



Kangaroo Island woodruff

Scientific name: *Asperula tetraphylla*

National status (EPBC Act 1999): **Vulnerable**

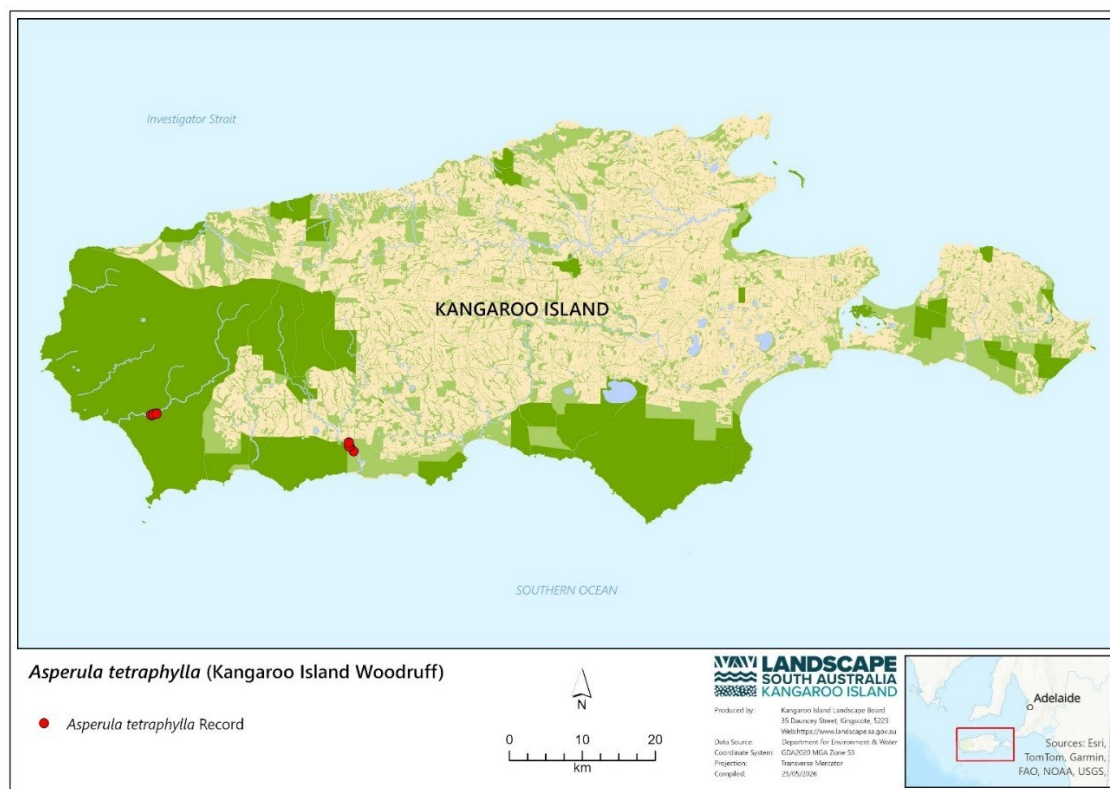
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Description:

Prostrate decumbent perennial herb with slender stems. Broad leaves in whorls of four, to 6 mm long and 6 mm wide. Numerous white flowers in terminal clusters. Flowering between September and January.

Distribution:

Endemic to Kangaroo Island. A riparian species that grows on heavy silts and clay soils within oxbows or swales that form off main river channels.



Specific threats:

Threats to *Asperula tetraphylla* include weed invasion by exotic annual grasses and forbs, altered hydrological regimes resulting in reduced river flows, more frequent drought and flash flooding caused by climate change and a small and fragmented distribution.

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