

SLENDER DARLING PEA

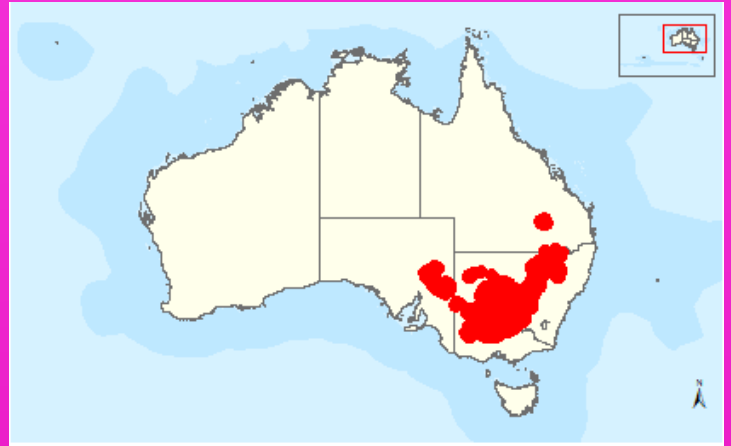
APPEARANCE

The Slender Darling pea, or scientifically known as *Swainsona murrayana* has the appearance of The pea-like flowers of the slender Darling pea, are pink or purple with red stripes on hairy slender stalks.



LOCATION

The Slender Darling Pea is Found throughout NSW, it has been recorded in the Jerilderie and Deniliquin areas of the southern riverine plain, the Hay plain as far north as Willandra National Park. It is found in the Central Lowlands and Eastern Highlands.



THREATS AND PROTECTION

Threats to the Slender Darling pea include:

1. Heavy grazing by domestic stock, since the species is heavily grazed at most growth stages and is regarded as a useful forage plant (although this may be harmful to stock due to its poisoning effect).
2. Heavy grazing in the flowering and fruiting season in particular

It is protected because just like many other natural Fauna and Flora they are only a small part of the large ecosystem that is Australia's native species.



IF IT WENT EXTINCT

If the Slender Darling Pea were to go extinct The Insect population would increase as the Slender Darling Pea contains a poisoning principle which it uses to kill insects that land on it, using its bright colours to attract insects to it.