

## Release Notes: October 2024

- Updates to BAM-C functionality
- Updates to TBDC/BAM-C data
- Updates to the SAII list





Department of Climate Change, Energy the Environment and Water acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land and pays respect to Elders past, present and future.

We recognise Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' unique cultural and spiritual relationships to place and their rich contribution to society.

Artist and designer Nikita Ridgeway from Aboriginal design agency – Boss Lady Creative Designs, created the People and Community symbol.



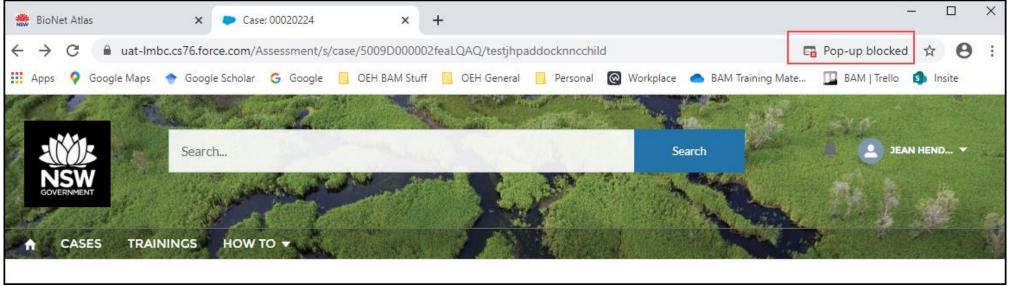
# 1. Updates to BAM-C systems



### Internet requirements before opening BAM-Calculator

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- After the BAM-Calculator (BAM-C) system changes are published, clear the
  internet browser cache before opening the BAM-C. The BAM-C is unlikely to
  display correctly unless the cache has been cleared.
- Instructions on how to clear an internet cache are at <u>www.digitaltrends.com/computing/how-to-clear-your-browser-cache/.</u>
- After clearing the cache, you may need to enable BAM-C pop-ups again.





### BAM-C 'Alert' when opening a case after the update

If an in-progress BAM-C case is opened for the first time after data in the case has been updated, you will receive an alert indicating that reference data has been updated.

The information in the message will indicate the data fields that have been updated.

Click on the icons at the end of each alert type for further information

Take a screenshot of any alert for future reference.

Alerts will not display once the case has been saved.

#### Alert 1 Reference data updated. Details of the changes to the application listed below (if available). Apart from these please visit Habitat tabs (Step 4 and 5) to see any possible new species additions. Click on 🗏 in each section to see the items and fields affected by the change. PCT Delisted-PCT(s) not longer valid. Please visit 3. Vegetation tab and update the PCT(s). 🗏 Candidate species Updated-Navigate to Habitat tabs (Step 4 and 5) to see the modified changes Eco credit species Updated-Navigate to Habitat suitability tab (step 4) to see the modified changes Eastern NSW PCTs Updated - Application of Eastern NSW PCTs are subject to transitional arrangements for in-progress assessments. For full details of the transitional arrangements, see the BOS webpage Benchmarks Updated: Application of Version 1.2 benchmarks are subject to transitional arrangements for in -progress assessments. From 30 January 2023 to 30 June 2023 assessors may opt to manually modify benchmarks to apply the previous Version 1.1 benchmarks. For full details of the transitional arrangements. see the BOS webpage



### Changes to the BAM-C system

A summary of the BAM-C system modifications explained in detail in subsequent slides are:

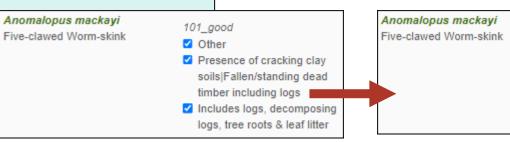
- System improvements
- Enhancements to improve user experience:
  - Alerts and error messaging
  - Plant Community Type (PCT) codes
  - Partial loss
  - Data versioning
- Minor calculation reviews and modifications that align the BAM-C with the BAM
   Some changes will impact credit yields for in-progress cases.

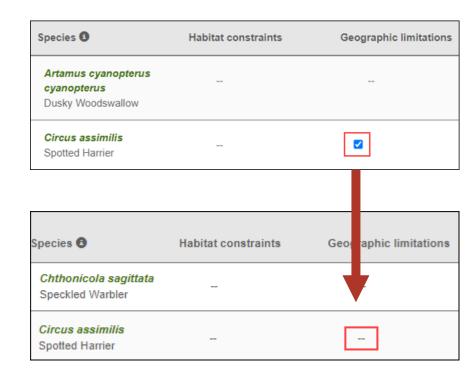


### System Improvements

#### The system improvements include:

- Correctly separating each predicted and candidate habitat constraints so that one or more can be switched off
- Offset Trading Group names now displaying correctly
- Scattered trees:
  - When deleting a PCT group the correct group is deleted
  - Selecting PCTs outside the IBRA region is now available
- Print reports for small area assessments for current and legacy cases
- Deleting blank geographic limitations.





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clay soils

& leaf litter

Other;Presence of cracking

Fallen/standing dead timber

including logs;Includes logs,

decomposing logs, tree roots

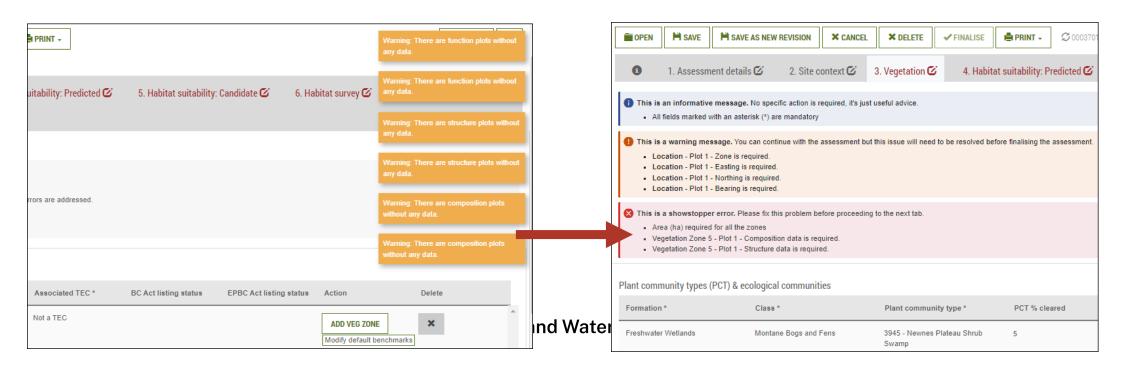


### Enhancement: Alerts and messages

#### There are now 3 types of messaging:

- Showstopper error (red banner) e.g. missing vegetation zone data. The 'Next' button is greyed out until the error is addressed
- Warning message (orange banner) e.g. missing location references. The 'Next' button can be clicked, but the warning will need to be addressed before finalising the case
- Information message e.g. upcoming data imports.

Tab 3 Vegetation no longer displays multiple duplicate warnings when vegetation zones are blank.

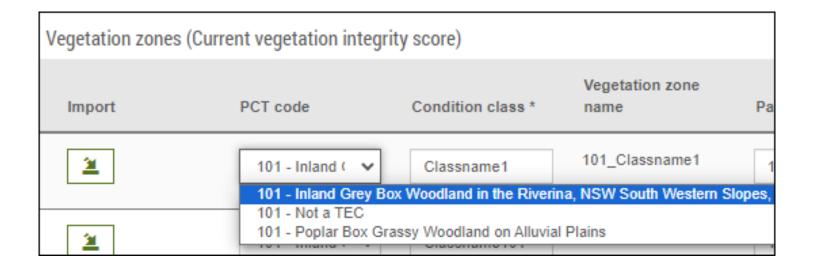




### Enhancement: PCT code includes Ecological Community

Based on the PCTs and Threatened Ecological Communities (TECs) added to the case in Tab 3, the 'PCT code' for each vegetation zone now identifies whether a PCT is associated with a TEC or not.

This helps remove confusion when multiple vegetation zones have been added for the same PCT.





### **Enhancement: Partial loss**

Where there is a partial loss of vegetation in a vegetation zone, but the vegetation remaining will no longer provide habitat for a species, the 'Complete Loss' tick-box should be ticked for that species.



Unit of Measure

Veg Zone & Value 6

✓373 Partial

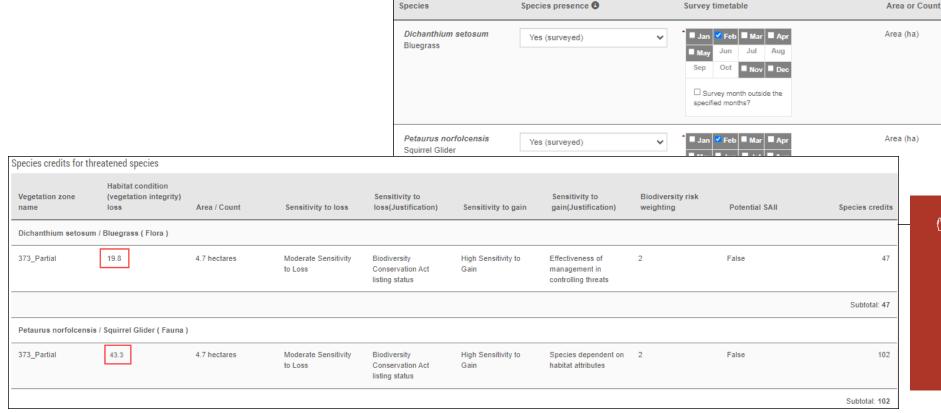
✓373 Partial

✓ Complete Loss

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□Complete Loss

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When 'Complete Loss' is ticked, the credits are calculated by using the 'Current vegetation integrity score' rather than the 'Total VI loss' score

High

Biodiversity risk

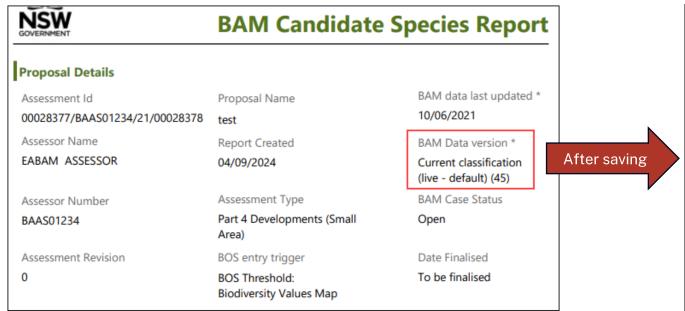
### BAM-C reports: BAM Data version

The data version will only update once the case is saved

The BAM-C reports will now include the BAM Data version:

- The data classification type (i.e. current or legacy)
- The data version number

Note, when opening an older case the BAM Data version displayed in the reports will show the version type and number at the time of the last save. The classification type will update to Legacy if 'Legacy Classification' (pre-Eastern NSW) is selected on Tab 2 and the case is saved. The version number will automatically update to the most recent number when saved.



NSW GOVERNMENT	<b>BAM Candidate Species Report</b>	
Proposal Details		
Assessment Id 00028377/BAAS01234/21/00028378	Proposal Name test	BAM data last updated * 14/03/2024
Assessor Name  EABAM ASSESSOR	Report Created 04/09/2024	BAM Data version * Legacy Classification (pre-ENSW) (75)
Assessor Number BAAS01234	Assessment Type Part 4 Developments (Small Area)	BAM Case Status Open
Assessment Revision 0	BOS entry trigger BOS Threshold: Biodiversity Values Map	Date Finalised  To be finalised

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### Data-related corrections to align the BAM-C with BAM

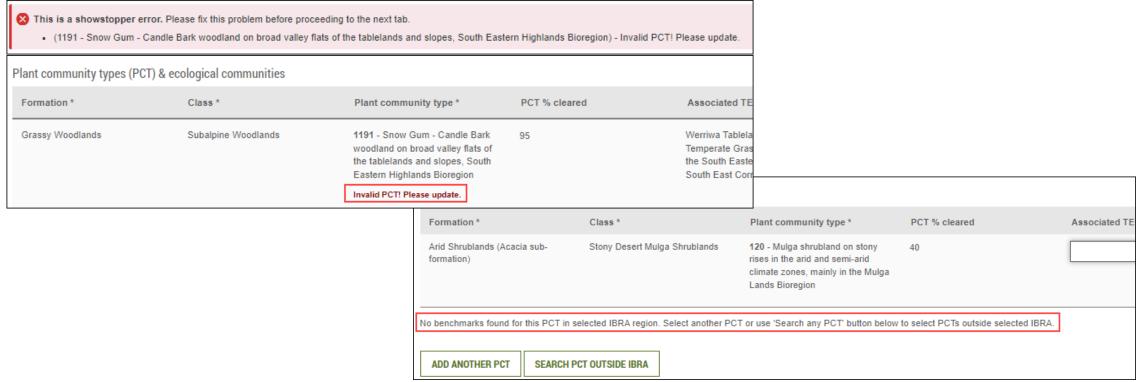
- Adjustments and Improvements: Modified various increase rates (logs, stems, regeneration, and supplementary planting), included large trees in calculations, and set conditions for Vegetation Integrity (VI) and High Threat Weed Cover (HTWC) thresholds.
- Investigations and Cleanup: Investigated credit calculations in vegetation zones without VI changes and removed redundant code related to litter cover increase rates.
- Corrections and Fixes: Addressed issues in sensitivity display, Hollow Bearing Trees and HTWC (current and future) confusion, security benefits for non-treed systems, and logic errors with Crown Land rules and operator usage. Addressed issues that were occurring for credit calculations at stewardship sites where gain with management was close to zero.



### Invalid PCTs and PCTs without benchmarks

Invalid PCTs will now prevent a BAM-C case from progressing through the case. Examples of invalid PCTs include:

- Decommissioned PCTs
- PCTs that were replaced by Eastern NSW PCTs, and the assessment isn't accessing legacy PCT data
- PCTs with no Keith Class benchmark data for the IBRA region assessment area.



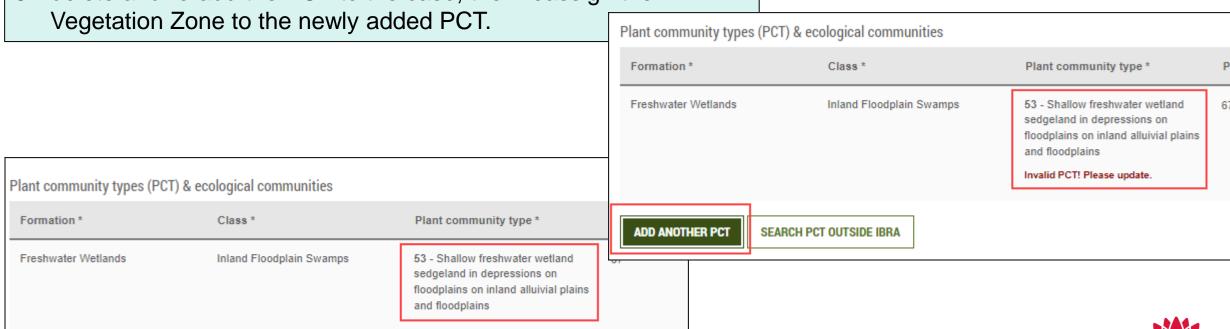


### Resolving Invalid PCT alert message

Sometimes when re-opening an in-progress case the BAM-C flags a PCT as invalid even though it is a valid PCT. If this occurs:

- 1. check reference data version (legacy versus current). If that doesn't work.
- 2. click back to Tab 2 and then re-click on Tab 3. If this doesn't work.

3. delete and re-add the PCT to the case, then reassign the





# 2. Updates to TBDC and BAM-C data



### Updates to Veg-C data

Minor updates have occurred to BioNet Vegetation Classification (Veg-C) database:

- The recent Commonwealth listing for Kurri sand swamp woodland of the Sydney Basin bioregion
   Endangered Ecological Community (EEC) is now available in BAM-C.
- The NSW listed Inland Grey Box Woodland in the Riverina, NSW South Western Slopes, Cobar Peneplain, Nandewar and Brigalow Belt South Bioregions TEC is now associated with PCT 267.

PCT ID		PCT Name
3630	Kurri Sand Heathy Woodland	
3631	Kurri Sand-Clay Woodland	

**Above**: PCT associations for *Kurri sand swamp* woodland of the Sydney Basin bioregion EEC

**Right**: PCT associations for *Inland Grey Box Woodland* in the Riverina, NSW South Western Slopes, Cobar Peneplain, Nandewar and Brigalow Belt South Bioregions TEC

PCT ID	PCT Name
76	Western Grey Box tall grassy woodland on alluvial loam and clay soils in the NSW South Western Slopes and Riverina Bioregions
80	Western Grey Box - White Cypress Pine tall woodland on loam soil on alluvial plains of NSW South Western Slopes Bioregion and Riverina Bioregion
81	Western Grey Box - cypress pine shrub grass shrub tall woodland in the Brigalow Belt South Bioregion
82	Western Grey Box - Poplar Box - White Cypress Pine tall woodland on red loams mainly of the eastern Cobar Peneplain Bioregion
101	Poplar Box - Yellow Box - Western Grey Box grassy woodland on cracking clay soils mainly in the Liverpool Plains, Brigalow Belt South Bioregion
110	Western Grey Box - Cypress Pine shrubby woodland on stony footslopes in the NSW South Western Slopes Bioregion and Riverina Bioregion
237	Riverine Western Grey Box grassy woodland of the semi-arid (warm) climate zone
248	Mixed box eucalypt woodland on low sandy-loam rises on alluvial plains in central western NSW
267	White Box - White Cypress Pine - Western Grey Box shrub/grass/forb woodland in the NSW South Western Slopes Bioregion
3405	Central West Flats Inland Grey Box Grassy Forest



### Updates to TBDC data: New species

Several species now have ecological data available in the TBDC, including Credit class and Unit of Measure. These species are now available in the BAM-C.

Species will not automatically populate into BAM-C cases. Manually add these species to cases as a candidate or predicted species where relevant.

Scientific name	Scientific name
Allocasuarina thalassoscopica	Litoria watsoni
*Antrophyum austroqueenslandicum	<u>*</u> Macrozamia cranei
Aphelocephala leucopsis	Macrozamia occidua
Asterolasia rupestris subsp. Recurve	Myuchelys purvisi
Bertya mollissima	Neophema chrysostoma
Boronia inflexa subsp torringtonensis	Philotheca papillata
Caladenia amnicola	Pimelea bracteate
Caladenia atroclavia	Pycnoptilus floccosus
Danhatchia copelandii	Pittosporum kororoense
Fontainea sp. Coffs Harbour	Pomaderris gilmourii var gilmourii
Hemiaspis damelii	*Pultenaea sp. Werrikimbe NP
Homoranthus bruhlii	Rhodamnia maideniana
Homoranthus elusus	*Selaginella andrewsii
Homoranthus floydii	Veronica lithophila
Leionema westonii	

### Species removed from the BAM-C

#### Species **removed from the BAM-C** include:

Scientific Name	Common Name	Former State Conservation status	New State Conservation Status
Eucalyptus sp. Howes Swamp Creek	Eucalyptus sp. Howes Swamp Creek	Endangered	Not Listed – 09/08/2024

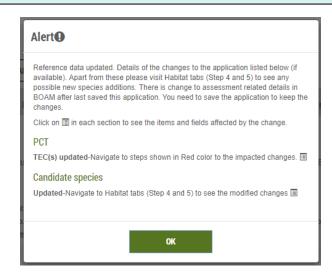
- The above species was removed from the BAM-C as it is no longer listed as a threatened species. A
  final determination to remove this species from the threatened species list was published by the NSW
  TSSC on 9 August 2024.
- The General Notes field on the species' TBDC profile has been edited to note this listing change.



### Updates to species habitat constraints

#### Species with revised habitat constraints include:

- Setirostris eleryi (Bristle-faced Freetail Bat) amending existing constraint to include a definition of 'watercourse'
- Aprasia parapulchella (Pink-tailed Legless Lizard) removing habitat constraint
- Tympanocryptis mccartneyi (Bathurst grassland earless dragon) removing habitat constraint
- Acacia Ausfeldii (Ausfeld's Wattle) removing habitat constraint



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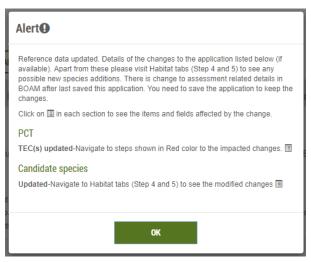
### Updates to species Paddock/Scattered Tree Use

#### Species with **changed Paddock/Scattered Tree Use** include:

Meridolum corneovirens (Cumberland Plain Land Snail) – changing from No to Yes

#### Species with **changed Paddock/Scattered Tree Comments** include:

- Keyacris scurra (Key's Matchstick Grasshopper) moving information to another field
- Meridolum corneovirens (Cumberland Plain Land Snail) adding information
- Meridolum maryae (Maroubra Woodland Snail) adding information



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### Updates to species-IBRA Subregion associations

# Entities with changed distribution across IBRA subregions include:

- Allocasuarina thalassoscopica
- Antrophyum austroqueenslandicum
- Aphelocephala leucopsis (Southern Whiteface)
- Aprasia parapulchella (Pink-tailed Legless Lizard)
- \*\*Asperula asthenes (Trailing Woodruff)
- Asterolasia rupestris subsp. Recurve
- •Bertya mollissima
- Boronia inflexa subsp torringtonensis
- Caladenia amnicola (Caladenia amnicola)
- Caladenia atroclavia (Black-clubbed Spider-orchid)
- Circus assimilis (Spotted Harrier)
- •Commersonia rosea (Commersonia rosea)
- Cryptostylis hunteriana (Leafless Tongue Orchid)
- Danhatchia copelandii

- Demansia rimicola (a whip snake)
- Desmodium campylocaulon (Creeping Tick-trefoil)
- Digitaria porrecta (Finger Panic Grass)
- Eriocaulon australasicum (Austral Pipewort)
- •Fontainea sp. Coffs Harbour
- Hemiaspis damelii (Grey Snake)
- Homopholis belsonii (Belson's Panic)
- •Homoranthus bruhlii
- Homoranthus elusus
- Homoranthus floydii
- Ipomoea diamantinensis (Desert Cow-Vine)
- •Leionema westonii (Leionema westonii)
- •Lepidium aschersonii (Spiny Peppercress)
- •Lepidium hyssopifolium (Aromatic Peppercress)
- •Lepidium monoplocoides (Winged Peppercress)

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### Updates to species-IBRA Subregion associations

# (CONTINUED) Entities with changed distribution across IBRA subregions include:

- Litoria watsoni (Watson's Tree Frog)
- •Macrozamia cranei
- Macrozamia occidua
- Melaleuca biconvexa (Biconvex Paperbark)
- Micronomus norfolkensis (Eastern Coastal Free-tailed Bat)
- Monotaxis macrophylla (Large-leafed Monotaxis)
- Myotis macropus (Southern Myotis)
- Myuchelys purvisi (Manning River Helmeted Turtle, Purvis' Turtle)
- \*\*Neophema chrysogaster (Orange-bellied Parrot)
- Neophema chrysostoma (Blue-winged Parrot)
- Petrogale penicillata (Brush-tailed Rock-wallaby)
- Petroica boodang (Scarlet Robin)
- Petroica phoenicea (Flame Robin)
- •Pezoporus wallicus wallicus (Eastern Ground Parrot)

- \*Phascogale tapoatafa (Brush-tailed Phascogale)
- Philotheca papillata
- Pimelea bracteate
- •Pycnoptilus floccosus
- Pittosporum kororoense
- •Pomaderris gilmourii var gilmourii
- Potorous tridactylus (Long-nosed Potoroo)
- Prasophyllum canaliculatum (Summer Leek Orchid)
- •Pultenaea sp. Werrikimbe NP
- Pycnoptilus floccosus (Pilotbird)
- Rhodamnia maideniana (Smooth Scrub Turpentine)
- •Selaginella andrewsii
- Senecio macrocarpus
- Setirostris eleryi (Bristle-faced Free-tailed Bat)
- Thelymitra atronitida (Black-hooded Sun Orchid)
- Tympanocryptis mccartneyi (Bathurst Grassland Earless Dragon)
- Veronica lithophila



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### Updates to species – PCT associations

#### Species with **changed PCT associations** include:

- Amytornis striatus howei (Murray Mallee Striated Grasswren)
- Aphelocephala leucopsis (Southern Whiteface)
- Asperula asthenes (Trailing Woodruff)
- Asterolasia rupestris subsp. Recurve
- •Bertya mollissima
- •Boronia inflexa subsp torringtonensis
- •Caladenia amnicola
- Caladenia atroclavia (Black-clubbed Spider-orchid)
- Callistemon purpurascens
- Calyptorhynchus lathami lathami (South-eastern Glossy Black-Cockatoo)
- Cercartetus nanus (Eastern Pygmy-possum)
- Cryptostylis hunteriana (Leafless Tongue Orchid)
- Danhatchia copelandii

- Falco subniger (Black Falcon)
- •Gyrostemon thesioides
- Hemiaspis damelii (Grey Snake)
- •Homoranthus bruhlii
- Homoranthus elusus
- •Homoranthus floydii
- Keyacris scurra (Key's Matchstick Grasshopper)
- •Leionema westonii
- •Lepidium hyssopifolium (Aromatic Peppercress)
- •Litoria watsoni (Watson's Tree Frog)
- Maireana cheelii (Chariot Wheels)
- Myotis macropus (Southern Myotis)
- Myuchelys purvisi (Manning River Helmeted Turtle, Purvis' Turtle)
- •Neophema chrysogaster (Orange-bellied Parrot)
- Neophema chrysostoma (Blue-winged Parrot)

Check PCT associations in BioNet.

Manually add to candidate or predicted species lists if these species do not automatically populate.



### Updates to species – PCT associations

#### (CONTINUED) Species with changed PCT associations include:

- Onychoprion fuscata (Sooty Tern)
- Petauroides volans (Southern Greater Glider)
- Petaurus australis (Yellow-bellied Glider)
- Petaurus norfolcensis (Squirrel Glider)
- Petroica boodang (Scarlet Robin)
- •Petroica phoenicea (Flame Robin)
- Phaethon rubricauda (Red-tailed Tropicbird)
- Pimelea bracteate
- •Pycnoptilus floccosus
- Polytelis anthopeplus monarchoides (Regent Parrot (eastern subspecies))
- •Pomaderris gilmourii var gilmourii
- Pycnoptilus floccosus (Pilotbird)
- Rhizanthella slateri (Eastern Australian Underground Orchid)
- Veronica lithophila

Check PCT associations in BioNet.

Manually add to candidate or predicted species lists if these species do not automatically populate.



### Updates to species Survey Months

#### Species with **revised months of survey** include:

Scientific Name	Common Name	Former Months of Survey	New Months of Survey
Aprasia parapulchella	Pink-tailed Legless Lizard	Sep-Nov	N/A
Diplodactylus platyurus	Eastern Fat-tailed Gecko	Oct-Dec	Oct-Mar
Keyacris scurra	Key's Matchstick Grasshopper	Mar-Dec	Mar-May and Sep-Nov
Tympanocryptis mccartneyi	Bathurst grassland earless dragon	Oct-Apr	Mar-May
Tympanocryptis osbornei	Monaro Grassland Earless Dragon	Oct-Apr	Mar-May
Tympanocryptis lineata	Canberra Grassland Earless Dragon	Oct-Apr	Mar-May
Calyptorhynchus lathami lathami	Glossy Black Cockatoo	Jan-Sep	Apr-Aug
Ninox strenua	Powerful Owl	Jan-Aug	Year round
Ninox connivens	Barking Owl	Jan-Aug	Year round
Tyto novaehollandiae	Masked Owl	Jan-Aug	Year round
Tyto tenebricosa	Sooty Owl	Jan-Aug	Year round



### Updates to TBDC data: Survey Comments

The TBDC 'Survey Comments' field includes survey information for some species. Species with a **revised 'Survey Comments'** field include:

- Aprasia parapulchella (Pink-tailed Legless Lizard)
- Calyptorhynchus lathami lathami (Glossy Black Cockatoo)
- Chalinolobus dwyeri (Large-eared Pied Bat)
- Delma impar (Striped Legless Lizard)
- Keyacris scurra (Key's Matchstick Grasshopper)
- Meridolum corneovirens (Cumberland Plain Land Snail)
- Meridolum maryae (Maroubra Woodland Snail)
- Ninox connivens (Barking Owl)
- Ninox strenua (Powerful Owl)
- Nurus atlas (Atlas Rainforest Ground-beetle)
- Nurus brevis (Shorter Rainforest Ground-beetle)

- Pommerhelix duralensis (Dural Land Snail)
- Swainsona recta (Small Purple-pea)
- Swainsona sericea (Silky Swainson-pea)
- Tympanocryptis lineata (Canberra Grassland Earless Dragon)
- Tympanocryptis mccartneyi (Bathurst grassland earless dragon)
- Tympanocryptis osbornei (Monaro Grassland Earless Dragon)
- Tyto novaehollandiae (Masked Owl)
- Tyto tenebricosa (Sooty Owl)
- Vespadelus troughtoni (Eastern Cave Bat)



### Updates to TBDC data: General Notes

#### Entities with **updated General Notes** include:

- Calyptorhyncus banksii banksii (Red-Tailed Black Cockatoo)
- Cymbidium canaliculatum population in the Hunter Catchment
- Ninox strenua (Powerful Owl)
- Ninox connivens (Barking Owl)
- Tyto tenebricosa (Sooty Owl)
- Tyto novaehollandiae (Masked Owl)

- Keyacris scurra (Key's Matchstick Grasshopper)
- Nurus atlas (Atlas Rainforest Ground-beetle)
- Nurus brevis (Shorter Rainforest Ground-beetle)
- Meridolum corneovirens (Cumberland Plain Land Snail)
- Pommerhelix duralensis (Dural Land Snail)
- Robertson Rainforest in the Sydney Basin Bioregion



# 3. Updates to entities at risk of Serious and Irreversible Impact (SAII)



### Amendments to the list of entities at risk of SAII

As a result of approved SAII nominations or changes to a listing status, the following changes have been made to the SAII list:

- 2 species added
- 3 TECs added
- 8 species removed.

Species added to the list	SAII principle
Crinia sloanei	P3
Pterostylis Saxicola	P4

Species removed from the list
Arthropteris palisotii
Calidris tenuirostris
Cyperus rupicola
Cyperus semifertilis
Darwinia peduncularis
Eucalyptus approximans
Lepidium pseudopapillosum
Pilularia novae-hollandiae

TECs added to the list	SAII principle
Coastal Upland Swamps in the Sydney basin bioregion	P4
Mount Gibraltar Forest in the Sydney Basin	P3
Newnes Plateau Shrub Swamp in the Sydney Basin Bioregion	P3, P4



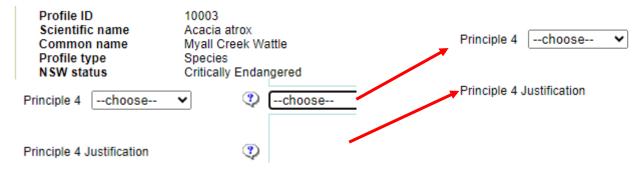
### Modifications to principles for entities at risk of SAII

As a result of approved SAII nominations or changes to a listing status, 8 species already on the list of entities at risk of SAII have amended principles.

These amendments will be reflected on the published web list and in the "Risk weighting & SAII" tab in the TBDC.

The TBDC tab will also be updated to populate empty fields aligning with the web list for species at risk of SAII because of potential to meet Principle 4

Species with amended SAII principles	SAII principle change
Amytornis modestus obscurior	Add P3
Argynnis hyperbius	Add P3
Asterolasia beckersii	Add P3
Caesalpinia bonduc	Add P2, remove P3
Corokia whiteana	Add P3
Erythrotriorchis radiatus	Add P3
Oldenlandia galioides	Remove P3
Turnix melanogaster	Add P3





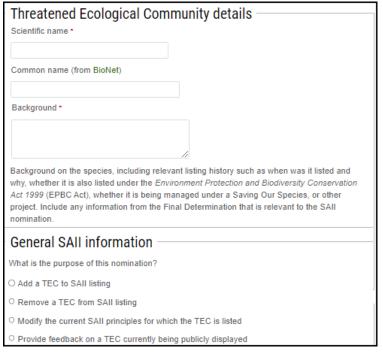


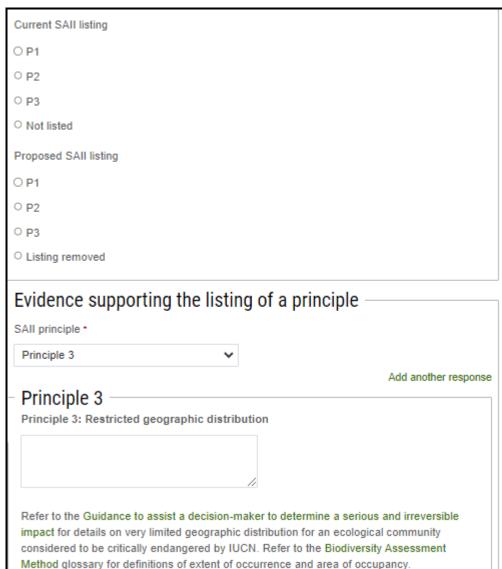
### SAII nominations

SAII nominations are encouraged where data clearly indicates that the SAII list is incorrect.

Anyone can lodge an SAII nomination to add or remove a <u>species</u> or <u>TEC</u> or amend the SAII principles for an entity.

Nominations will be anonymously displayed for public comment before being reviewed by DCCEEW.







### Resources and Support

If you have any questions, feedback or issues, please contact us at BOS.helpdesk@environment.nsw.gov.au

Assessor resources and contacts for support include:

- DPE webpages:
  - Biodiversity Assessment Method 2020 (BAM);
  - Accredited assessors website:
    - Assessor resources (links to legislation, databases, manuals and guidelines, assessor correspondence);
    - BOS Support webinars;
  - Serious and Irreversible Impacts (SAII) guidance and list of entities at risk;
  - Threatened biodiversity profile search;
  - Saving our Species (SoS) program;
  - NSW Scientific Committee Determinations;
- EPBC profile database (species and ecological communities);
- PlantNet (NSW flora online);
- NSW government <u>SEED</u> database (publicly available environmental data);
- BOS Help Desk and support (the replacement for BAM Support mailbox).

