

## *Santalum acuminatum* — Desert Quandong

**Scientific Name:**

*Santalum acuminatum*

**Common Name:**

Desert Quandong

**Register Number:**

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**Location of Tree:**

Kings Canyon (Watarrka)  
National Park NT

**GPS:**

-24.23892, 131.58699

**Categories of Significance:**

Age  
Rare  
Horticultural Value

**Year Listed:**

1988



This listing covers the area from Bagot Springs to Kings Canyon in the George Gill Range - a distance of approximately 30 kilometers. The species has since become scarce and is now listed as Vulnerable in the NT. Foraging by camels, the reduction of regeneration promoted by rabbits, and the decline of emus in the region, are all probable causes for the decline of Quandong in the area. They are now difficult to locate in Central Australia, to the extent that the managers of the Angas Downs IPA have taken to fencing each specimen that has been located with camel-proof fencing.

The Desert Quandong produces a round red fruit with quite a bitter taste; however it is exceptionally high in vitamin C and a popular bush food of local indigenous people.

