

Threatened Flora Species

of the Central West

Pine Donkey Orchid (*Diaris tricolor*)

The Pine Donkey Orchid is an annual terrestrial orchid, usually flowering between early September and late October. The species has a single stem growing to approximately 40 cm high and has 2-6 flowers. Flowers are bright yellow to orange, speckled with red to purple and white markings.

Populations of this unique flower have been recorded in the Central West region of NSW along Condobolin-Nymagee road, in Wattamondara towards Cowra, Eugowra, Girilambone, Dubbo and Cooyal (OEH, 2014).

The Pine Donkey Orchid is found in a range of habitats where it is often associated with white cypress pine (*Callitris glaucophylla*), Poplar box (*Eucalyptus populnea*) and gum coolabah (*Eucalyptus intertexta*) as well as ironbark and acacia shrubland (OEH, 2014). The species are usually recorded as common and locally frequent in populations, however it has also been known to occur as a single plant.

Threats to the Pine Donkey Orchid include:

- Habitat clearing and modification.
- Competition from weeds
- Feral animal impacts. Disturbance/ digging from rabbits, goats and pigs.

How can you help?

- Protect existing and populations and habitat
- Undertake feral animal control (e.g. rabbits, goats and pigs)
- Rehabilitate and protect degraded areas of potential habitat
- **Report any sightings** of the Pine Donkey Orchid to the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH)



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