

# Melaleuca deanei

## A vulnerable community

The Lucas Heights Conservation Area contains a diverse range of vegetation communities and habitat for fauna.

Endangered Sydney Turpentine, Ironbark Forest and Shale-Sandstone Transition Forest occupy this area.



## Deane's Paperbark

Melaleuca deanei is considered vulnerable and faces a high risk of extinction in NSW in the medium term.

This beautiful fibrous shrub grows up to 3 metres and has flaky bark and long, pointy narrow leaves with white flower spikes appearing in the summer.

As seed production appears to be low the species exhibits a limited capacity to regenerate and is at risk of extinction due to declining population numbers.

Identified threats include clearing for urban development, inappropriate fire regimes and trampling along the edge of tracks and fire trails.



A population of the threatened species Melaleuca deanei is present on the site. This is also protected under both state and federal legislation.

## Stay on track

Vulnerable plants grow along the edges of these tracks.

Please keep to designated tracks and follow signage to minimise harm to the environment and help protect these vulnerable communities.

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