



Spiked sour-bush

Scientific name: *Choretrum spicatum* ssp. *spicatum*

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

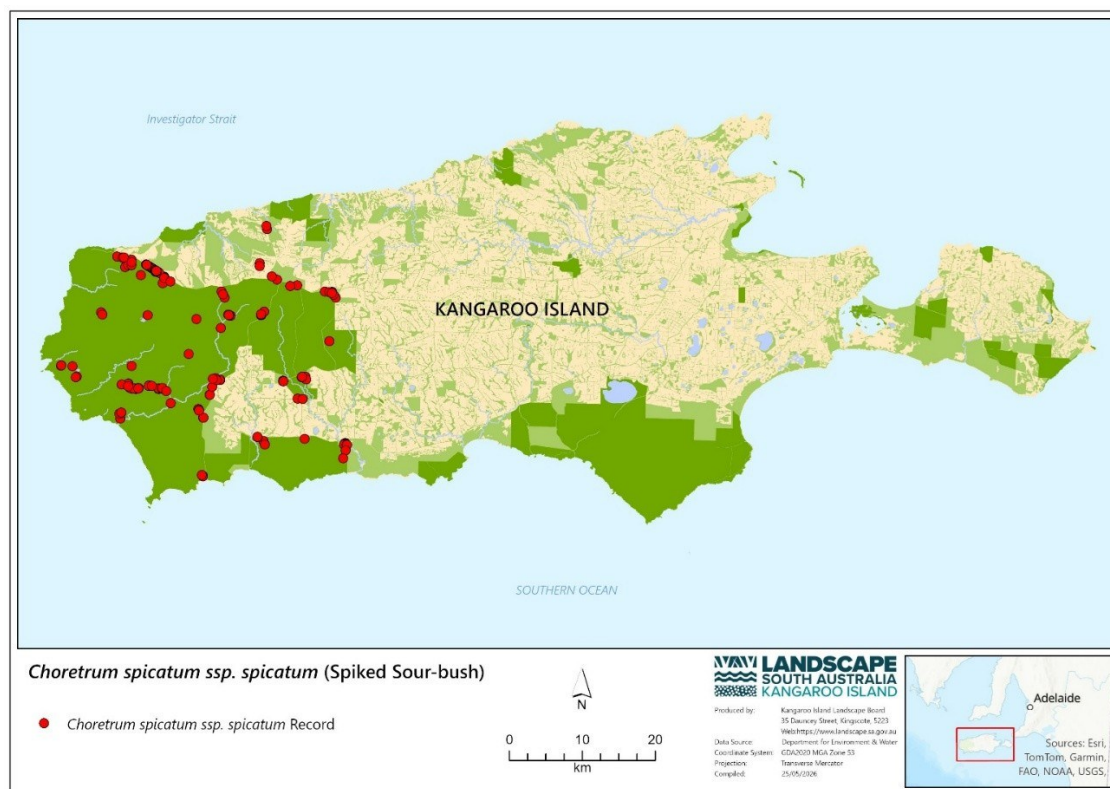
South Australian status: (NPW Act 1972): **Rare**

Description:

Erect semi-parasitic shrub to 1.5 m high with rigid and woody longitudinally ridged pale green to yellow branches. Tiny scale-like Leaves. Flowers white, clustered towards ends of the stems and along branches. Flowering between August and December.

Distribution:

Endemic to the western end of Kangaroo Island. Grows mainly in heath on sandy laterite soils.



Specific threats:

Threats to *Choretrum spicatum ssp. spicatum* include habitat loss and disturbance, inappropriate fire regimes (lack of fire or too frequent fires), soil-borne disease (*Phytophthora cinnamomi*), weed invasion from Tasmanian blue Gum (*Eucalyptus globulus*) wildlings and climate change.