

Threatened plants of the Granite Belt

Macrozamia occidua (Western cycad)



Conservation status

- Vulnerable – Qld (NC Act 1992)
- Vulnerable – Federal (EPBC Act 1999)

Description

- Low shrub to 1 metre high.
- Stem subterranean and non-branching.
- Stalk twisted spirally.
- Leaves:
 - 1-5 leaves contained in a crown
 - 400-700 mm long with 80-120 leaflets
 - each to 10 mm wide with 2-7 apical teeth
 - leaf base covered with grey-green soft wool.

Flowers and fruit

- Male and female cones on separate plants.
- Male cones are cylindrical, stalked, 10-24 cm long and 3.5-5 cm diameter.
- Female cones are egg-shaped, spiny, 10-14 cm long and 5-7 cm diameter.
- Female cones mature between Sept and Jan.
- Seeds are egg-shaped, orange-red when ripe and appear between February and April.

Habitat and distribution

- Endemic to the traprock area of southern Queensland and northern NSW.
- Recorded from Sundown National Park.
- Found in open forests and woodlands.

Have you seen this plant? Please let us know ...



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