

Due to the very low numbers of this plant - *Microstrobos fitzgeraldii* is listed as an

## endangered species

under both the *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995* and the *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.



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## How you can help

- Avoid planting invasive weed species (such as ivy and montbretia) in your garden—a weeds of the Blue Mountains booklet is available from Blue Mountains City Council.
- Minimise use of fertilisers.
- Dispose of chemicals thoughtfully.
- Cover or vegetate piles or areas of bare soil on your property—sediment flows down drains into creeks.
- Join your local Bushcare Group. For more details ring 02) 4780 5623 or **e-mail:** [bushcare@bmcc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:bushcare@bmcc.nsw.gov.au)



## A Blue Mountains Endangered Species

### *Microstrobos fitzgeraldii*



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## *Microstrobos fitzgeraldii*

*Microstrobos fitzgeraldii* is a small shrub to two metres high with drooping branches.

*Microstrobos* is a conifer, so it does not have flowers, instead it has both male and female cones.

This species is extremely rare and is only known from six locations in the upper Blue Mountains between Wentworth Falls and Katoomba.

Only a total of around 400 plants have ever been recorded. The low numbers of this plant, and its fragile habitat make it very vulnerable to disturbances.

For more information explore the following websites:

<http://www.bmcc.nsw.gov.au/>  
<http://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au>  
<http://www.green.net.au/rarespecies/>  
<http://www.deh.gov.au/index.html>



## Habitat

This species is only found one place in the world - under the spray zone of a few waterfalls in the upper Blue Mountains of NSW.



Habitat of *Microstrobos fitzgeraldii*



## Why is it endangered ?

The threats to this species include :

- habitat degradation
- weed invasion
- water pollution
- urban runoff



Weeding is regularly carried out in the waterfalls where *Microstrobos fitzgeraldii* lives.