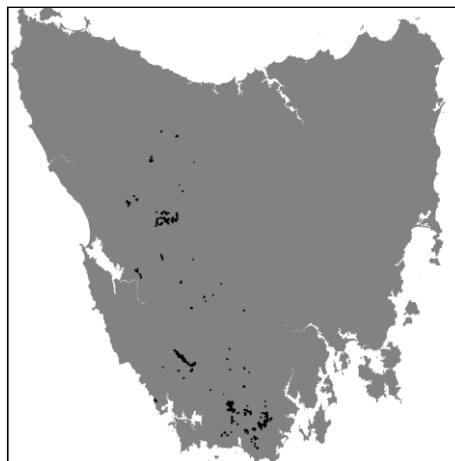


Conservation status: RARE

What is *Subalpine Leptospermum nitidum* Woodland?

- The presence of shining tea-tree (*Leptospermum nitidum*) as 'umbrella' like canopy trees over scented paper-bark (*Melaleuca squamea*) and button grass (*Gymnoschoenus sphaerocephalus*) distinguishes this community from other forms of tea-tree woodland and scrub. Grasses, small shrubs and sedges are often present in the understorey.
- This type of woodland is restricted to gentle slopes on infertile soils over siliceous, flat lying rocks in high rainfall subalpine and alpine areas of western and southern Tasmania. About 50 fire-free years are needed for the canopy shining tea-tree to develop their characteristic 'umbrella' like growth form.



Where can I see examples of *Subalpine Leptospermum nitidum* Woodland?

- This community can be found on the plateau east of Adamsons Peak in the State's south and near Lake Sydney on the Southern Ranges.

Why is *Subalpine Leptospermum nitidum* Woodland important and what are its management issues?

- *Subalpine Leptospermum nitidum* Woodland is rare, covering only about 3,800 hectares.
- All known occurrences are located in reserves such as the Cradle Mountain – Lake St Clair National Park and South-West National Park.
- The exclusion of fire for at least 50 years is important for the establishment and ongoing persistence of this woodland type. Fires are rare events in this woodland because it occurs on sites with high rainfall that are fire-protected (e.g. south facing slopes or ledges).



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