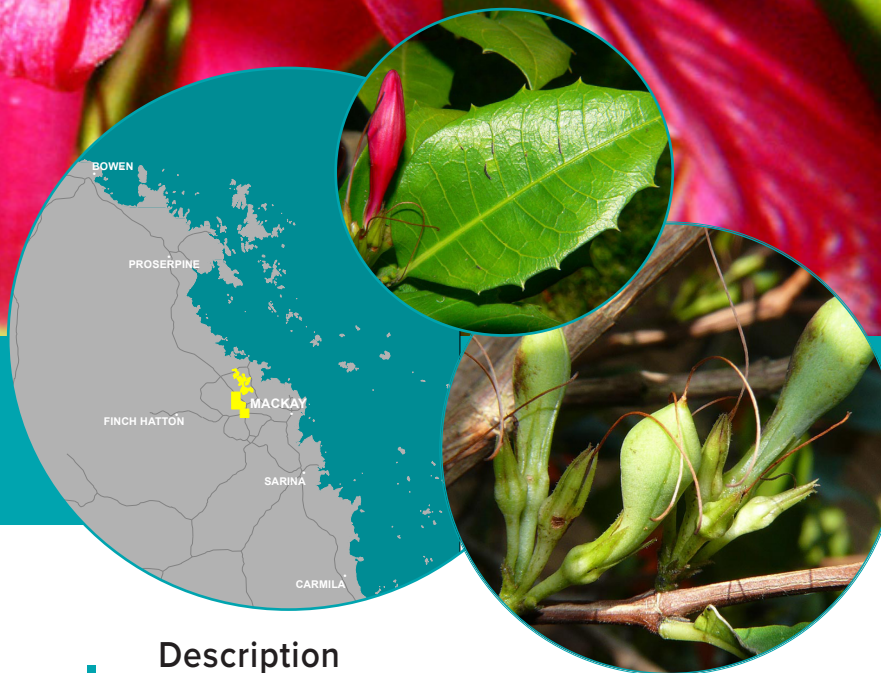




Mt. Blackwood Holly

Holly-leaved graptophyllum
Graptophyllum ilicifolium



Conservation Status

Queensland State: **Vulnerable**

Australian Government: **Vulnerable**

Species and status overview

The Mt. Blackwood holly is a pretty rainforest plant with a limited distribution. It was first collected from Mt. Blackwood, northwest of Mackay in the 1800's and is known from only four sites, including one disjunct population that was discovered at Miriam Vale south of Gladstone in 2001.

They are found in the upper reaches of creeks and gullies in the vine forest, and they flower in late spring. In early summer the fruit ripens and explodes, which flings the seeds quite a distance.

Where have they been recorded in the area?

- Dryander NP
- Niddoe Creek
- Nelson Creek
- Pioneer Peak National Park
- North of the Pioneer River

Description

Mount Blackwood Holly is a shrub, or small tree, which grows up to six metres in height. The plant displays distinctively holly-like, shiny green leaves and scarlet red tubular flowers.

Conservation concerns

Threats:

- Habitat loss, disturbance and modification.
- Competition from weeds such as *Lantana camara*, possibly allowing a greater incursion of fires due to increased fuel loads.
- Limited distribution

What can I do?

- Maintain or enhance existing habitat through revegetation, weed control and appropriate fire management practices
- Minimise adverse land use impacts at known sites

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