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Amazing Species: Justicia galapagana

<u>Justicia galapagana</u> is listed as 'Near Threatened' on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™. It is endemic to the Galapagos Islands where it has 11 populations on seven islands, mainly in the humid highlands. The usual form of *Justicia galapagana* has purple flowers, but this white-flowered form is common on Pinta Island.

Habitat loss, caused by both the conversion of land to agriculture and by invasive introduced plants and animals, has reduced many of the populations of *Justicia galapagana*. There is no firm evidence that the species continues to decline however, due to its restricted range and continuing habitat degradation, experts believe it almost merits 'Vulnerable' status.

Eradication of goats and other large mammalian herbivores from some of the uninhabited islands where it occurs has ensured that *Justicia galapagana* will be secure (on these islands at least) for the foreseeable future. Currently there is no action regarded as necessary for its conservation beyond continued vigilance to detect and manage any increasing threats.





