

Conservation status: RARE

What is *Heathland Scrub Complex at Wingaroo*?

- This heathland - scrub complex occurs in the vicinity of Wingaroo on the northern end of Flinders Island.
- The Complex is characterised by its relatively high species diversity in a small area. This is reflective of rapid changes in soil conditions in this unusual part of Flinders Island.
- This Complex occurs on sandy soils which are 'pock marked' by small areas of peaty soil dominated by sedges, wet heath species and herbs.

Where can I see examples of *Heathland Scrub Complex at Wingaroo*?

- This community can be found at Wingaroo Nature Reserve, north of Carnacs Flat on Flinders Island.



Why is *Heathland Scrub Complex at Wingaroo* important and what are its management issues?

- This rare heathland scrub complex has a very high number of plant and animal species occurring in a relatively small area which makes it important for the protection of biodiversity.
- Several threatened plant and animal species occur in this heathland scrub complex, including horny cone-bush (*Isopogon ceratophyllus*) and the New Holland mouse (*Pseudomys novaehollandiae*).
- *Heathland Scrub Complex at Wingaroo* is resistant to invasion by weeds, provided that soil nutrient levels are not raised. It may be susceptible to dieback caused by the cinnamon fungus (*Phytophthora cinnamomi*), which has the potential to eliminate many heath species.



Photo: Stephen Harris

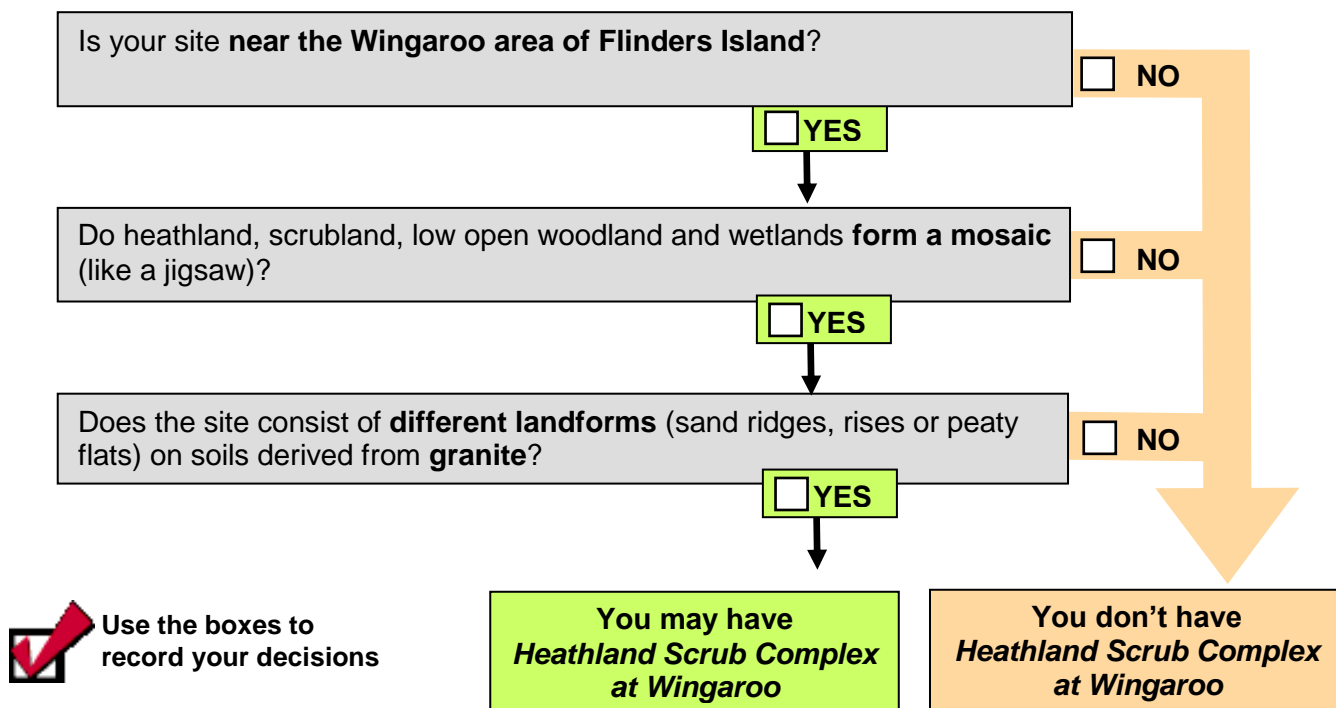
Do I have *Heathland Scrub Complex at Wingaroo* on my property?

The flow chart will help you to decide if *Heathland Scrub Complex at Wingaroo* may be on your property.



Need help?

Contact the FPA or TFGA



What does it mean if I have *Heathland Scrub Complex at Wingaroo* on my property?

- If you want to **clear and convert** an area that **may be *Heathland Scrub Complex at Wingaroo*** 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 management activities are 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