Downy star-bush

Scientific name: ***Asterolasia phebalioides***

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

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

Description:

Slender shrub to 1.5 m high with densely grey-silvery hairs on branches and leaves. Leaves densely crowded, less than 1 cm long. Solitary, bright yellow, star-shaped flowers along stems. Flowering between September and December.

Distribution:

Endemic to the western end of Kangaroo Island. Grows in open mallee woodland and heath on ironstone and sandy soils.

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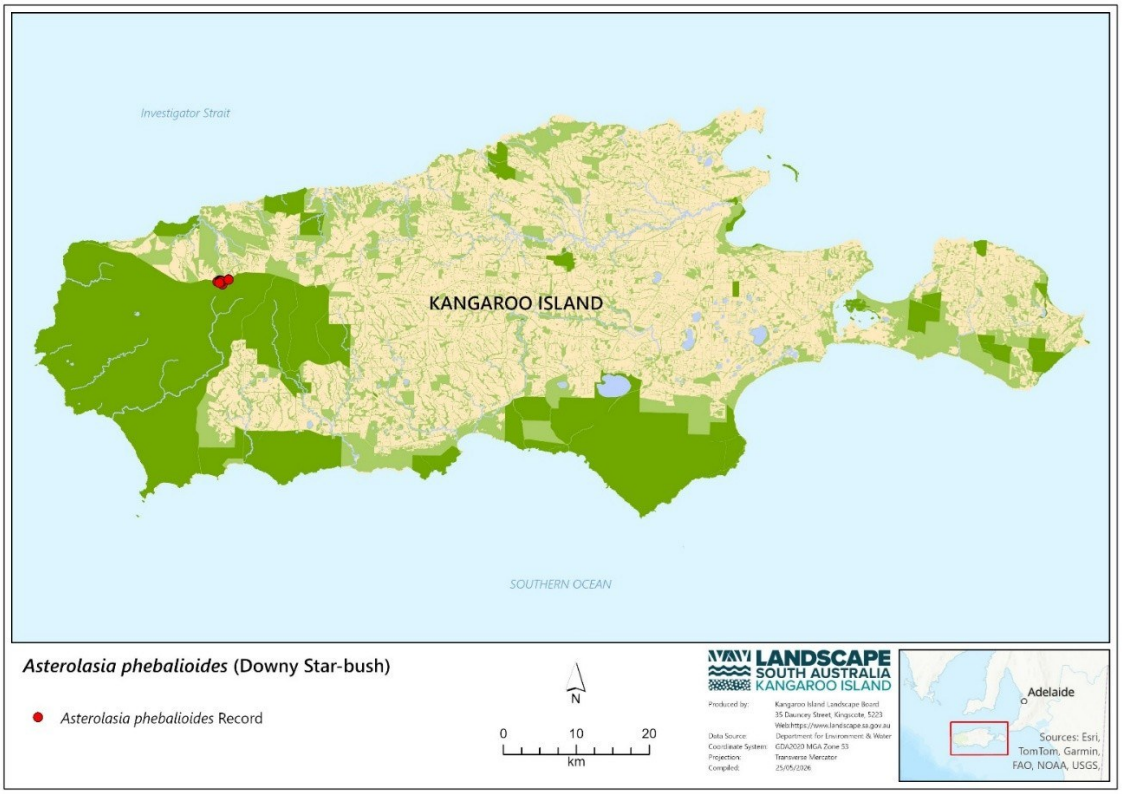

Specific threats:

Threats to *Asterolasia phebalioides* include habitat disturbance from road maintenance and fire prevention works, inappropriate fire regimes (too frequent fires), climate change and a highly restricted distribution.

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