

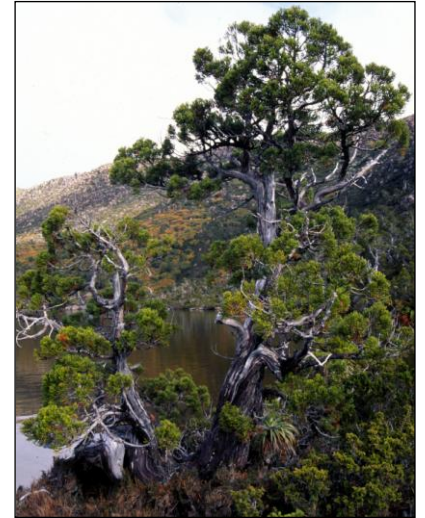
KING BILLY PINE SUBALPINE SCRUB

(TASVEG code - RKS)

Conservation status: RARE

What is King Billy Pine Subalpine Scrub?

- King Billy Pine (*Athrotaxis selaginoides*) is a prominent canopy tree in this type of scrub, with a diversity of rainforest and wet scrub species present such as myrtle (*Nothofagus cunninghamii*), pandani (*Richea pandanifolia*), native pepper (*Tasmannia lanceolata*), candle-heath (*Richea scoparia*), white waratah (*Agastachys odorata*) and dwarf leatherwood (*Eucryphia milligani*). Deciduous beech (*Nothofagus gunnii*) and Smithton peppermint (*Eucalyptus nitida*) are absent.
- This scrub type occurs in western, south-western and central Tasmania where it grows on low fertility peat soils that have formed over quartzites, flat-lying sandstone or glacially-eroded dolerite between 600 and 1,050 m elevation.

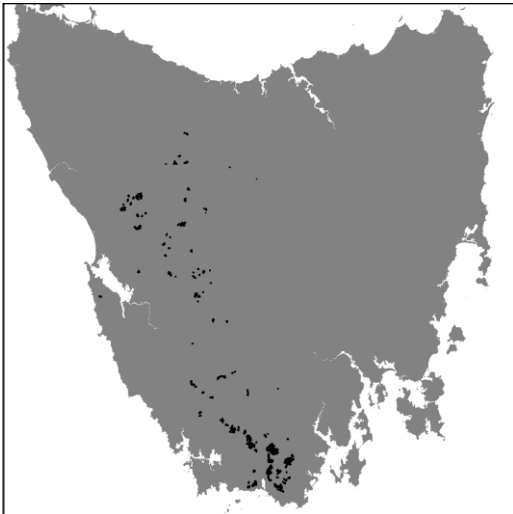


Where can I see examples of King Billy Pine Subalpine Scrub?

- Examples of the community can be found at the southern end of the Lake Dove circuit walk near Cradle Mountain and on the sandstone shelves on the upper slopes of Adamsons Peak west of Dover.

Why is King Billy Pine Subalpine Scrub important and what are its management issues?

- *King Billy Pine Subalpine Scrub* is rare, covering only about 6,300 hectares. Most occurs in reserves such as the Cradle Mountain – Lake St Clair National Park and South-West National Park.
- The major management issue is exclusion of fire. Most species within this scrub community (e.g. rainforest species such as King Billy Pine, myrtle, dwarf leatherwood and native laurel) are killed by fire and may not regenerate for decades afterwards.



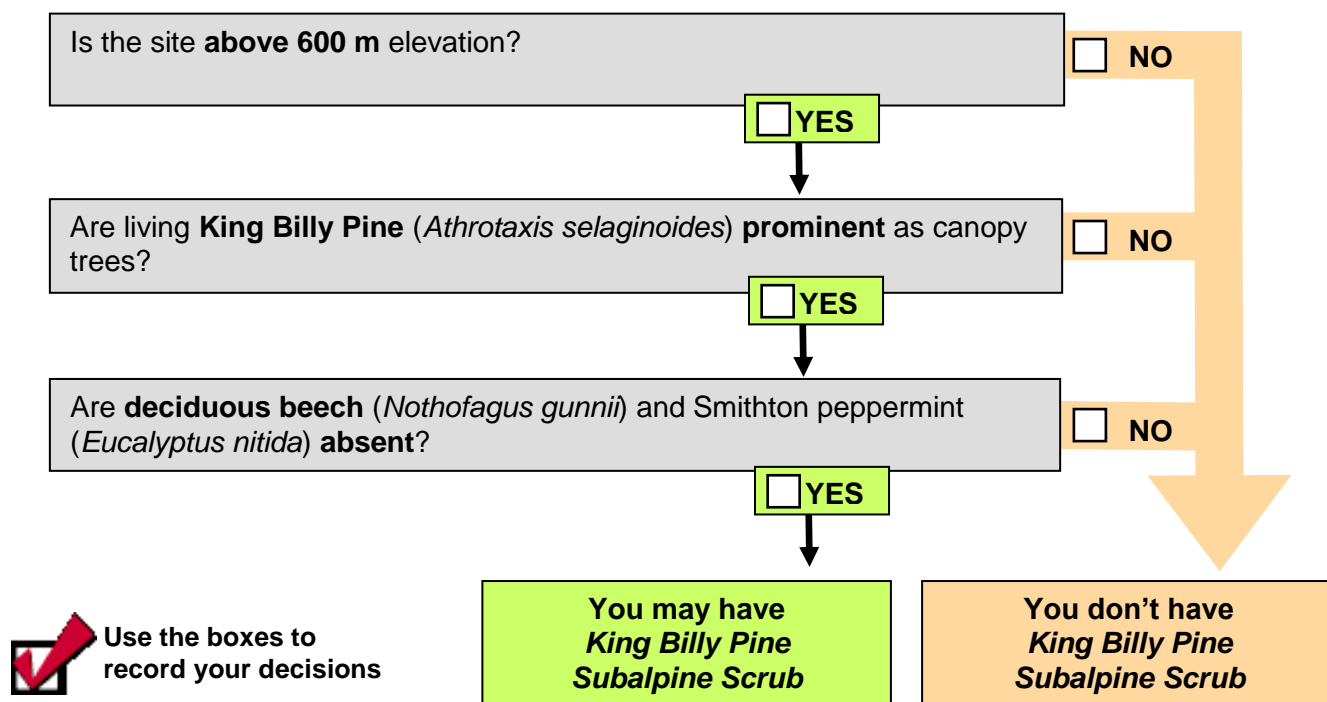
Do I have *King Billy Pine Subalpine Scrub* on my property?

The flow chart will help you to decide if *King Billy Pine Subalpine Scrub* may be on your property.



Need help?

Contact the FPA or TFGA



What does it mean if I have *King Billy Pine Subalpine Scrub* on my property?

- If you want to **clear and convert** an area that **may be *King Billy Pine Subalpine Scrub*** you will need a forest practices plan. You should seek advice from the Forest Practices Authority. **Please check if you are in doubt.**
- Information on ways to make sure your fire management is compatible with environmental values can be obtained from the Forest Practices Authority or Dept Primary Industries Parks Water and Environment.



Need help or more information on threatened native vegetation communities?

Forest Practices Authority: 30 Patrick St, Hobart 7000; phone – 6233 7966; Online - www.fpa.tas.gov.au

DPIPWE: 134 Macquarie St, Hobart 7000; phone – 6233 8538; Online – www.dpipwe.tas.gov.au

Information and assistance for landholders is also available from the Tasmanian Farmers & Graziers Association: cnr Cimitiere and Charles St, Launceston 7250; phone – 6332 1800