

## FACT SHEET

### Protecting the Cumberland Plain Woodland

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#### What is the Cumberland Plain Woodland?

The Cumberland Plain Woodland is the name for the native Australian plants of Sydney's western suburbs. The Cumberland Plain Woodland is unique – it is not found anywhere else in Australia. Only 9% of the original Woodland remains.

The Cumberland Plain Woodland has been listed by the Australian and NSW Governments as an endangered ecological community. This was the first plant community to be recognised as being in danger of extinction.

#### Westlink M7 and the Cumberland Plain Woodland

Areas of Cumberland Plain Woodland have been preserved alongside the Westlink M7.

Westlink has taken a number of actions to help protect the plants, including:

- Relocating individual plants of threatened species including *Pimela spicata*
- Translocating topsoil containing the seeds of threatened species
- Training staff in harm minimisation practices around the vegetation
- Ongoing monitoring by an ecologist
- Planted thousands of new plants along the motorway corridor

#### Typical Plants of the Cumberland Plain Woodland

##### *Canopy Trees*

Narrow-leaved Ironbark  
Forest Red Gum  
Grey Box  
Spotted Gum

##### *Small Trees & Shrubs*

Blackthorn  
False Sarsaparilla  
Native Indigo  
Green Wattle

##### *Grasses & Ground Covers*

Kangaroo Grass  
Blue Trumpet  
Weeping Meadow Grass  
Kidney Weed

##### *Threatened Species*

Pink Pimelea

#### How You Can Help

Please help to protect and preserve the plants of the Cumberland Plain Woodland.

- Do not disturb the vegetation by entering restricted areas.
- Do not remove any plants or logs. They are important habitats for native animals
- Grow local native plants in your garden.
- **Do not dump rubbish, animal wastes or lawn clippings over your backfence. Lawn grasses are very invasive and are a great threat as weeds to Australian native plants.**
- Prevent cats and dogs from entering the area.

#### Where to Find Out More

You can find out more about the beautiful Australian plants of Western Sydney by visiting the website of the Royal Botanic Gardens: [www.rbg Syd.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rbg Syd.nsw.gov.au) or the Department of Environment and Conservation: [www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au](http://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au)