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Geographical range

Amazing Species: Mount Spurgeon Black Pine

The **Mount Spurgeon Black Pine**, *Prumnopitys ladei*, is listed as Vulnerable on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™. This species is native to Australia, where it is found scattered on Mt. Lewis, Mt. Spurgeon and a few other sites nearby in northeast Queensland. This attractive, slow-growing pine is one of the rarest conifers in the world, occurring only in remnants of evergreen rainforest.

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Records dating back to the 1960s have shown that logging claimed considerable areas of the occupancy of this pine species on Mt. Lewis, where the smaller of the two subpopulations exists. Nowadays its total population numbers no more than a 1000 mature trees. The wood of this species is used for construction and carpentry, but it is now far too rare to be of much economic importance.

The Mt Spurgeon Black Pine is legally protected and under state law. It only partly occurs in two protected areas on Mt. Lewis and Mt. Spurgeon that are being expanded to ensure its full protection. However, it is currently not known whether the expansion of protected areas will eventually include all known individual trees of this species.



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