

## NPAQ Rare Flora Survey Group

Do you want to make a significant contribution to what we know about Queensland's 1000+ rare and threatened plants?

The National Parks Association of Queensland is establishing a Flora Survey Group (FSG).

NPAQ has trained volunteers to undertake flora surveys of public and private lands that make up the protected area estate in Queensland (including nature refuges and council reserves). Each survey was led by a field botanist in conjunction with EPA Staff. The greater our understanding of the location, extent and numbers of these rare species, the better we are equipped to manage and conserve these plants.

The aims of the FSG are to:

- Train and coordinate volunteers to identify rare plant species and their habitats
- Make strategic additions to the EPA WildNet database (which underpins management decisions made about the conservation of specific species)
- Conduct up to 20 plant surveys annually

### Plant Identification Training

The first 3 surveys were conducted on private properties in the Stanthorpe area, about 3hrs drive southwest of Brisbane. Plant identification training for these surveys were given. A workshop took place at our office in Milton and the topics covered were:

- Introduction to the vegetation types of the Granite Belt
- Plant conservation categories
- Diagnostic features of rare and threatened plant species of the Granite Belt
- Recording rare and threatened species populations
- Use of a GPS

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