is encountered in low densities and is very difficult to detect from targeted surveys. NSW is important for supporting the adaptive capacity of the species with climate change as it constitutes the southern part of the species distribution. As the species is difficult to survey and is known to occur within reserve, the conservation of the species will benefit from ongoing management of Sturt National Park and any additional information found on the species will benefit our understanding of the need for targeted management actions in NSW.

### Map of a whip snake occurrence and priority management area(s)



✗ Species occurrence(\*)      ■ Priority management area



**Conservation status in NSW:**

Vulnerable

**Commonwealth status:**

N/A

**Saving our Species management stream:**

Partnership (widespread)

**Species profile:**

<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/threatenedspeciesapp/profile.aspx?id=10212>

*Saving our Species* delivers on the NSW Government's legislative requirements under the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*.

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\*Recorded species sightings (BioNet).

Threats to this species are outlined at:

<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/threatenedspeciesapp/profile.aspx?id=10212#threats>

The actions listed in the management action toolbox guide management at a site, regional or state scale.

## Action toolbox

Threat	Action description	Scale
Lack of knowledge on the species threats and management requirements in NSW.	Promote awareness of the species with stakeholders in the Sturt National Park and Tibooburra area (e.g. National Parks and Wildlife Service staff, contractors, and community groups) to encourage reporting of sightings and photos (e.g. through the Reptile Reporter web app). As the species is not suitable for targeted systematic surveys, where sightings are verified engage local community or research groups to record information on the species habitat associations, sites, and threats during general reptile surveys to better understand the species management requirements in NSW. Review information on the species from surveys and research to understand its diet and habitat preferences to determine its management requirements (e.g. to determine if feral predators or grazers and impacting the species food source or habitat).	Site

## Monitoring actions

Regular monitoring of the effectiveness of management and trends in local populations and ecological communities at a site scale is an important component of all strategies. The toolbox and any site-based management will be adapted, added or removed over time in response to monitoring results.

[Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting Guidelines for Conservation Projects.](#)

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