# Modelling climate suitability for exotic plants in Australia under future climate

Final report on the potential impact of climate change on the distribution of national priority weeds in Australia

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# Summary

Weeds and climate change are both significant threats to biodiversity and pose considerable challenges to managers of protected areas, such as national parks. Weeds are likely to respond to climate and atmospheric change (e.g. increased temperatures, changed rainfall patterns, and elevated  $CO_2$  levels) in complex ways but knowledge as to the magnitude and direction of these responses is very limited.

Species distribution models (SDMs) based primarily on climate data provide a first-step tool for assessing potential changes in the geographic range of species under climate change. These models can play an integral part in developing proactive management strategies for current and emerging weed threats.

We produced SDMs for 107 terrestrial and aquatic non-native plant species in Australia which incorporates the 20 Weeds of National Significance (WoNS), the WoNS shortlist, the National Alert List, and four major invasive grass species using the MaxEnt modelling program. Species location data came primarily from publicly available herbarium records. We built our models on the baseline climate of the late 20<sup>th</sup> Century provided by the WorldClim data set, and projected these models onto averaged future climate in three decades centred on 2020, 2050 and 2080. The latest climate data from the Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) repository for the IPCC Fourth Assessment Report (AR4) was used for models of future climate. We also developed several novel ways of presenting and interpreting the data generated.

The results suggest two broad patterns of change:

- Species with extensive current distributions in northern Australia are predicted to encounter increasingly favourable environmental conditions and are likely to extend their geographical range and/or become more abundant within existing locations.
- Most species in south-east Australia are predicted to encounter much less suitable climatic conditions and are likely to show a south-east geographic range shift and/or decrease in climatic suitability.

There are two important points to note. First, many of the modelled species have not yet reached their potential distribution under current climate conditions and therefore the distribution and abundance of species may continue to increase from current locations despite a predicted reduction in favourable conditions under future climate. Second, the 107 species modelled are a small proportion of the pool of more than 2,800 naturalised plants species present in Australia. At least 12 new species are added to this naturalised species pool each year. In order to manage protected areas for biodiversity conservation under future climates, it is critical to assess the threat from these potential future weed species in addition to the 107 nationally-recognized species modelled here.

The methods we have developed can be used to rapidly and efficiently screen this pool of naturalised exotic species to provide indications of emerging threats to biodiversity under climate change.

The initial modelling presented in this report can be used to:

- develop weed threat scenarios at a range of geographic levels and management areas (e.g. individual national parks, catchments or other areas of interest), and
- identify future "invasion hotspots" to help prioritise control and resources, as well as limit impacts.

# Introduction

Invasive exotic plant species (weeds) represent a major threat to biodiversity, primary production and human health in Australia. For example, Coutts-Smith and Downey (2006) found that weeds threatened 45% of the 945 species listed as endangered under the NSW *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995* and the *Fisheries Management Act 1994*. They also noted that the impact of weeds on threatened biodiversity was the second most important threat after land clearing.

The cost of addressing the weed threat to biodiversity is high. NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service currently spends approximately \$10 million per year on weed control. This has the potential to increase significantly in the future as weed species respond to climate change. Current weed species may shift their distribution under climate change and many of the approximately 2,800 naturalised species that occur in Australia may become invasive under changed climatic conditions. Recent research has highlighted the complexity of mechanisms by which plants respond to increased average temperatures, changed rainfall patterns, and elevated  $CO_2$  levels (e.g. Johnston & Reekie, 2008; Morgan *et al.*, 2007).

The combination of high management cost, broad impacts on biodiversity, agriculture and human health, as well as uncertainties about the nature of the impact of climate change on existing and emerging weed species in Australia, has led all levels of government to identify weed research with respect to climate change as a high priority (Natural Resource Management Ministerial Council, 2007). This focus has also led to Key Actions in climate change adaptation strategies (e.g. NSW DECC's *Climate Change & Biodiversity Adaptation Plan, Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation Research Program* and the draft *NSW Climate Change Action Plan*).

Thus, identification of emerging weed threats under climate change is an urgent task. It must also be dynamic, adapting to new data on species locations, or new environmental data such as improved future climate projections. A cost-effective monitoring or surveillance approach is needed that can produce useful guidance while research continues into mitigating impacts on biodiversity and prioritisation processes (e.g. Downey *et al.*, 2010).

Species distribution modelling (SDM), although applied to plant species for more than twenty years (Box, 1981; Busby, 1986) and constrained in a number of ways (Pearson & Dawson, 2003; Araújo & New, 2007; Heikkinen *et al.*, 2006), is now widely acknowledged as the most effective tool to use for initial assessment of species responses to climate change. Over the past decade these methods have been applied to invasive species in various parts of the world (Le Maitre *et al.*, 2008; Richardson & Thuiller, 2007; Peterson, 2003; Richardson & Rejmánek, 2004; Rouget *et al.*, 2004). With the exception of Scott *et al.* (2008) and Steel *et al.* (2008) most modelling of non-native plant species in Australia has been undertaken for relatively few weed species (Chejara *et al.*, 2010; Kriticos *et al.*, 2010; Kriticos *et al.*, 2009; Kriticos *et al.*, 2005; Potter *et al.*, 2009; Watt *et al.*, 2010; Beaumont *et al.*, 2009a), or on a regional basis (Kriticos *et al.*, 2010; Steel *et al.*, 2008). In this report we provide results from an Australia-wide bioclimatic modelling approach that provides a first-step assessment of potential changes in geographic distribution of key weed species in response to climate change.

We applied MaxEnt, a sophisticated species distribution modelling (SDM) tool (Phillips *et al.*, 2006; Phillips & Dudik, 2008), and the latest projections of future climate from the Fourth Assessment Report (AR4) of the Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)

(Solomon *et al.*, 2007), to identify climatically suitable areas under current, 2020, 2050 and 2080 climate scenarios for terrestrial and aquatic exotic plant species in Australia from the full list of Weeds of National Significance (WoNS) and National Alert List, plus four major invasive grass species of significance.

In this report we briefly describe the methods we have developed, summarise the modelling results, and indicate how these results can be scaled-up to provide a better indication of current and emerging weed threats in Australia.

e present maps showing the potential distribution of the 107 weed species under current climate and predicted climate for 2020, 2050 and 2080. Aspects of this work have also appeared in a number of published works and manuscripts in preparation (see below). Important future steps in the modelling process will be to incorporate estimates of rates of spread, responses to changed  $CO_2$  levels and land-use in order to improve model predictions.

Our work highlights the value of examining current weed priorities with respect to future climate conditions. However, there is also an emerging issue of recognising potential future threats of exotic plant species not currently recognised as WoNS or Alert species. The pool of 2,800 exotic naturalised species that occur in Australia represents a potential threat to biodiversity, agriculture and human health. Thus a pressing question is: Which species in the increasing pool of naturalised species are likely to respond positively to climate change and therefore become the next generation of weeds? Alternatively, which species are likely to respond negatively, and thus reduce the need for prioritized action? We recommend that the protocols developed for this project are extended to provide a rapid and efficient first assessment of risk posed by this large pool of naturalised exotic species.

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Downey, P.O., Beaumont, L.J., Gallagher, R.V., Leishmam, M.R. and Hughes, L. (in prep.) Using climate change predictions to evaluate the effectiveness of banning the importation of alien plants: *Chrysanthemoides monilifera* a case study.

Downey, P.O., Wilson, P.D., O'Donnell, J., Leishman, M.R. and Hughes, L. (in prep.) Managing invasive alien plants in the advent of climate change: the need for triage.

Gallagher, R, Downey, P.O., Wilson, P.D., Hughes, L., & Leishman, M.R. (in prep.) Hotspots of invasion under climate change; a conservation approach.

O'Donnell, J., Gallagher, R.V., Wilson, P.D., Downey, P.O., Hughes, L. & Leishman, M.R. (In review). Current and future climate hotspots for invasive plants in Australia. *Global Change Biology*.

Wilson, P.D., Downey, P.O., O'Donnell, J., Leishman, M.R. & Hughes, L. (in prep.) Predicted distribution of exotic grasses in Australia under climate change.

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# Methods

## Selection of species for modelling

We used established lists of priority weed species in Australia to guide our modelling program. We selected all species and species aggregates from the full list of 72 declared and shortlist Weeds of National Significance (WoNS). In addition, we modelled all species on the National Alert List, as well as four additional perennial grass species. In total, 107 species were modelled (see full list below).

## Species occurrence data

The primary sources of current distribution data for the 107 species were Australia's Virtual Herbarium (AVH, www.anbg.gov.au/avh) and the Global Biodiversity Facility (GBIF, www.gbif.org). A small number of supplementary records were added from published literature when insufficient data were available from these primary sources. A summary of the number of occurrence records for the modelled species is provided as part of the species accounts.

We considered it inappropriate to model sub-species because of the uncertainty of data at this taxonomic level obtained from public data repositories. Species nomenclature was standardized using the Australian Plant Name Index (APNI). Location data for each species was plotted using DIVA GIS (www.divagis.org) to identify records with obviously inaccurate latitude and longitude records.

# Climate data

Baseline (or "current") climate was represented by the WorldClim current climate (www.worldclim.org). The WorldClim dataset is a high-resolution climate average for the period 1961 to 1990 covering the globe and spans the time over which the majority of occurrence records were collected. We used data at a grid cell size of 5 arc minutes (approximately 8km by 8 km at mid-latitudes in Australia) because this was a reasonable fit to the average latitude and longitude resolution of the occurrence coordinates.

Future climate was represented by the average of four general circulation models (GCMs) produced by a range of research groups as part of the Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Fourth Assessment Report (AR4) (Solomon *et al.*, 2007). We used models by:

Bjerknes Center for Climate Research, Norway (BCCR)

The Institute of Numerical Mathematics, Moscow Climate Model 3 (INMCM3)

CSIRO Australia Mark 3.5 model (CSIRO3.5)

The Japanese consortium comprised of the Center for Climate System Research (University of Tokyo), National Institute for Environmental Studies, and Frontier Research Center for Global Change (MIROC3.2 medres)

Data for these GCMs were obtained from the Climate Model Inter-Comparison Project website (www.cmip.org). All four GCMs have been shown to model climate conditions for the Australian region over the 20<sup>th</sup> century (comparing model predictions to observed climate) with high skill (Suppiah *et al.*, 2007). In addition, only these four models out of the 23

produced for the IPCC AR4 provided monthly maximum and minimum temperature, and monthly precipitation for all months and years from 2000 to 2100. Other highly skilled GCMs only provide monthly data from 2046 to 2100 which severely limits their utility for medium-term species distribution modelling.

GCM output is provided at very coarse scales (between 1.875 degree squares but up to 4 by 5 degree grid cells) and requires numerical interpolation to create finer grids for species distribution modelling. We used bicubic spline interpolation (Press *et al.*, 2002) to interpolate all four GCMs to the same 5 arc minute grid as the WordClim current climate data. We then used the anomaly method to produce monthly mean temperature and rainfall surfaces for the decades centred on 2020, 2050 and 2080. That is, the decade climate average for 2020 is the average from 2016 to 2025.

Maximum and minimum temperature data and monthly precipitation data were used to compute the nineteen standard bioclimatic variables (Nix, 1986; Busby, 1986; Busby, 1991) from the interpolated GCM grids. These computed variables exhibit very high levels of intercorrelation (multi-collinearity) which can create instability in predictions and unclear relationships when used in many modelling methods (Morlini, 2006; Paris, 2001; Faraway, 2005). We therefore chose to limit the number of bioclimatic variables used in our models to Annual Mean Temperature, Driest Monthly Precipitation, Isothermality, Maximum Temperature, Mean Monthly Temperature Range, Minimum Temperature, Precipitation Seasonality, and Wettest Monthly Precipitation. This subset captures key biophysical limits to plant growth, survival and reproductive success by representing limiting temperature and precipitation conditions, and climate equitability (e.g. precipitation seasonality).

# Species distribution models

Species distribution models (SDMs) quantify the relationship between environmental conditions and the observed occurrence of species.

Models are built using baseline climate data and then projected onto a range of climate 'futures' to track the occurrence of climatically suitable habitat. When using SDMs to predict the potential distribution of weed species, data from both the native and invaded range must be used as input to avoid underestimation of the extent of climatically suitable habitat (Beaumont *et al.*, 2009b; Broennimann *et al.*, 2007; Hierro *et al.*, 2005; Mau-Crimmins *et al.*, 2006). Therefore, we used all available species occurrence data (i.e. native and introduced ranges) to build our models and then projected the distribution models onto the three future times (2020, 2050 and 2080) to provide an indication of medium and long-term trends in favourable climate conditions. The geographical distribution of favourable climate provides an indication of maximum *potential* species distribution within Australia.

There are many methods for modelling the relationship between spatial distribution and the environmental envelope or realised niche of an organism. Elith *et al.* (2006) and Graham and Hijmans (2006) provide an extensive review and comparison of relative performance of many methods. For this preliminary set of models we chose to use MaxEnt (Phillips *et al.*, 2006), a very efficient machine-learning method with consistently high performance (Elith *et al.*, 2006; Graham & Hijmans, 2006).

MaxEnt models were fitted using default settings except that we used a new random number seed for each model and trained on a random selection of 90% of the data for each species, testing model fit on the remaining 10%. Ten cross-validation or replicate models were made for each species by randomly choosing the location records included in the training and test

sets. Averaged maps for the 10 runs were used in subsequent analyses to represent "current" climate suitability.

It is important to account for variation in SDM output due to differences in climate predictions produced by GCMs (Beaumont *et al.*, 2008). For each species, each replicate model fitted to current climate was projected onto climate data for each GCM at the three future times creating an ensemble of models. These future models were used to produce mean predicted climate suitability maps for 2020, 2050 and 2080 for each species. That is, the 2020 mean map was created by averaging predicted suitability in each grid cell for the forty maps (four GCMs and 10 projected replicate MaxEnt models for each GCM) for 2020. These mean maps indicate a consensus of probable conditions given the variation in predictions across the four GCMs, particularly for rainfall distribution. This is referred to here as the habitat suitability.

# Additional analysis

## Overall index of climate suitability:

For each mean map we computed a simple index of overall climate suitability for the Australian continent. This index is simply the sum of the MaxEnt suitability scores across each map and is related to measures of mean density or intensity in spatial point patterns (Diggle, 2003) or image brightness (Russ, 1995). It provides a method for comparing average suitability between times (Wilson, 2011). In the species accounts we present the relative change in overall climate suitability between current and 2050 climate conditions to provide an indication of the trend in climate suitability for each species. A negative percentage change indicates that the species is predicted to experience increasingly unfavourable climate conditions, while a positive value indicates an overall increase in favourable conditions.

# Change in Centre of Mass of suitable climate:

The index of overall climate suitability is independent of spatial distribution of suitability values. That is, the same overall suitability score can exist for two maps with very different spatial distributions of values. We have therefore also calculated the Centre of Mass (CoM) of the spatial distribution of suitability (Woillez *et al.*, 2007; Yates *et al.*, 2010). The change in CoM between current and 2050 was calculated to provide a broad measure of the direction of spatial change for climate suitability. This is summarised in the Species Accounts to indicate 'Spatial Trend'.

# **Species accounts**

## Description and species lists

Each species account presents information about each species, maps showing the projected areas of climate suitability, and a summary of modelling outcomes. The maps represent predicted distribution of favourable climate at each of four times (i.e. Current, 2020, 2050 and 2080). They do not represent precise predictions of occurrence but show the potential distribution based on currently understood relationships between climate and species occurrence. The sequence of four maps for a species should be interpreted as indicating the potential for changes in geographical distribution under climate change.

Warmer colours (yellow to red hues) indicate highly favourable climate, and cool colours (shades of blue) indicate much less favourable conditions. Visual inspection focussing on the extent of warmer colours thus provides an indication of trends or patterns of change in climate suitability.

It is important to note that for invasive species these maps are not species distribution maps, but maps of favourable climatic conditions. Invasive species are still in the process of expanding to fill favourable environments and therefore the maps represent *potential distribution* based on our current understanding of the relationship between species occurrence and environment

In the tables below we provide a list of all modelled species, classified into the following four groups:

WoNS species, sub-divided into declared and short-listed species;

Alert list species; and,

Additional invasive grass species.

We have followed the latest taxonomic decision and used the names *Vachellia karroo* (Alert list) and *V. nilotica* (WoNS declared) in place of *Acacia karroo* and *A. nilotica* respectively. Note that *Bassia scoparia* is listed on both the WoNS shortlist and the Alert list.

#### WoNS declared

Species	Family	Common name(s)
Alternanthera philoxeroides	Amaranthaceae	Alligator weed
Annona glabra	Annonaceae	Pond apple
Asparagus asparagoides	Asparagaceae	Bridal veil, Bridal creeper, Bridal veil creeper, Baby smilax, Smilax
Cabomba caroliniana	Cabombaceae	Cabomba, Fanwort, Carolina watershield, Fish grass, Washington grass, Watershield
Chrysanthemoides monilifera	Asteraceae	Bitou bush, Boneseed
Cryptostegia grandiflora	Apocynaceae	Rubber vine

Hymenachne amplexicaulis	Poaceae	Hymenachne
Lantana camara	Verbenaceae	Lantana
Mimosa pigra	Fabaceae	Mimosa
Nassella neesiana	Poaceae	Chilean needle grass
Nassella trichotoma	Poaceae	Serrated tussock
Parkinsonia aculeata	Fabaceae	Parkinsonia
Parthenium hysterophorus	Asteraceae	Parthenium weed
Prosopis spp. <sup>1</sup>	Fabaceae	Mesquites
Rubus fruticosus agg. <sup>2</sup>	Rosaceae	Blackberry
Salix spp. <sup>3</sup>	Salicaceae	Willows
Salvinia molesta	Salviniaceae	Salvinia
Tamarix aphylla	Tamaricaceae	Tamarisk, Athel pine, Athel tree,
		Flowering cypress
Ulex europaeus	Fabaceae	Gorse, Furze, Whin
Vachellia nilotica	Mimosaceae	Prickly acacia

<sup>1</sup> Includes *Prosopis glandulosa*, *P. juliflora*, *P. pallida* and *P. velutina*.

<sup>2</sup> A species aggregate of some taxonomic complexity, we followed Evans *et al.* (2007) and included *Rubus anglocandicans*, *R. cissburiensis*, *R. echinatus*, *R. erythtrops*, *R. laciniatus*, *R. leightonii*, *R. leucostachys*, *R. phaeocarpus*, *R. polyanthemus*, *R. riddelsdellii*, *R. rubritinctus*, *R. ulmifolius*, and *R. vestitus*.

<sup>3</sup> Includes Salix alba, S. atrocinerea, S. atrocinerea, S. babylonica, S. caprea, S. chilensis, S. fragilis, S. glaucophyloides, S. humdoltiana, S. matsudana, S. nigra, S. oleiofolia, S. pupurea, S. triandra, S. viminalis and S. vitellina and hybrids between these taxa.

Species name	Family	Common name(s)
Anredera cordifolia	Basellaceae	Madeira vine
Argemone ochroleuca	Papaveraceae	Mexican poppy
Asparagus declinatus	Asparagaceae	Bridal veil
Bassia scoparia	Chenopodiaceae	Kochia
Bryophyllum delagoense	Crassulaceae	Mother of millions
Calotropis procera	Apocynaceae	Calotrope
Celtis sinensis	Cannabaceae	Chinese elm, Japanese hackberry
Cortaderia selloana	Poaceae	Pampas grass
Cuscuta campestris	Convolvulaceae	Golden dodder
Cytisus scoparius	Fabaceae	Broom, Common broom, Scotch broom, English broom, Spanish broom
Echium plantagineum	Boraginaceae	Paterson's curse, Salvation Jane
Eichhornia crassipes	Pontederiaceae	Water hyacinth
Elephantopus mollis	Asteraceae	Tobacco weed
Eragrostis curvula	Poaceae	African Love Grass
Erica lusitanica	Ericaceae	Spanish heath
Euphorbia paralias	Euphorbiaceae	Sea spurge
Genista monspessulana	Fabaceae	Cape broom, Canary broom, Montpellier broom, common broom, soft broom, French broom
Gleditsia triacanthos	Fabaceae	Honey locust
Gomphocarpus fruticosus	Apocynaceae	Narrow-leaf cotton bush
Hydrocotyle ranunculoides	Apiaceae	Hydrocotyle, water pennywort
Hypericum perforatum	Hypericaceae	St Johns wort
Hyptis suaveolens	Lamiaceae	Hyptis

#### WoNS shortlist

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Jatropha gossypifolia	Euphorbiaceae	Bellyache bush
Lantana montevidensis	Verbenaceae	Creeping lantana
Ligustrum lucidum	Oleaceae	Broad-leaved privet
Ligustrum sinense	Oleaceae	Small-leaved privet
Lycium ferocissimum	Solanaceae	African Boxthorn
Macfadyena unguis-cati	Bignoniaceae	Cats claw creeper
Onopordum acanthium	Asteraceae	Onopordum thistle
Onopordum acaulon	Asteraceae	Stemless Thistle
Onopordum illyricum	Asteraceae	Illyrian Thistle
Orobanche minor	Orobanchaceae	Branched broomrape
Pennisetum polystachion	Poaceae	Mission grass
Phyla canescens	Verbenaceae	Lippia
Polygala myrtifolia	Polygalaceae	Myrtleleaf milkwort
Reseda luteola	Resedaceae	Wild mignonette, Weld
Schinus terebinthifolius	Anacardiaceae	Brazilian creeper, Broadleaf pepper
		tree
Senecio jacobaea	Asteraceae	Ragwort
Senecio madagascariensis	Asteraceae	Fireweed
Senna obtusifolia	Fabaceae	Sickelpod
Senna tora	Fabaceae	Sicklepod
Sida rhombifolia	Malvaceae	Paddys Lucerne
Solanum elaeagnifolium	Solanaceae	Silver leaf nightshade
Spartina anglica	Poaceae	Rice grass
Sporobolus africanus	Poaceae	Giant parramatta grass
Sporobolus natalensis	Poaceae	Giant rats tail grass
Sporobolus pyramidalis	Poaceae	Giant rats tail grass
Stachytarpheta jamaicensis	Verbenaceae	Snake weed
Stachytarpheta mutabilis	Verbenaceae	Snake weed
Themeda quadrivalvis	Poaceae	Grader grass
Thunbergia grandiflora	Acanthaceae	Blue thunbergia, Blue trumpet vine,
		Bengla clock vine, Blue skyflower, Blue
		trumpet vine, Clock vine, Sky flower,
		Sky vine
Watsonia spp. <sup>1</sup>	Iridaceae	Watsonia
Xanthium occidentale	Asteraceae	Noogoora burr
Xanthium spinosum	Asteraceae	Bathurst burr
Zantedeschia aethiopica	Araceae	Arum lily, calla lily
Ziziphus mauritiana	Rhamnaceae	Chinese apple, Indian jujube, Chinese
-		date

<sup>1</sup> Includes *Watsonia marginata*, *W. meriana*, and *W. versfeldii*.

# Alert list

Species name	Family	Common name(s)
Acacia catechu	Fabaceae	Prickly acacia
Asystasia gangetica	Acanthaceae	Chinese violet
Barleria prionitis	Acanthaceae	Barleria
Calluna vulgaris	Ericaceae	Heather
Chromolaena odorata	Asteraceae	Siam weed, Chromolaena
Cynoglossum creticum	Boraginaceae	Blue hound's tongue
Cyperus teneristolon	Cyperaceae	Cyperus
Cytisus multiflorus	Fabaceae	White Spanish broom
Dittrichia viscosa	Asteraceae	False yellowhead
Equisetum spp. <sup>1</sup>	Equisetaceae	Horsetails
Gymnocoronis spilanthoides	Asteraceae	Senegal tea plant

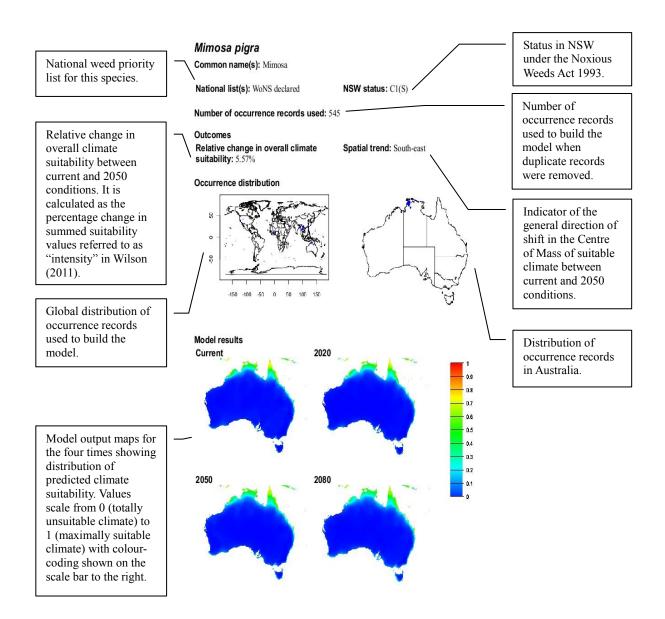
Hieracium aurantiacum	Asteraceae	Orange hawkweed
Koelreuteria elegans	Sapindaceae	Chinese rain tree
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Lachenalia reflexa	Asparagaceae	Yellow soldier
Lagarosiphon major	Hydrocharitaceae	Lagarosiphon, Oxygen weed
Nassella charruana	Poaceae	Lobed needle grass
Nassella hyalina	Poaceae	Cane needle grass
Pelargonium alchemilloides	Geraniaceae	Garden geranium
Pereskia aculeata	Cactaceae	Leaf cactus
Piptochaetium montevidense	Poaceae	Uruguayan rice grass
Praxelis clematidea	Asteraceae	Praxelis
Retama raetam	Fabaceae	White weeping broom
Senecio glastifolius	Asteraceae	Holly-leaved senecio
Thunbergia laurifolia	Acanthaceae	Laurel clock vine
Tipuana tipu	Fabaceae	Rosewood, Pride of Bolivia
Trianoptiles solitaria	Cyperaceae	Subterranean Cape sedge
Vachellia karroo	Mimosaceae	Karroo thorn

<sup>1</sup> Includes *Equisetum arvense*, *E. hyemale* and *E. ramosissimum*.

# Additional invasive grasses

Species name	Family	Common name(s)	
Andropogon gayanus	Poaceae	Gamba grass	
Cenchrus ciliaris	Poaceae	Buffel grass	
Hyparrhenia hirta	Poaceae	Coolatai grass	
Urochloa mutica	Poaceae	Para grass	

## Guide to species accounts



## Acacia catechu

Fabaceae
Common name(s): Prickly acacia

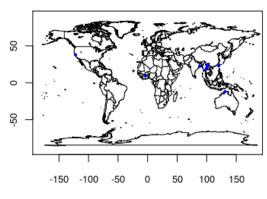
National list(s): Alert list

**NSW status:** Not listed

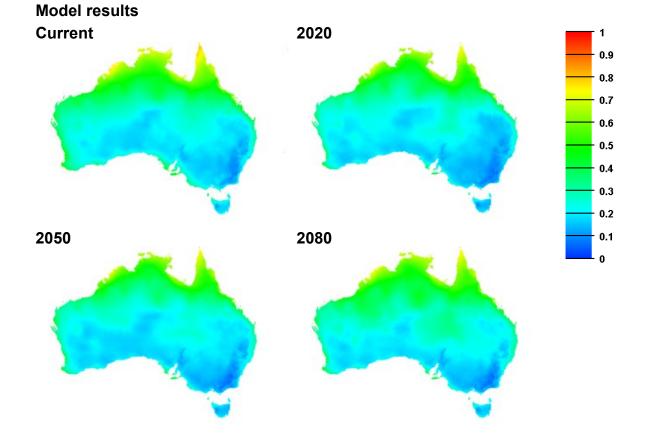
#### Number of occurrence records used: 7

Outcomes Relative change in overall climate suitability: -9.26%

## Spatial trend: South-east







# Alternanthera philoxeroides

Amaranthaceae

Common name(s): Alligator weed

National list(s): WoNS declared

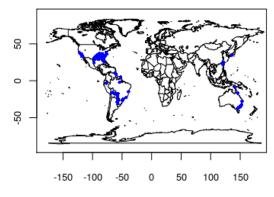
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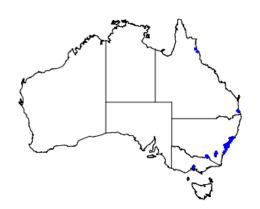
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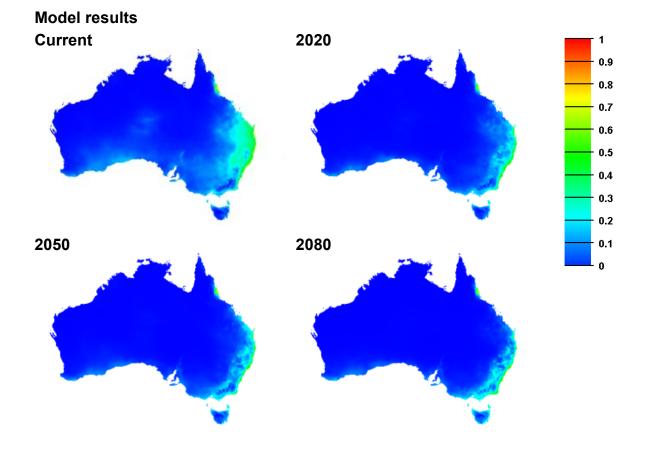
Outcomes

**Relative change in overall climate suitability:** -51.53%

Spatial trend: South-east







# Andropogon gayanus

Poaceae

Common name(s): Gamba grass

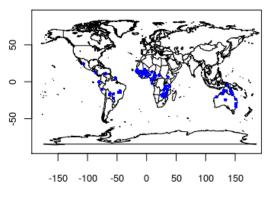
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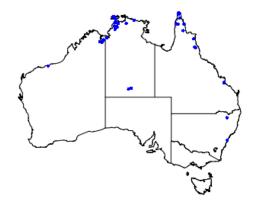
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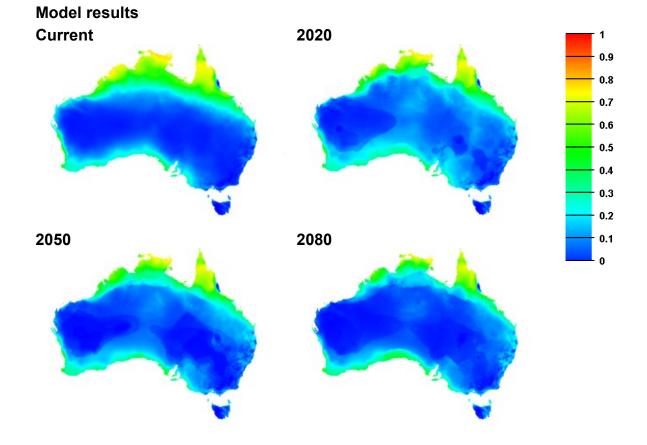
Number of occurrence records used: 309

Outcomes Relative change in overall climate suitability: -13.68%

Spatial trend: South-east







# Annona glabra

Annonaceae
Common name(s): Pond apple

National list(s): WoNS declared

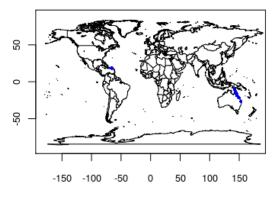
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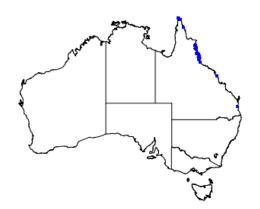
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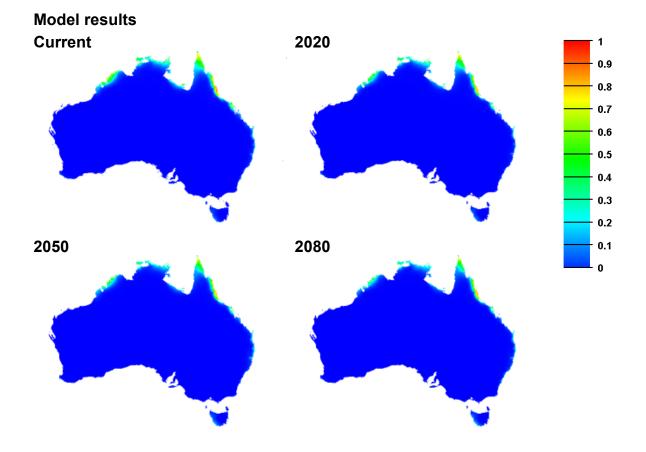
Outcomes

**Relative change in overall climate suitability:** -9.79%

Spatial trend: South-east







# Anredera cordifolia

Basellaceae
Common name(s): Madeira vine

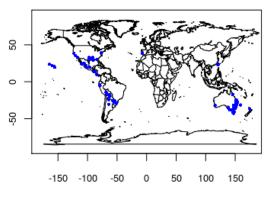
National list(s): WoNS shortlist

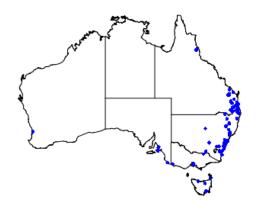
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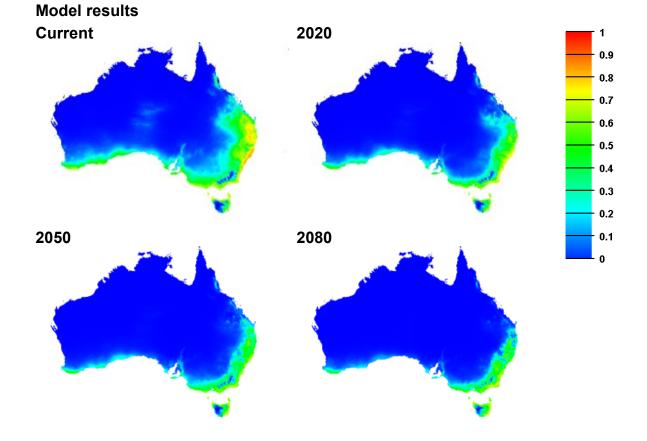
#### Number of occurrence records used: 197

Outcomes Relative change in overall climate suitability: -51.32%

Spatial trend: South-east







# Argemone ochroleuca

Papaveraceae

Common name(s): Mexican poppy

National list(s): WoNS shortlist

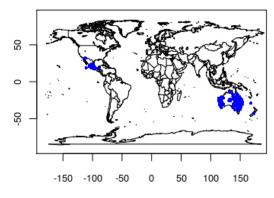
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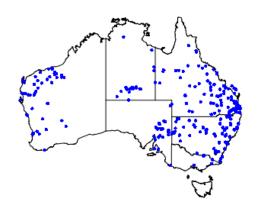
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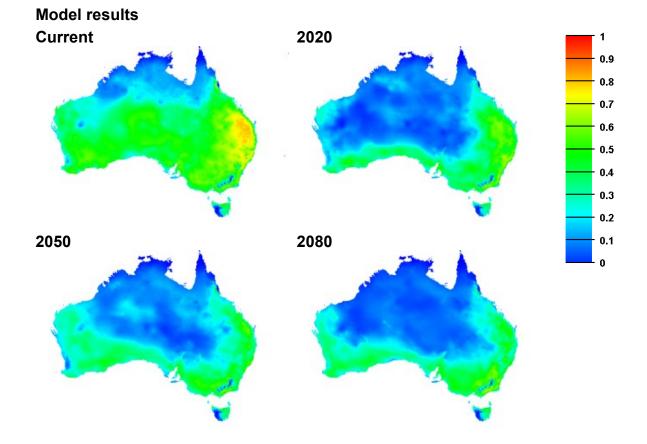
Outcomes

Relative change in overall climate suitability: -41.13%

Spatial trend: South-west







# Asparagus asparagoides

Asparagaceae

**Common name(s):** Bridal veil, bridal creeper, bridal veil creeper, baby smilax, smilax

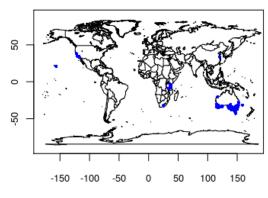
National list(s): WoNS declared

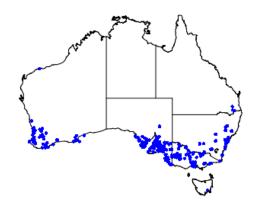
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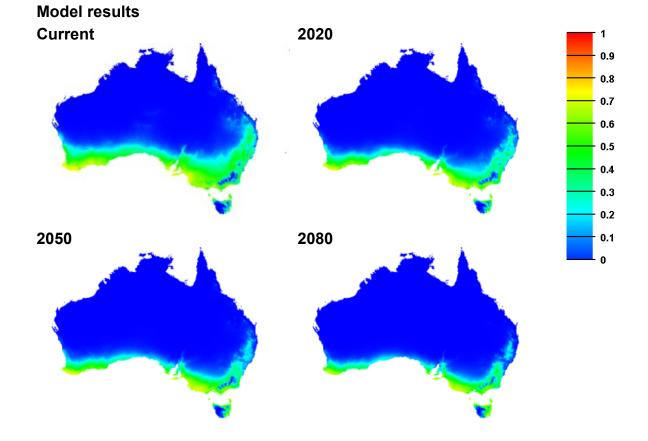
Number of occurrence records used: 376

Outcomes Relative change in overall climate suitability: -43.81%

Spatial trend: South-east







# Asparagus declinatus

Asparagaceae Common name(s): Bridal veil

National list(s): WoNS shortlist

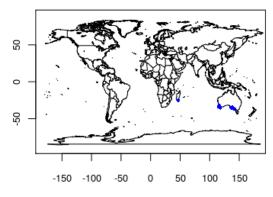
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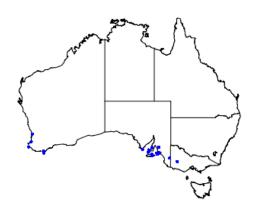
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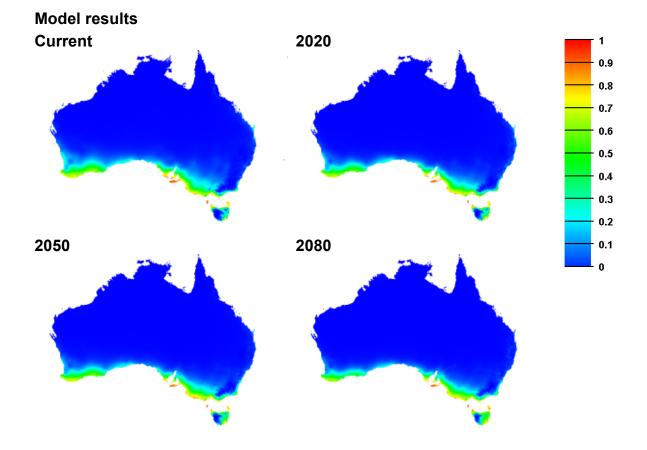
Outcomes

**Relative change in overall climate suitability:** -15.89%

Spatial trend: South-east







# Asystasia gangetica

Acanthaceae **Common name(s):** Chinese violet

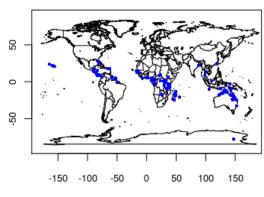
National list(s): Alert list

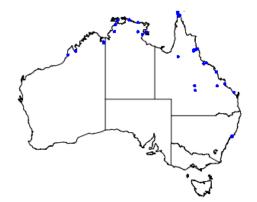
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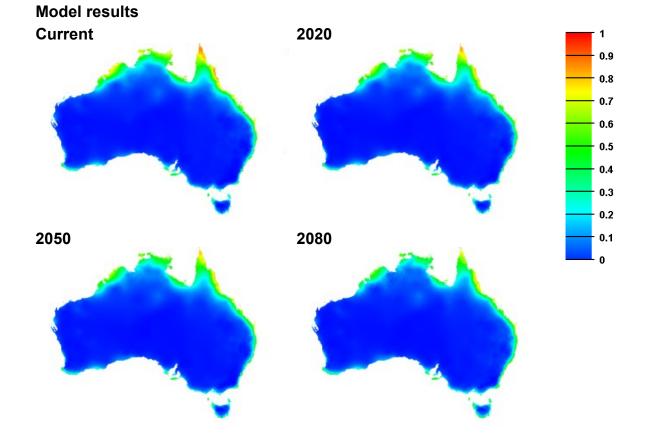
Number of occurrence records used: 170

Outcomes Relative change in overall climate suitability: -4.56%

Spatial trend: South-east







# Barleria prionitis

Acanthaceae Common name(s): Barleria

National list(s): Alert list

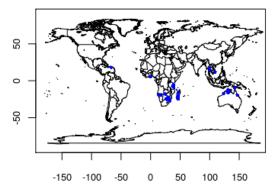
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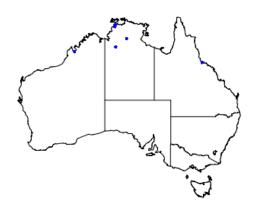
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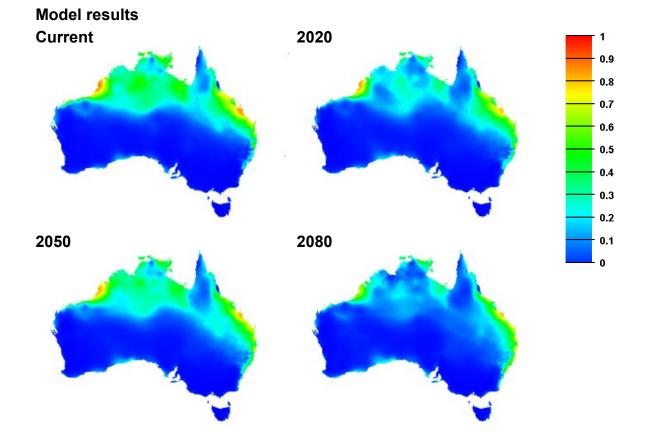
Outcomes

Relative change in overall climate suitability: -3.43%

Spatial trend: South-east







## Bassia scoparia

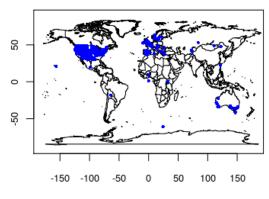
Chenopodiaceae Common name(s): Kochia

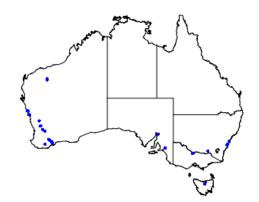
National list(s): WoNS shortlist, Alert list NSW status: C1(S)(h)

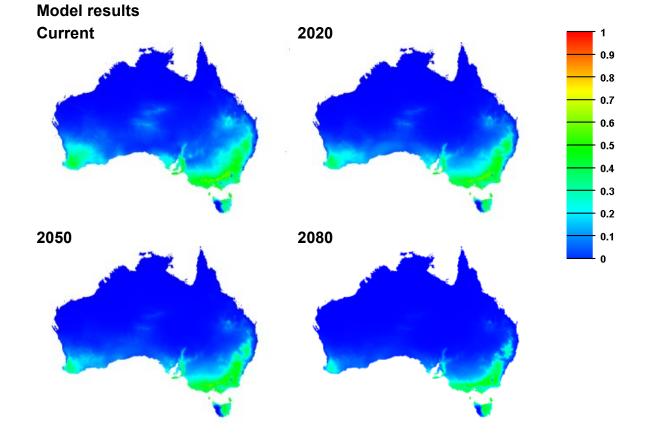
#### Number of occurrence records used: 826

Outcomes Relative change in overall climate suitability: -28.6%

Spatial trend: South-east







# Bryophyllum delagoense

Crassulaceae

Common name(s): Mother of millions

National list(s): WoNS shortlist

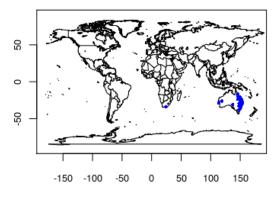
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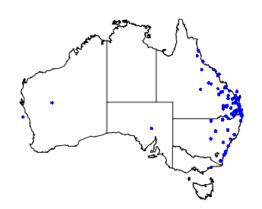
Number of occurrence records used: 111

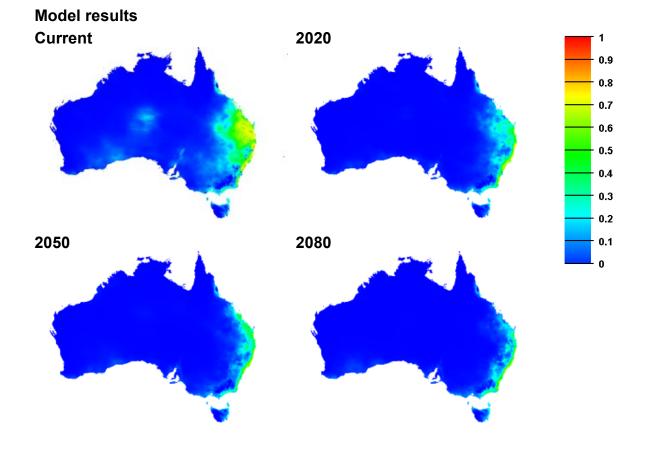
Outcomes

**Relative change in overall climate suitability:** -63.69%

Spatial trend: South-east







# Cabomba caroliniana

Cabombaceae

**Common name(s):** Cabomba, fanwort, Carolina watershield, Washington grass

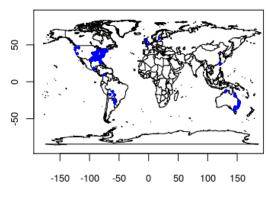
National list(s): WoNS declared

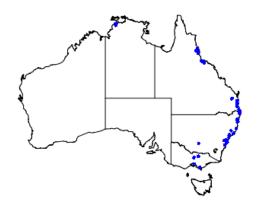
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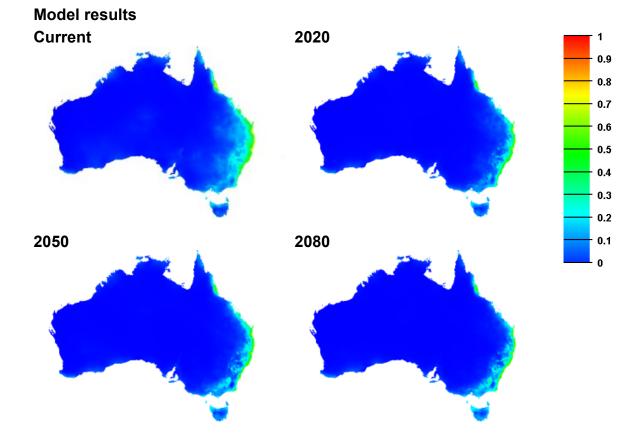
Number of occurrence records used: 352

Outcomes Relative change in overall climate suitability: -37.63%

Spatial trend: South-east







# Calluna vulgaris

Ericaceae Common name(s): Heather

National list(s): Alert list

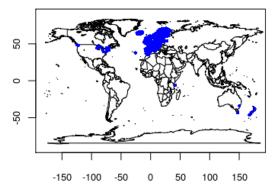
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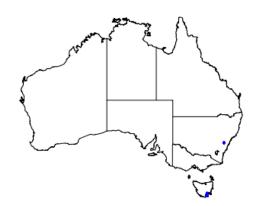
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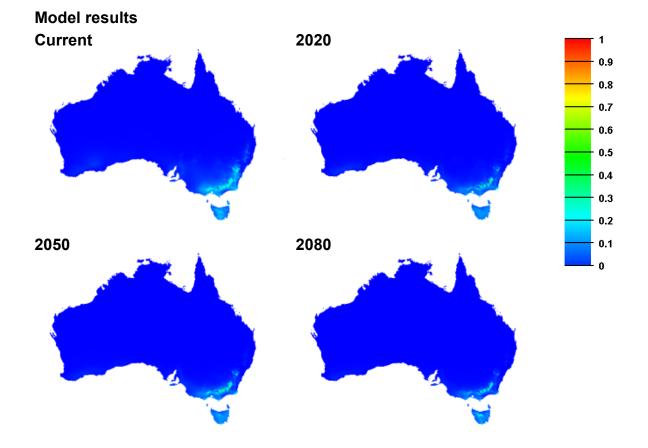
Outcomes

Relative change in overall climate suitability: -41.29%

Spatial trend: South-east







## Calotropis procera

Apocynaceae Common name(s): Calotrope

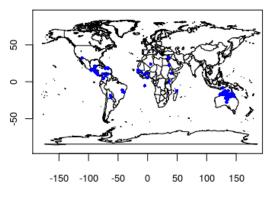
National list(s): WoNS shortlist

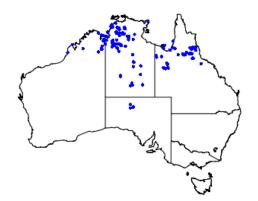
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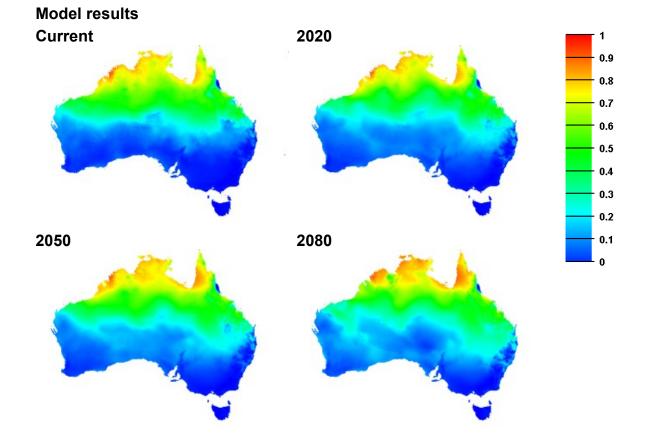
#### Number of occurrence records used: 258

Outcomes Relative change in overall climate suitability: +7.53%

Spatial trend: South-east







## Celtis sinensis

Cannabaceae Common name(s): Chinese elm, Japanese hackberry

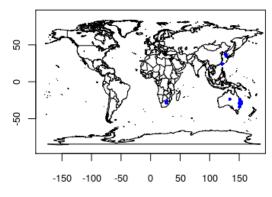
National list(s): WoNS shortlistNSW status: C3(10)

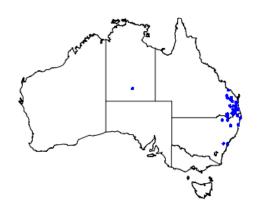
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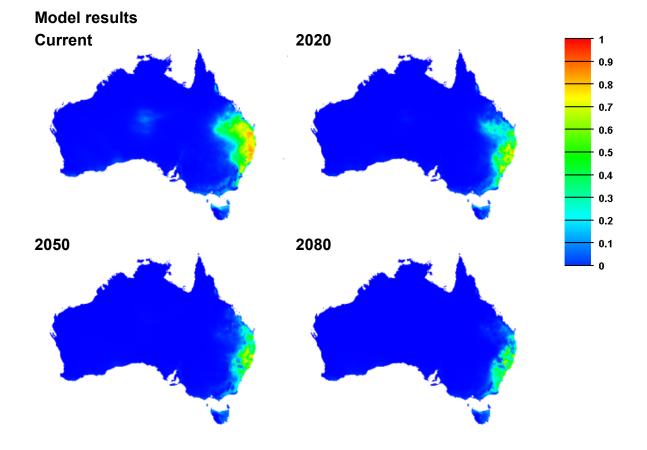
Outcomes

**Relative change in overall climate suitability:** -56.68%

Spatial trend: South-east







# Cenchrus ciliaris

Poaceae
Common name(s): Buffel grass

National list(s):Not listed

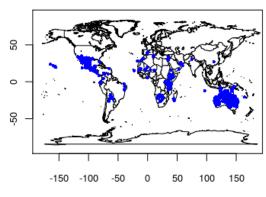
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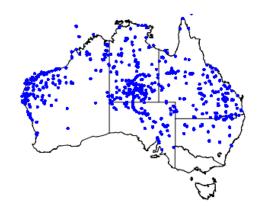
Number of occurrence records used: 1111

Outcomes Relative change in overall climate suitability: -16.29%

Spatial trend: South-west

#### **Occurrence distribution**





**Model results** Current 2020 1 0.9 0.8 0.7 0.6 0.5 0.4 0.3 0.2 2050 2080 0.1 0

# Chromolaena odorata

Asteraceae

Common name(s): Siam weed, Chromolaena

National list(s): Alert list

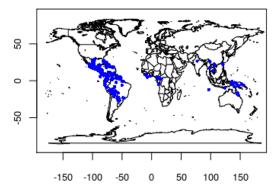
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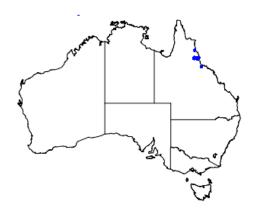
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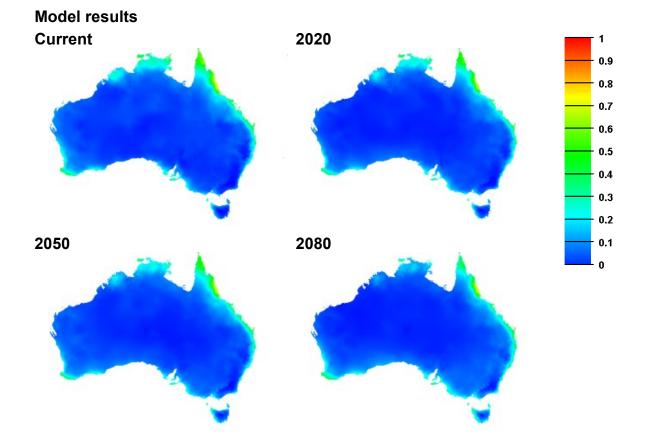
Outcomes

Relative change in overall climate suitability: -3.91%

Spatial trend: South-east







# Chrysanthemoides monilifera

Asteraceae

Common name(s): Bitou bush, Boneseed

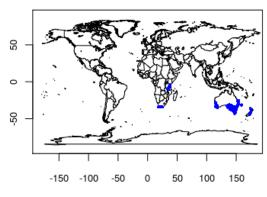
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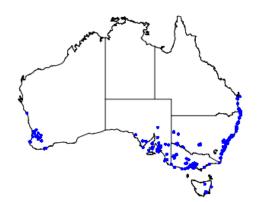
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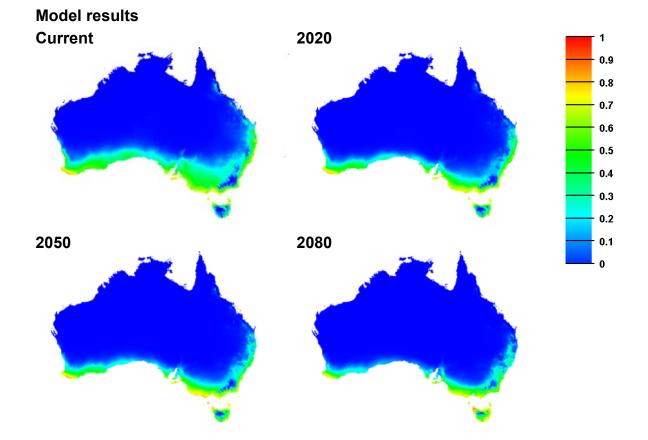
Number of occurrence records used: 294

Outcomes Relative change in overall climate suitability: -36.62%

Spatial trend: South-east







# Cortaderia selloana

Poaceae
Common name(s): Pampas grass

National list(s): WoNS shortlist

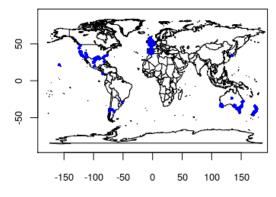
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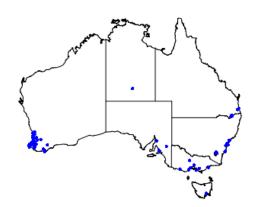
Number of occurrence records used: 384

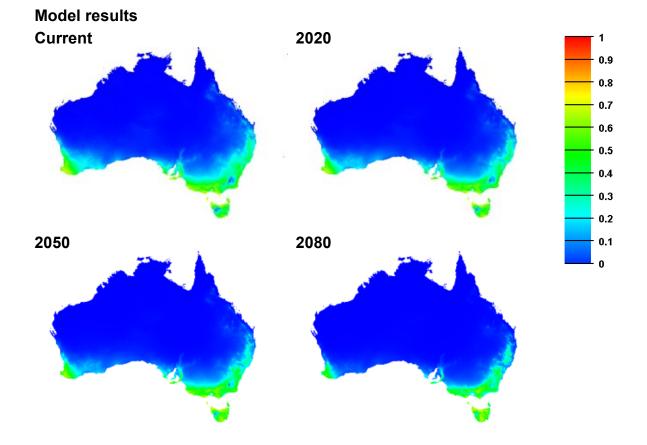
Outcomes

**Relative change in overall climate suitability:** -23.97%

Spatial trend: South-east







# Cryptostegia grandiflora

Apocynaceae

Common name(s): Rubber vine

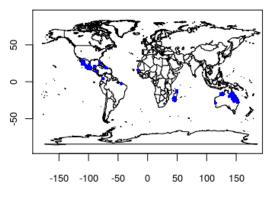
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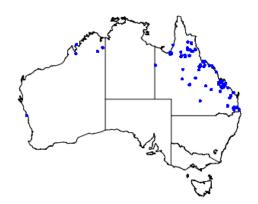
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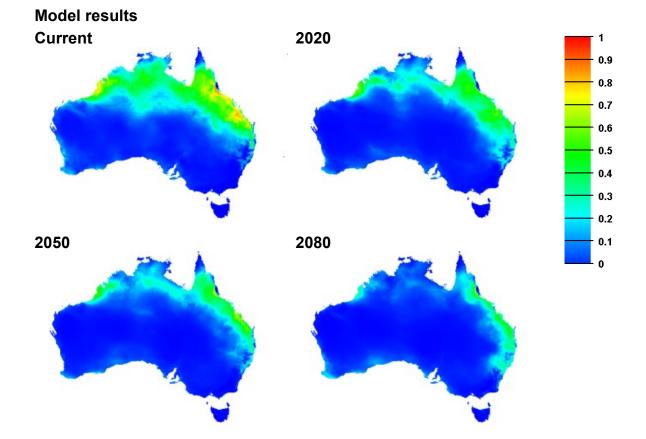
#### Number of occurrence records used: 170

Outcomes Relative change in overall climate suitability: -45.65%

Spatial trend: South-east







### Cuscuta campestris

Convolvulaceae

Common name(s): Golden dodder

National list(s): WoNS shortlist

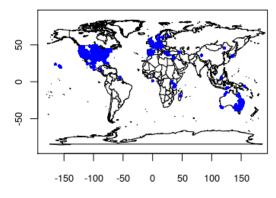
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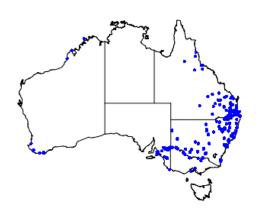
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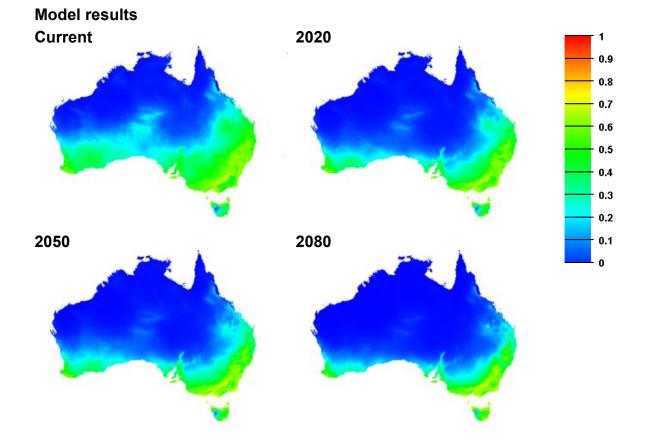
Outcomes

**Relative change in overall climate suitability:** -32.77%

Spatial trend: South-east







# Cynoglossum creticum

Boraginaceae

Common name(s): Blue hound's tongue

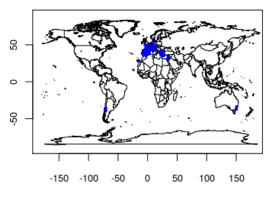
National list(s): Alert list

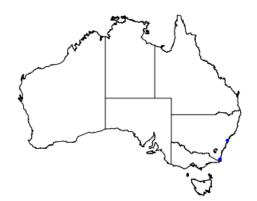
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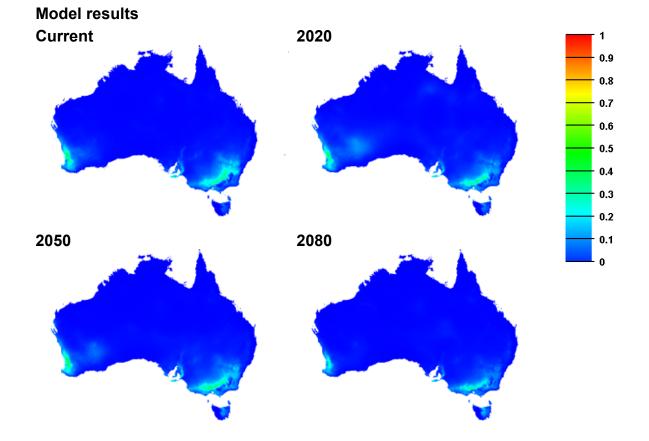
Number of occurrence records used: 366

Outcomes Relative change in overall climate suitability: +11.04%

Spatial trend: North-west







## Cyperus teneristolon

Cyperaceae Common name(s): Cyperus

National list(s): Alert list

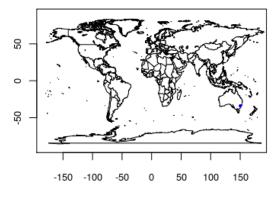
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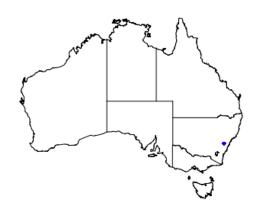
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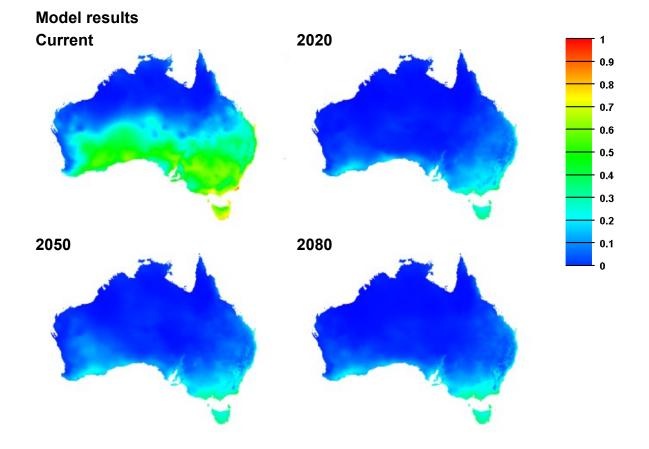
#### Outcomes

**Relative change in overall climate suitability:** -66.87%

Spatial trend: North-east







# Cytisus multiflorus

Fabaceae

Common name(s): White Spanish broom

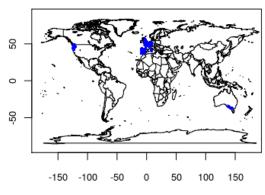
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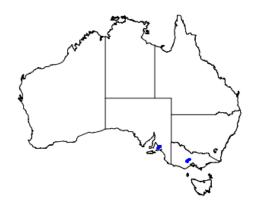
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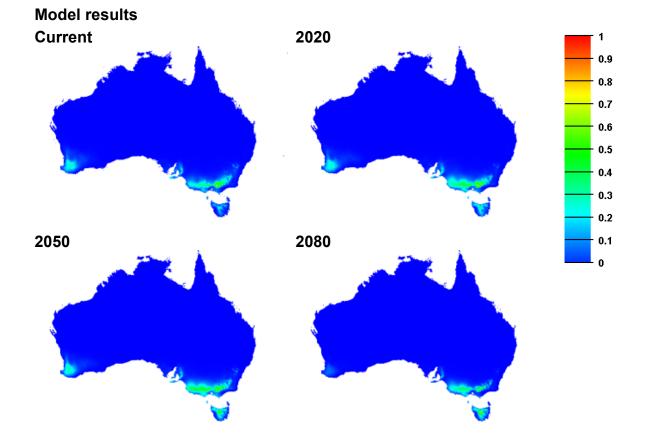
Number of occurrence records used: 226

Outcomes Relative change in overall climate suitability: +21.27%

Spatial trend: South-east







## Cytisus scoparius

Fabaceae

Common name(s): Broom, Common broom, Scotch broom, English broom

National list(s): WoNS shortlist NSV

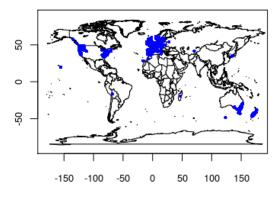
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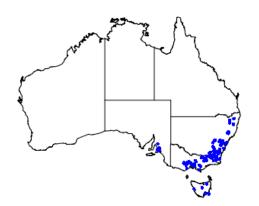
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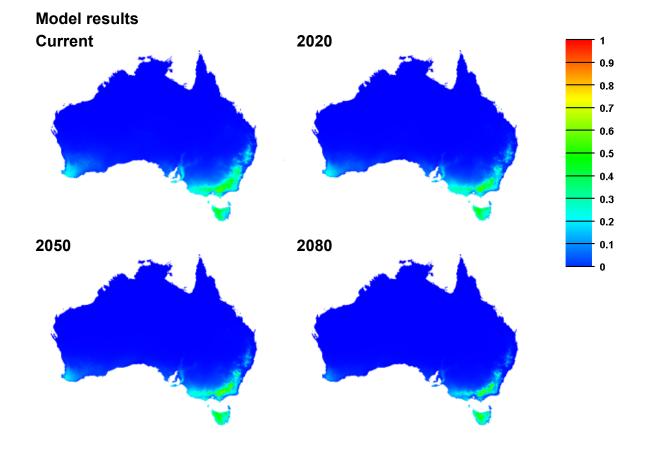
Outcomes

Relative change in overall climate suitability: -27.34%

Spatial trend: South-east







### Dittrichia viscosa

Asteraceae
Common name(s): False yellowhead

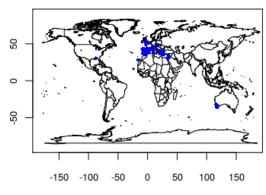
National list(s): Alert list

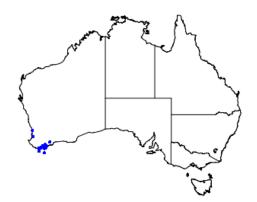
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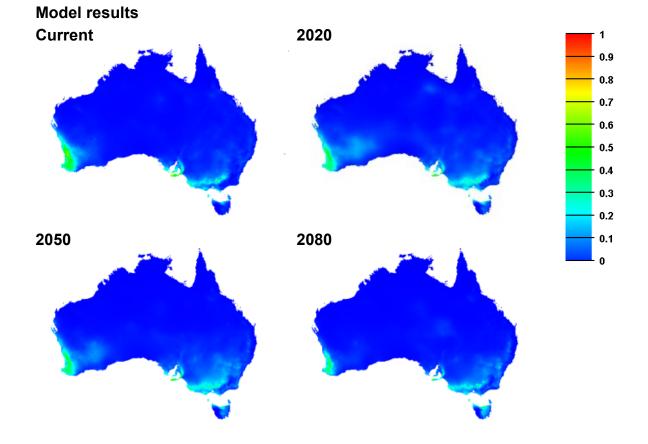
#### Number of occurrence records used: 525

Outcomes Relative change in overall climate suitability: +19.89%

Spatial trend: South-east







### Echium plantagineum

Boraginaceae

Common name(s): Paterson's curse, Salvation Jane

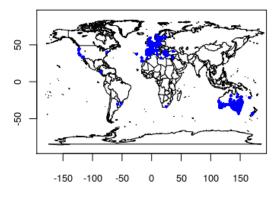
National list(s): WoNS shortlist

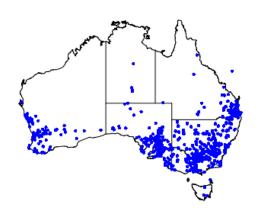
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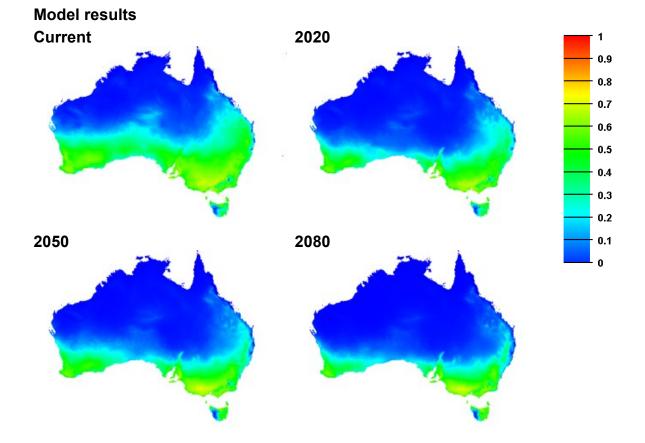
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Outcomes Relative change in overall climate suitability: -36.68%

Spatial trend: South-east







### Eichhornia crassipes

Pontederiaceae Common name(s): Water hyacinth

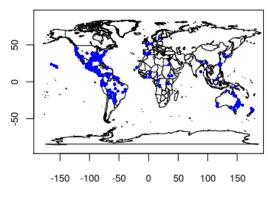
National list(s): WoNS shortlist

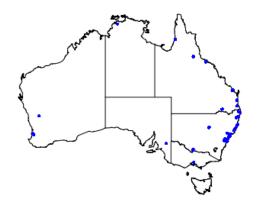
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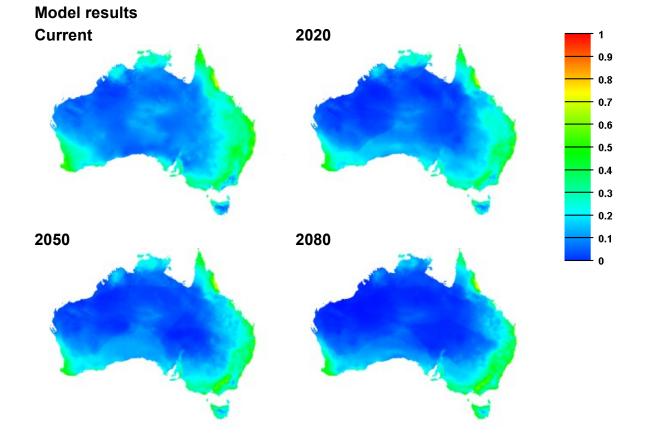
Number of occurrence records used: 695

Outcomes Relative change in overall climate suitability: -19.1%

# Spatial trend: South-east







# Elephantopus mollis

Asteraceae
Common name(s): Tobacco weed

National list(s): WoNS shortlist

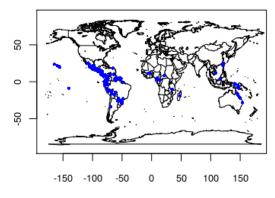
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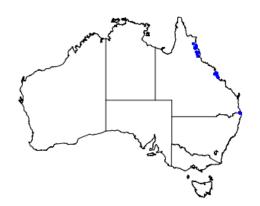
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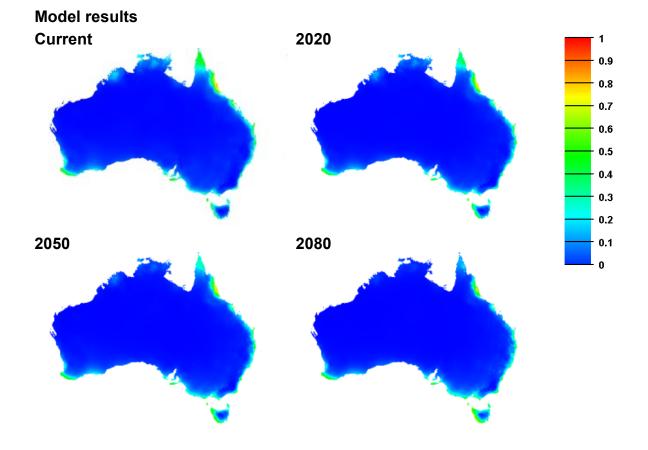
Outcomes

**Relative change in overall climate suitability:** -14.24%

Spatial trend: South-east







# Equisetum spp.

Equisetaceae

Common name(s): Horsetails

National list(s): Alert list

**NSW status:** C1(S)

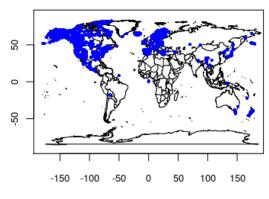
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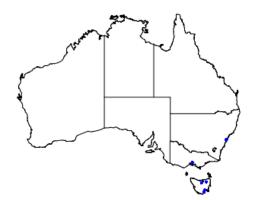
Outcomes Relative change in overall climate suitability: -31.87%

Spatial trend: South-east

#### **Occurrence distribution**

**Model results** 





### Eragrostis curvula

Poaceae
Common name(s): African Love Grass

National list(s): WoNS shortlist

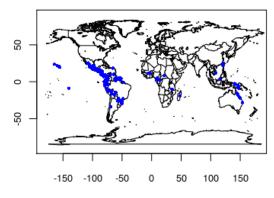
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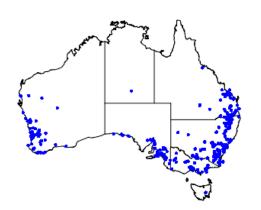
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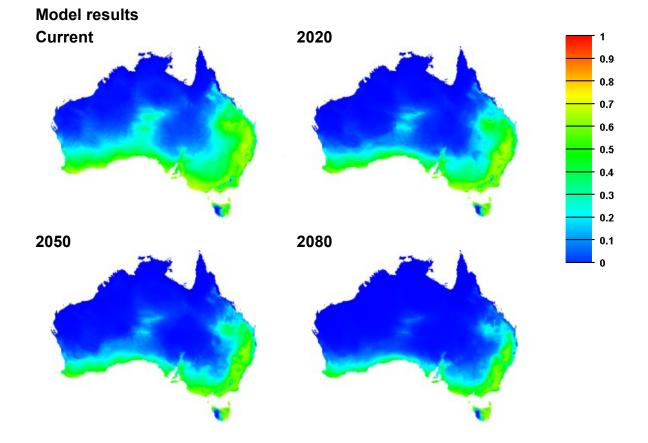
Outcomes

Relative change in overall climate suitability: -38.04%

Spatial trend: South-east







### Erica lusitanica

Ericaceae
Common name(s): Spanish heath

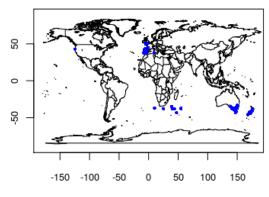
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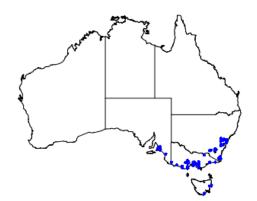
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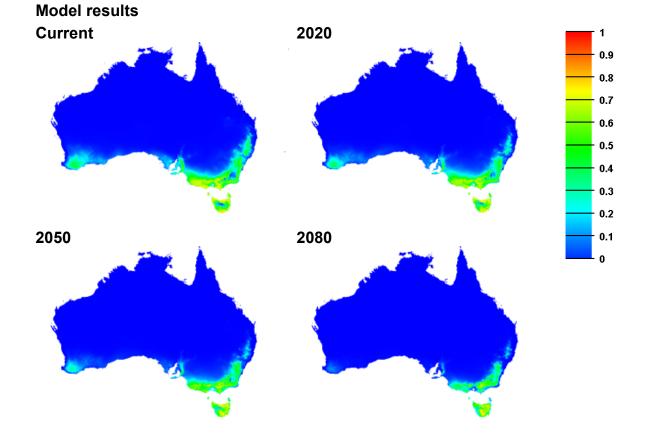
#### Number of occurrence records used: 172

Outcomes Relative change in overall climate suitability: -28.51%

Spatial trend: South-east







### Euphorbia paralias

Euphorbiaceae

Common name(s): Sea spurge

National list(s): WoNS shortlist

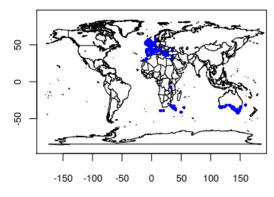
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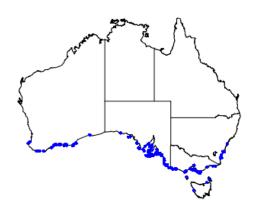
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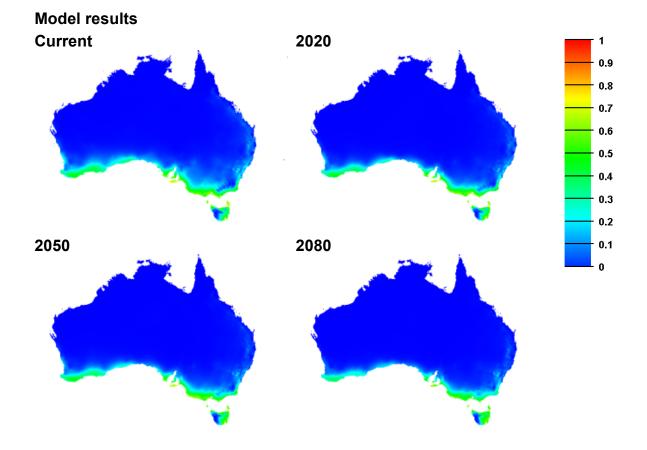
Outcomes

**Relative change in overall climate suitability:** -24.43%

Spatial trend: South-east







### Genista monspessulana

Fabaceae

Common name(s): Cape broom, Canary broom, Montpellier broom, Common broom

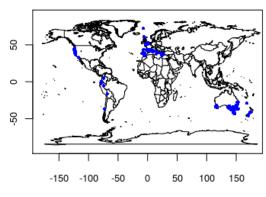
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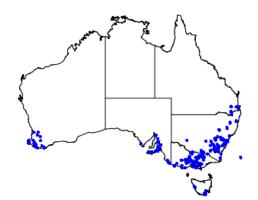
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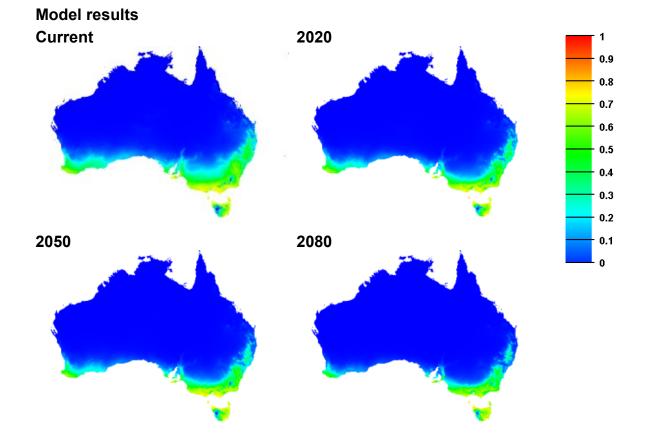
Number of occurrence records used: 452

Outcomes Relative change in overall climate suitability: -33.54%

Spatial trend: South-east







### Gleditsia triacanthos

Fabaceae

Common name(s): Honey locust

National list(s): WoNS shortlist

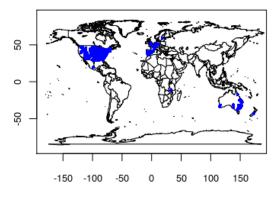
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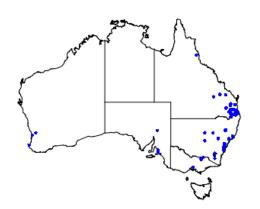
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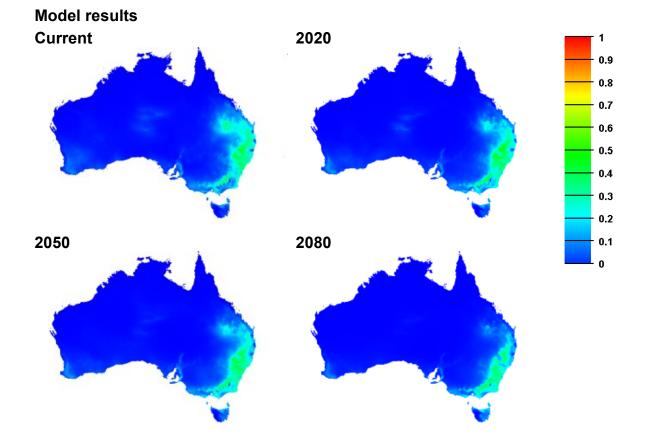
Outcomes

Relative change in overall climate suitability: -12.03%

Spatial trend: South-east







# Gomphocarpus fruticosus

Apocynaceae

Common name(s): Narrow-leaf cotton bush

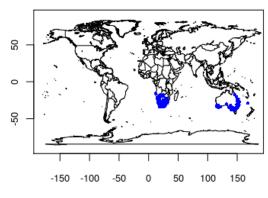
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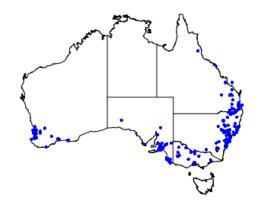
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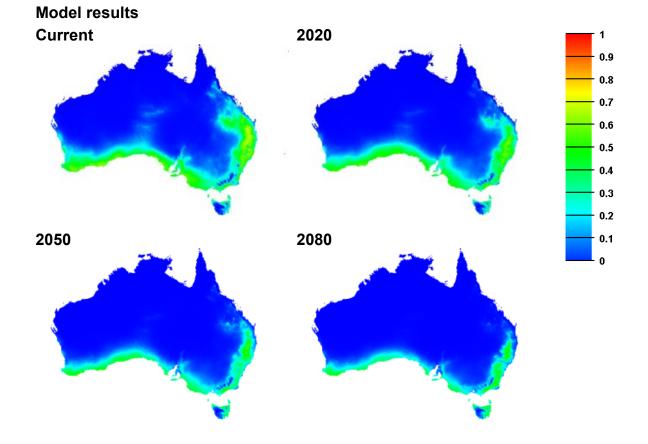
#### Number of occurrence records used: 757

Outcomes Relative change in overall climate suitability: -45.45%

Spatial trend: South-west







# Gymnocoronis spilanthoides

Asteraceae

Common name(s): Senegal tea plant

National list(s): Alert list

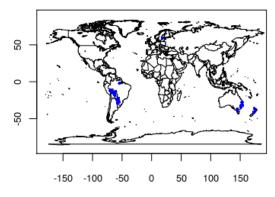
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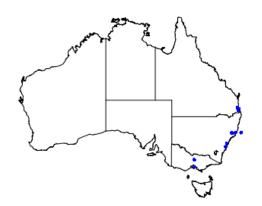
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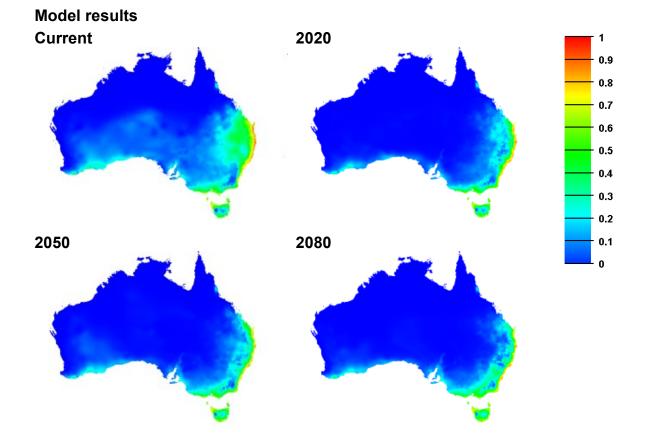
Outcomes

Relative change in overall climate suitability: -41.23%

Spatial trend: South-east







### Hieracium aurantiacum

Asteraceae

Common name(s): Orange hawkweed

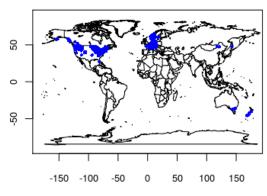
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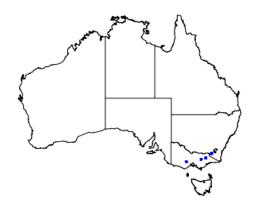
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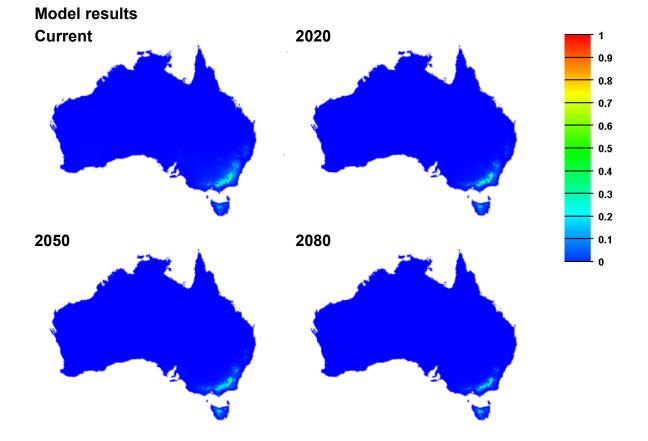
Number of occurrence records used: 1968

Outcomes Relative change in overall climate suitability: -34.36%

Spatial trend: South-east







# Hydrocotyle ranunculoides

Apiaceae

Common name(s): Hydrocotyle, water pennywort

National list(s): WoNS shortlist

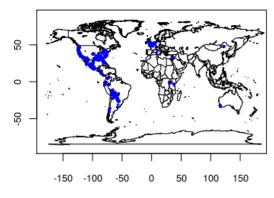
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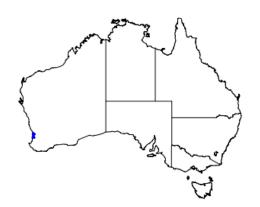
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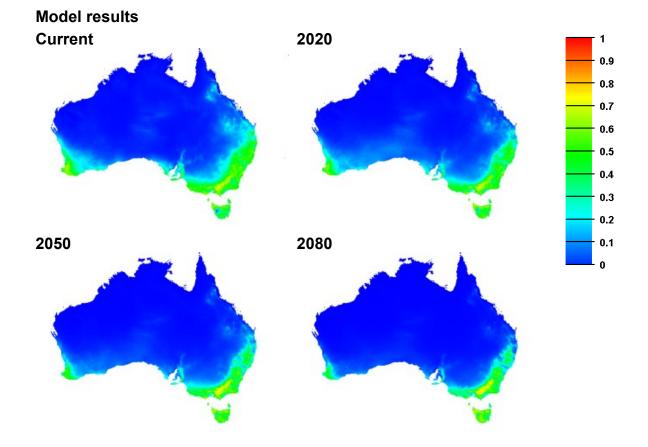
Outcomes

**Relative change in overall climate suitability:** -27.62%

Spatial trend: South-east







# Hymenachne amplexicaulis

Poaceae

Common name(s): Hymenachne

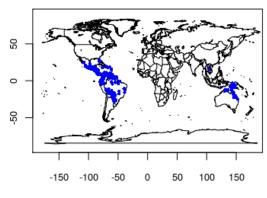
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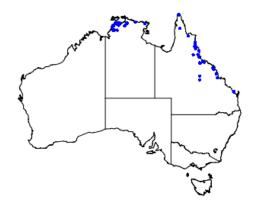
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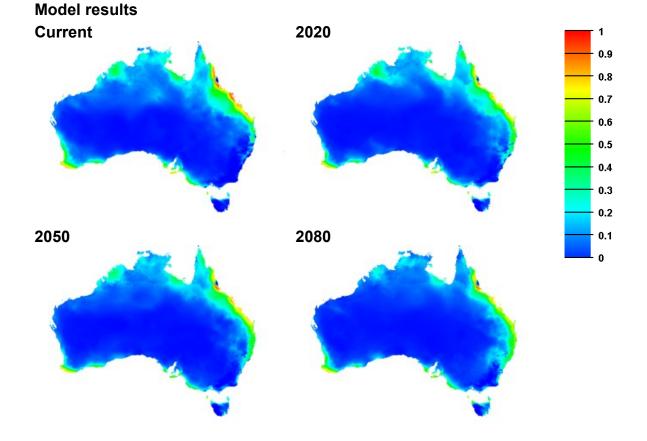
#### Number of occurrence records used: 41

Outcomes Relative change in overall climate suitability: -10.74%

Spatial trend: South-east







# Hyparrhenia hirta

Poaceae Common name(s): Coolatai grass

National list(s):Not listed

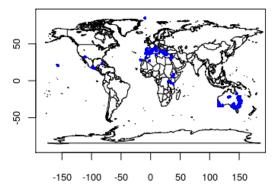
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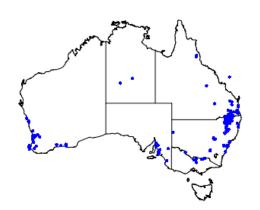
#### Number of occurrence records used: 811

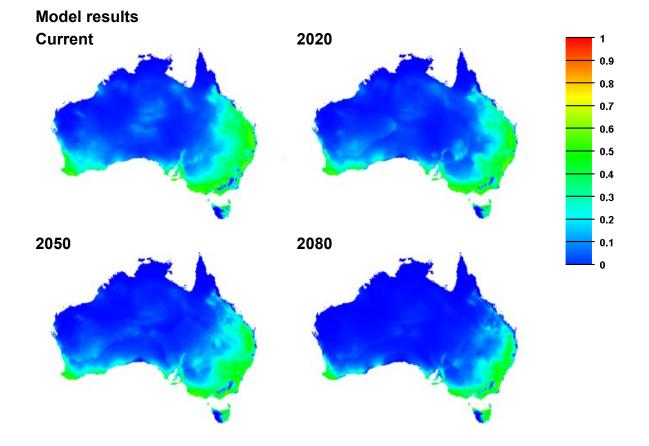
#### Outcomes

Relative change in overall climate suitability: -14.84%

Spatial trend: South-east







### Hypericum perforatum

Hypericaceae

Common name(s): St Johns wort

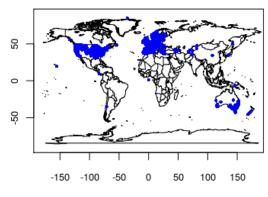
National list(s): WoNS shortlist

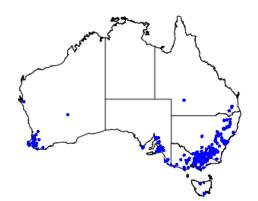
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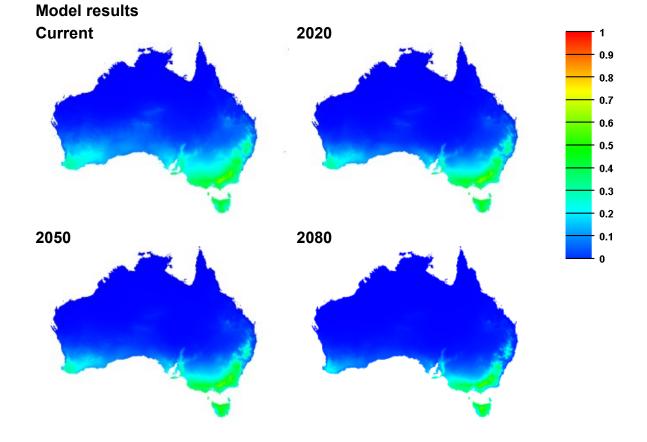
#### Number of occurrence records used: 11230

Outcomes Relative change in overall climate suitability: -29.78%

Spatial trend: South-east







# Hyptis suaveolens

Lamiaceae Common name(s): Hyptis

National list(s): WoNS shortlist

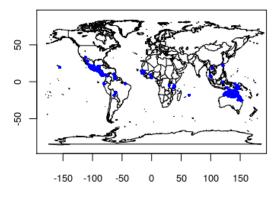
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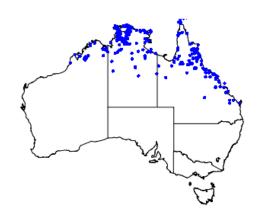
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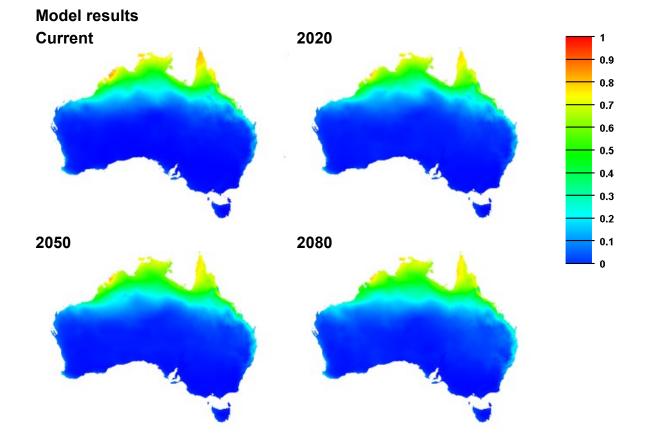
#### Outcomes

Relative change in overall climate suitability: +11.5%

Spatial trend: South-east







# Jatropha gossypifolia

Euphorbiaceae

Common name(s): Bellyache bush

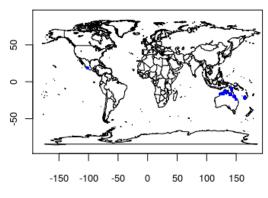
National list(s): WoNS shortlist

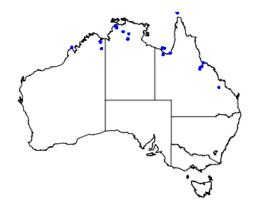
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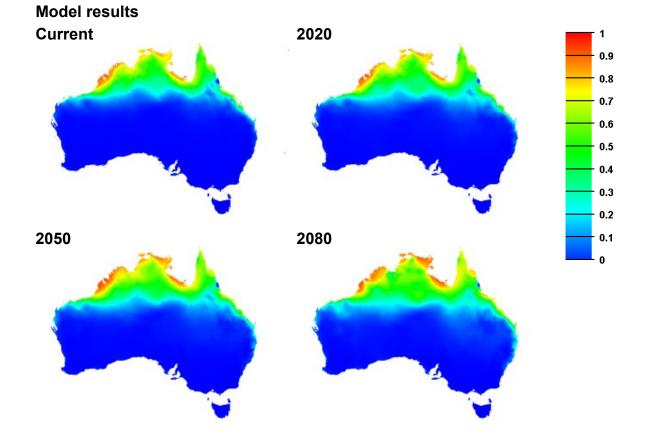
Spatial trend: South-east

#### Number of occurrence records used: 33

Outcomes Relative change in overall climate suitability: +31.96%







# Koelreuteria elegans

Sapindaceae

Common name(s): Chinese rain tree

National list(s): Alert list

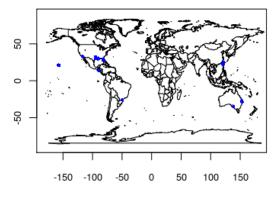
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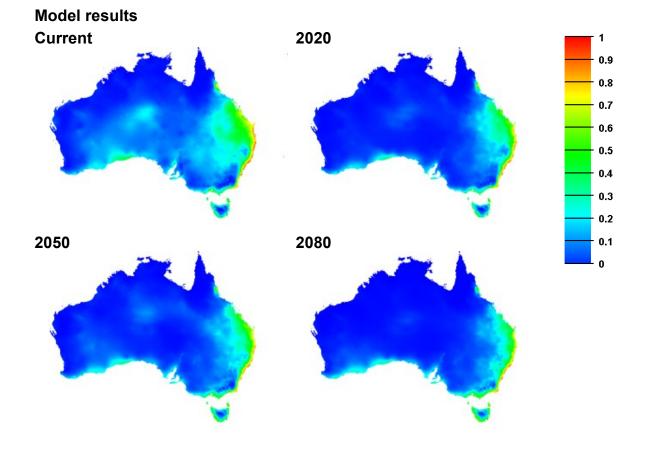
Outcomes

Relative change in overall climate suitability: -31.36%

Spatial trend: South-east







### Lachenalia reflexa

Asparagaceae Common name(s): Yellow soldier

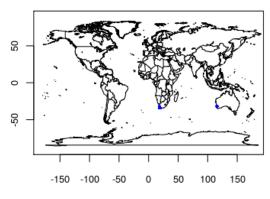
National list(s): Alert list

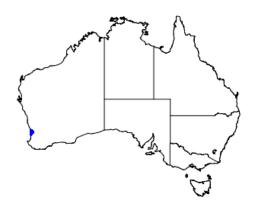
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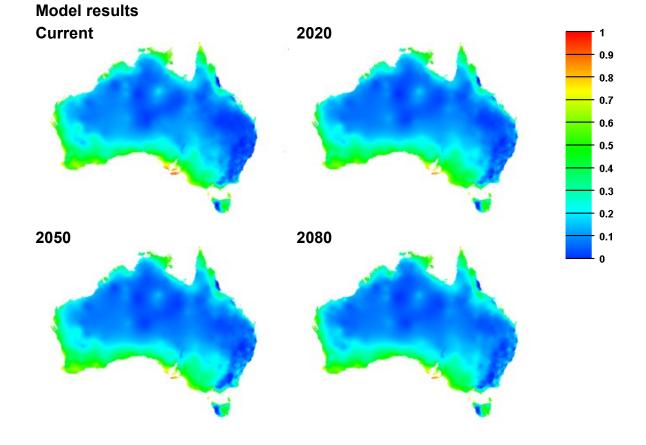
Spatial trend: South-east

#### Number of occurrence records used: 9

Outcomes Relative change in overall climate suitability: -1.33%







# Lagarosiphon major

Hydrocharitaceae

Common name(s): Lagarosiphon, oxygen weed

National list(s): Alert list

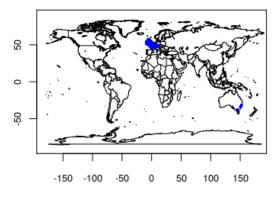
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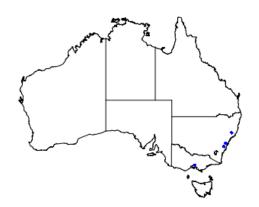
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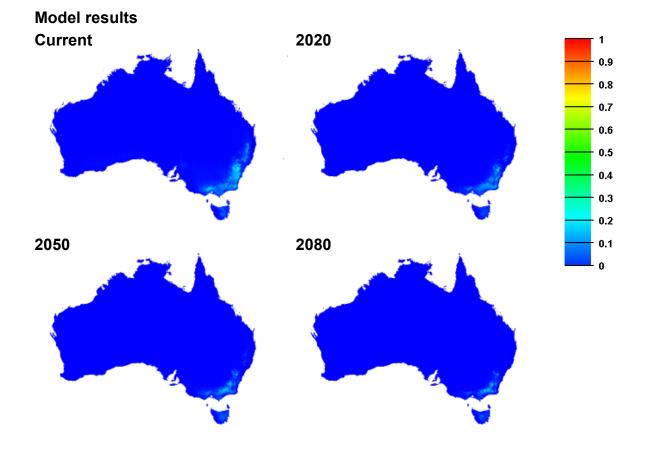
Outcomes

**Relative change in overall climate suitability:** -56.47%

Spatial trend: South-east







#### Lantana camara

Verbenaceae

Common name(s): Lantana

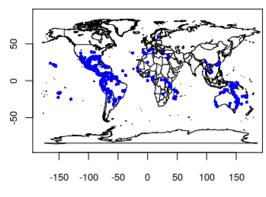
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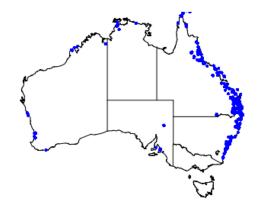
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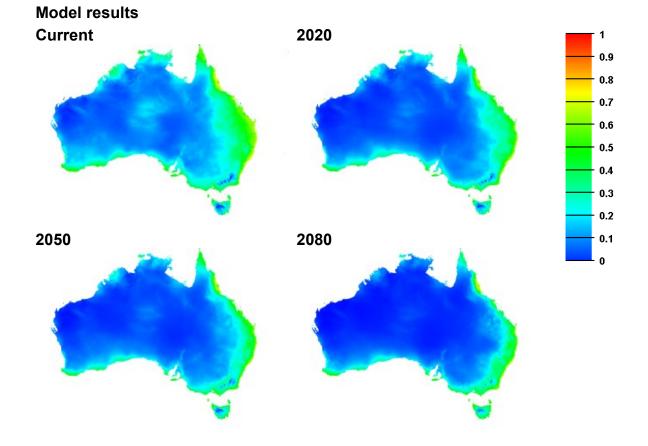
Number of occurrence records used: 1113

Outcomes Relative change in overall climate suitability: -29.14%

Spatial trend: South-east







### Lantana montevidensis

Verbenaceae

Common name(s): Creeping lantana

National list(s): WoNS shortlist

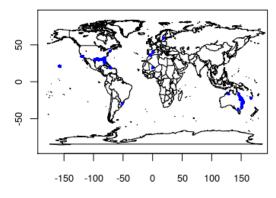
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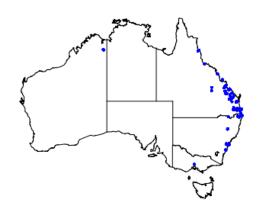
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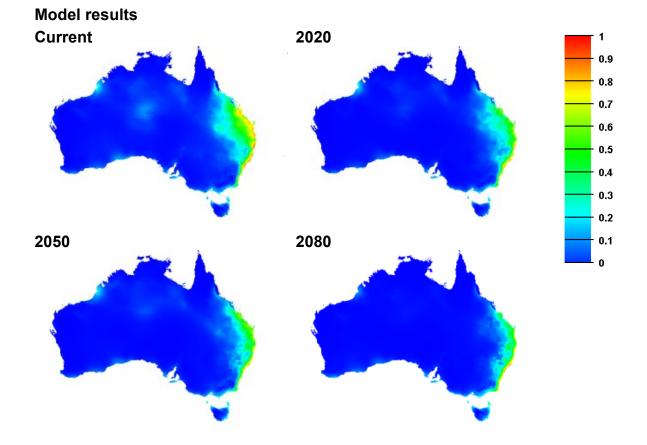
Outcomes

Relative change in overall climate suitability: -33.84%

Spatial trend: South-east







# Ligustrum lucidum

Oleaceae

Common name(s): Broad-leaved privet

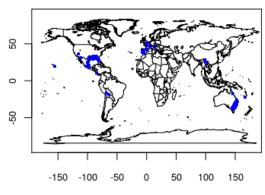
National list(s): WoNS shortlist

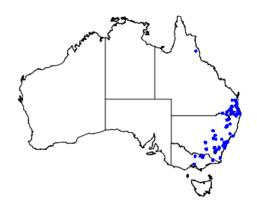
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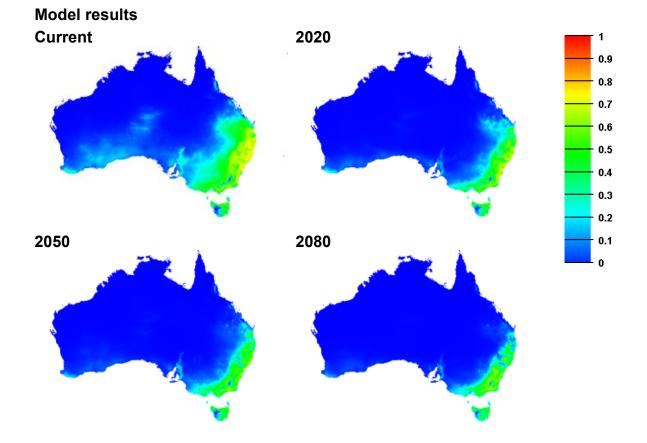
#### Number of occurrence records used: 213

Outcomes Relative change in overall climate suitability: -53.96%

Spatial trend: South-east







## Ligustrum sinense

Oleaceae

**Common name(s):** Small-leaved privet

National list(s): WoNS shortlist

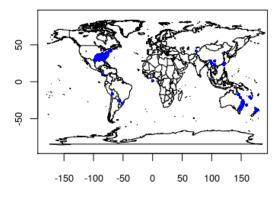
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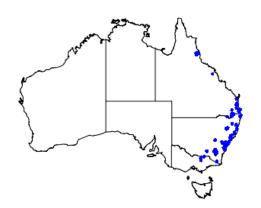
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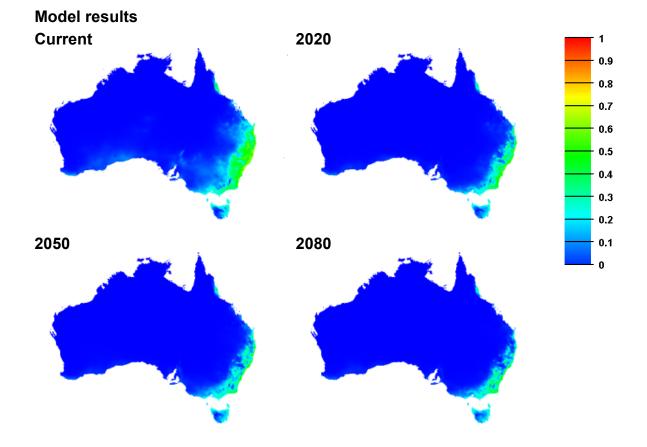
Outcomes

Relative change in overall climate suitability: -53.61%

Spatial trend: South-east







# Lycium ferocissimum

Solanaceae

Common name(s): African Boxthorn

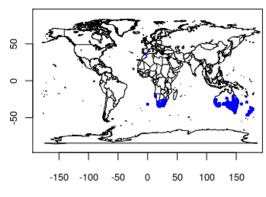
National list(s): WoNS shortlist

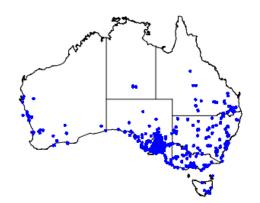
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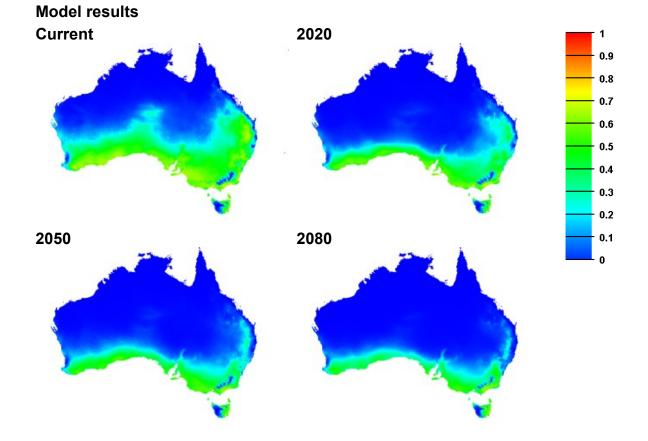
#### Number of occurrence records used: 652

Outcomes Relative change in overall climate suitability: -51.89%

Spatial trend: South-west







# Macfadyena unguis-cati

Bignoniaceae

Common name(s): Cats claw creeper

National list(s): WoNS shortlist

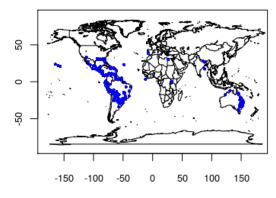
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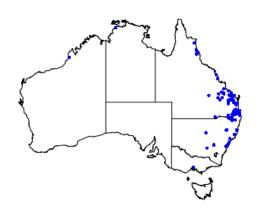
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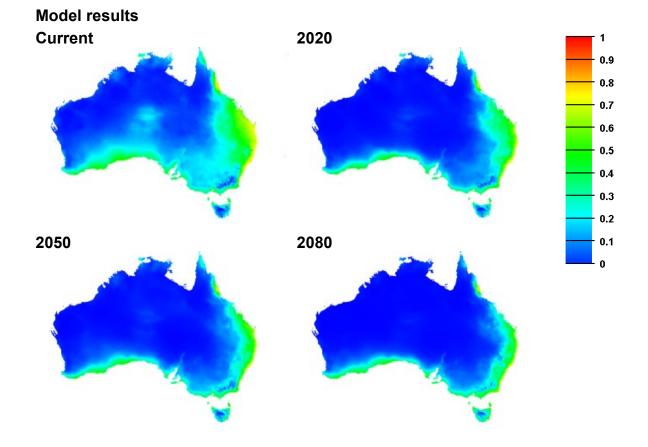
Outcomes

Relative change in overall climate suitability: -43.41\%

Spatial trend: South-east







### Mimosa pigra

Fabaceae Common name(s): Mimosa

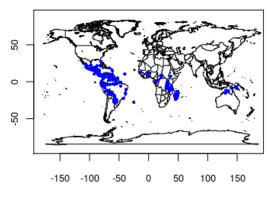
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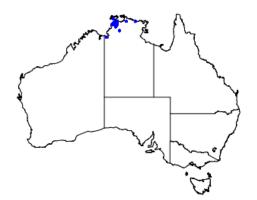
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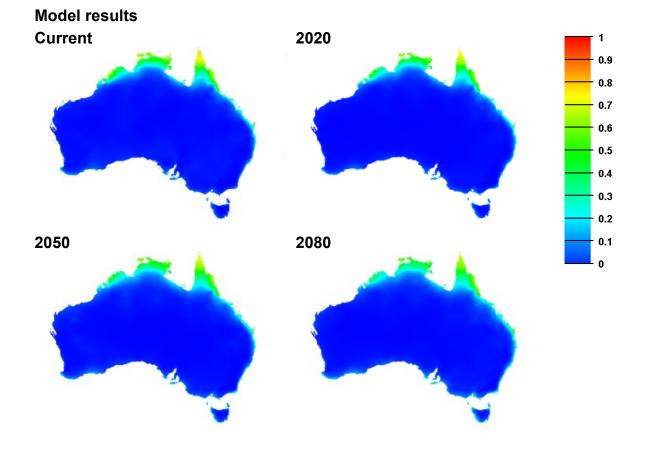
#### Number of occurrence records used: 545

Outcomes Relative change in overall climate suitability: +5.57%

Spatial trend: South-east







### Nassella charruana

Poaceae
Common name(s): Lobed needle grass

National list(s): Alert list

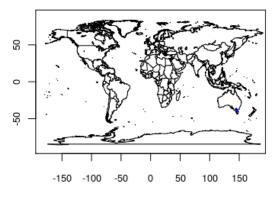
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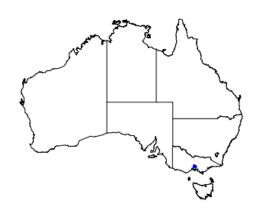
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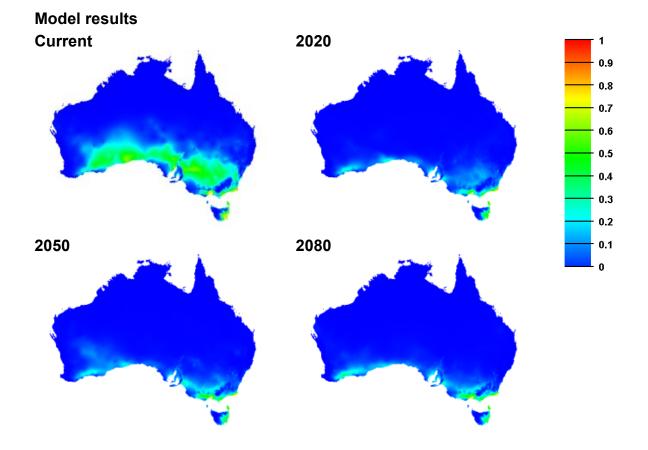
Outcomes

**Relative change in overall climate suitability:** -68.94%

Spatial trend: South-west







# Nassella hyalina

Poaceae
Common name(s): Cane needle grass

National list(s): Alert list

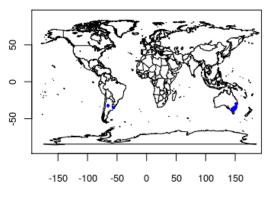
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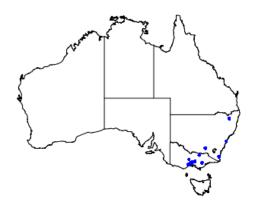
#### Number of occurrence records used: 29

Outcomes Relative change in overall climate suitability: -62.61%

Spatial trend: South-east

## **Occurrence distribution**





Model results Current 2020 1 0.9 0.8 0.7 0.6 0.5 0.4 0.3 0.2 2050 2080 0.1 0

## Nassella neesiana

Poaceae
Common name(s): Chilean needle grass

National list(s): WoNS declared

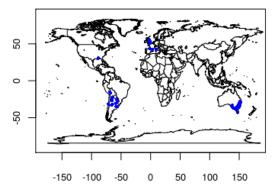
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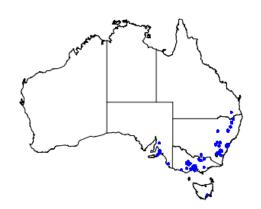
#### Number of occurrence records used: 114

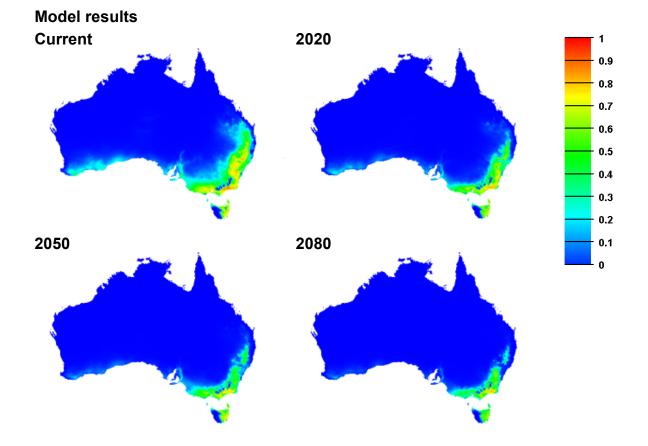
Outcomes

**Relative change in overall climate suitability:** -55.09%

Spatial trend: South-east







## Nassella trichotoma

Poaceae

Common name(s): Serrated tussock

National list(s): WoNS declared

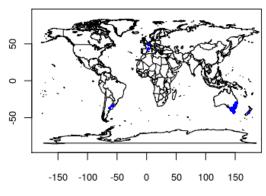
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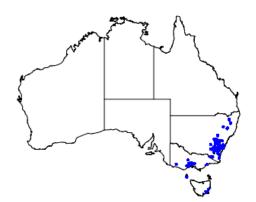
Number of occurrence records used: 160

Outcomes Relative change in overall climate suitability: -58.38%

Spatial trend: South-east

## Occurrence distribution





Model results Current 2020 1 0.9 0.8 0.7 0.6 0.5 0.4 0.3 0.2 2050 2080 0.1 0

## Onopordum acanthium

Asteraceae

Common name(s): Onopordum thistle

National list(s): WoNS shortlist

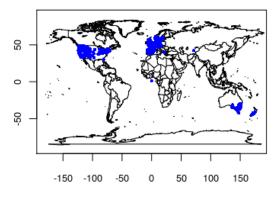
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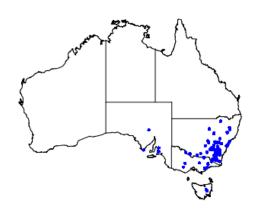
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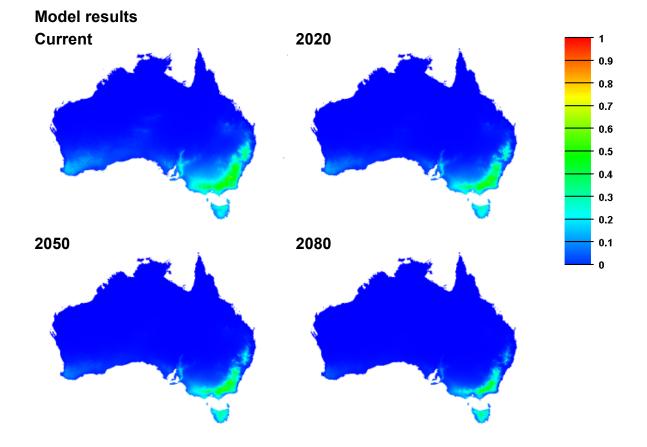
Outcomes

**Relative change in overall climate suitability:** -44.48%

Spatial trend: South-east







# Onopordum acaulon

Asteraceae Common name(s): Stemless Thistle

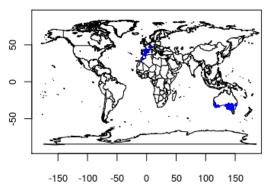
National list(s): WoNS shortlist

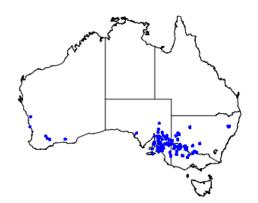
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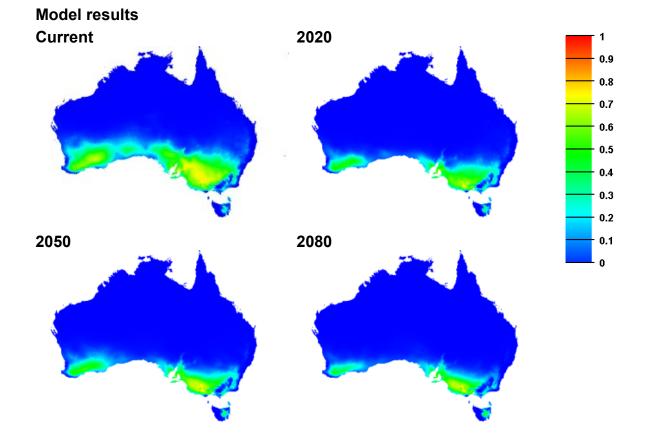
#### Number of occurrence records used: 150

Outcomes Relative change in overall climate suitability: -53.75%

Spatial trend: South-east







# Onopordum illyricum

Asteraceae

Common name(s): Illyrian Thistle

National list(s): WoNS shortlist

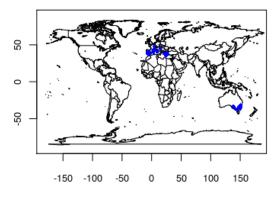
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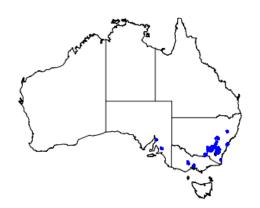
#### Number of occurrence records used: 122

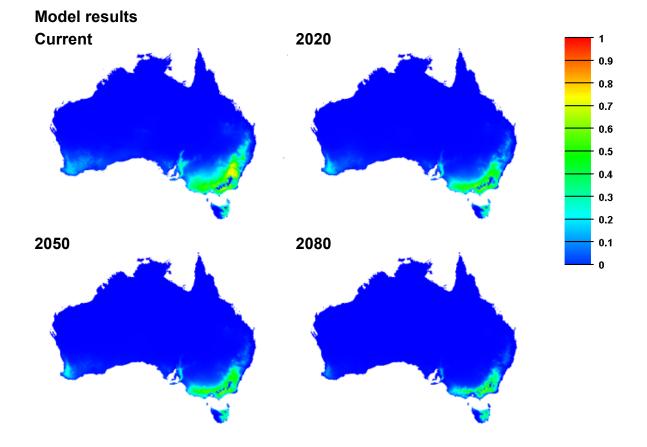
Outcomes

**Relative change in overall climate suitability:** -43.65%

Spatial trend: South-east







## Orobanche minor

Orobanchaceae

**Common name(s):** Branched broomrape

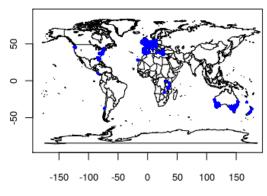
National list(s): WoNS shortlist

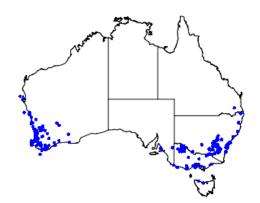
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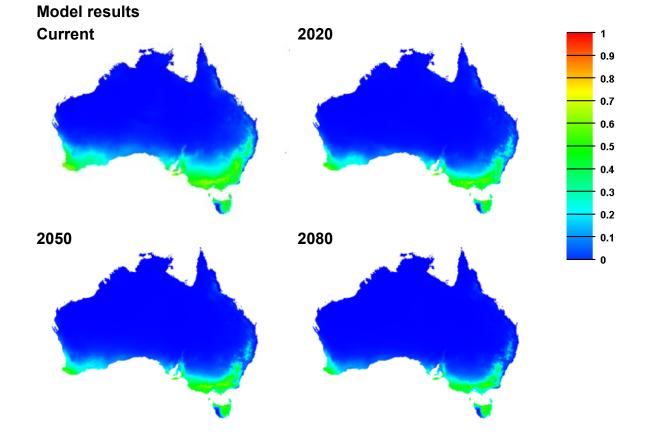
#### Number of occurrence records used: 2039

Outcomes Relative change in overall climate suitability: -39.95%

Spatial trend: South-east







## Parkinsonia aculeata

Fabaceae

Common name(s): Parkinsonia

National list(s): WoNS declared

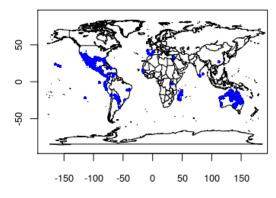
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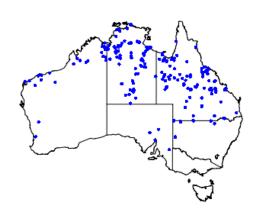
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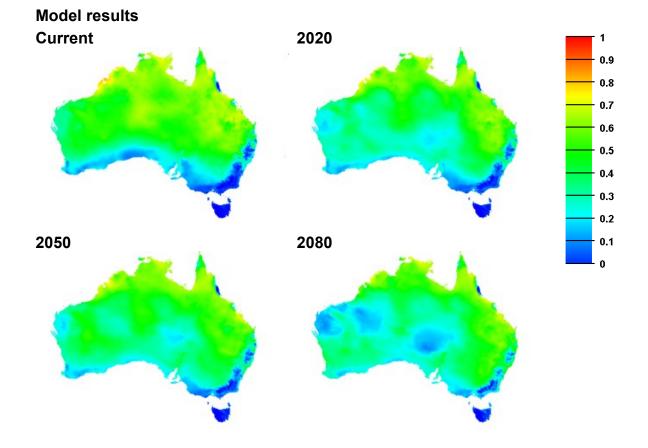
#### Outcomes

Relative change in overall climate suitability: -10.09%

Spatial trend: South-east







# Parthenium hysterophorus

Asteraceae

Common name(s): Parthenium weed

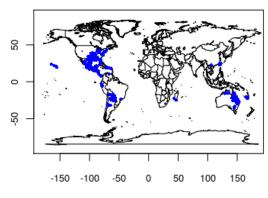
National list(s): WoNS declared

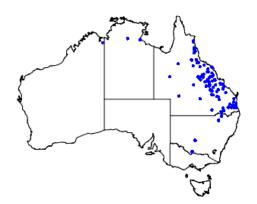
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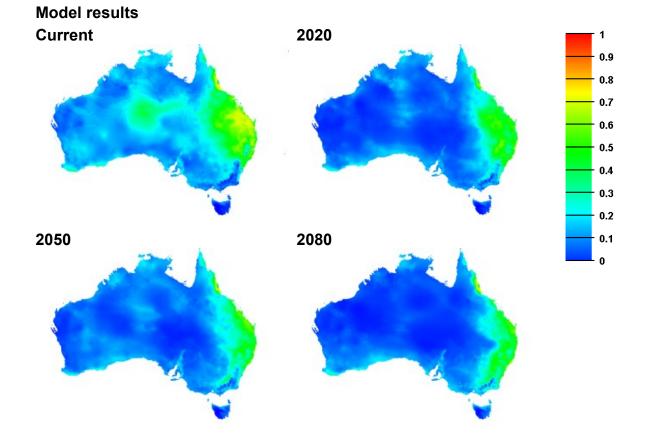
#### Number of occurrence records used: 566

Outcomes Relative change in overall climate suitability: -36.02%

Spatial trend: South-east







# Pelargonium alchemilloides

Geraniaceae

Common name(s): Garden geranium

National list(s): Alert list

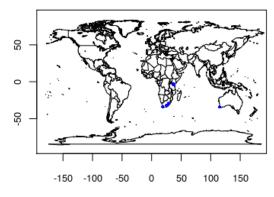
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Number of occurrence records used: 8

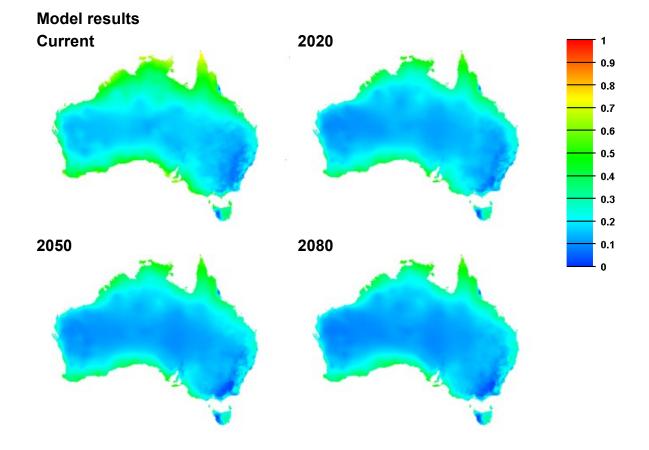
Outcomes

**Relative change in overall climate suitability:** -19.59%

Spatial trend: South-east







# Pennisetum polystachion

Poaceae

Common name(s): Mission grass

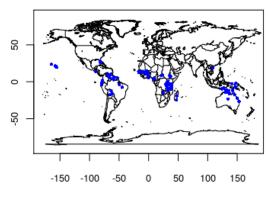
National list(s): WoNS shortlist

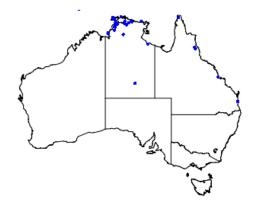
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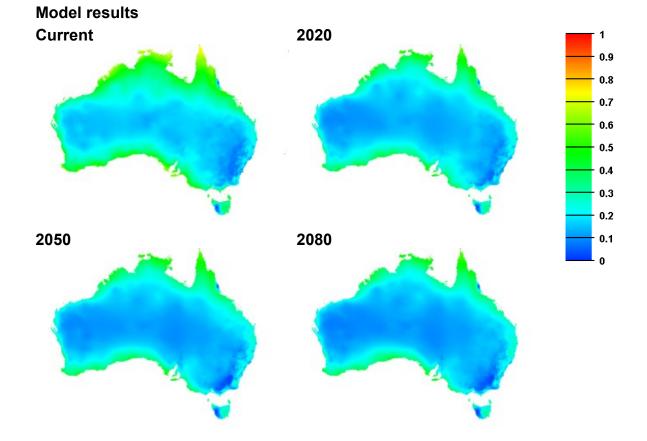
### Number of occurrence records used: 197

Outcomes

**Relative change in overall climate suitability:** -6.86% Spatial trend: South-east







## Pereskia aculeata

Cactaceae
Common name(s): Leaf cactus

National list(s): Alert list

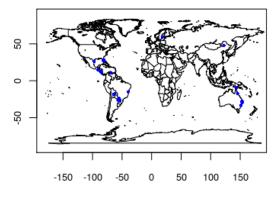
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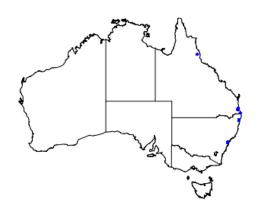
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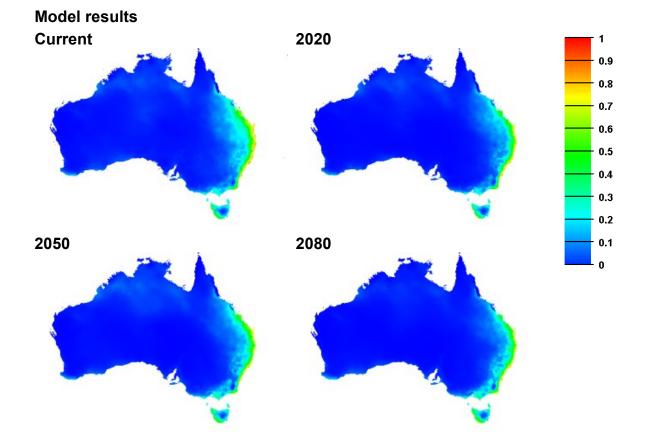
Outcomes

Relative change in overall climate suitability: -13.81\%

Spatial trend: North-west







## Phyla canescens

Verbenaceae

Common name(s): Lippia

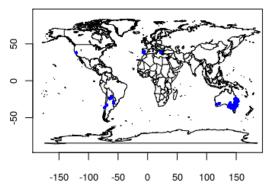
National list(s): WoNS shortlist

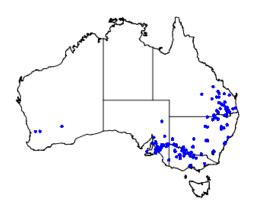
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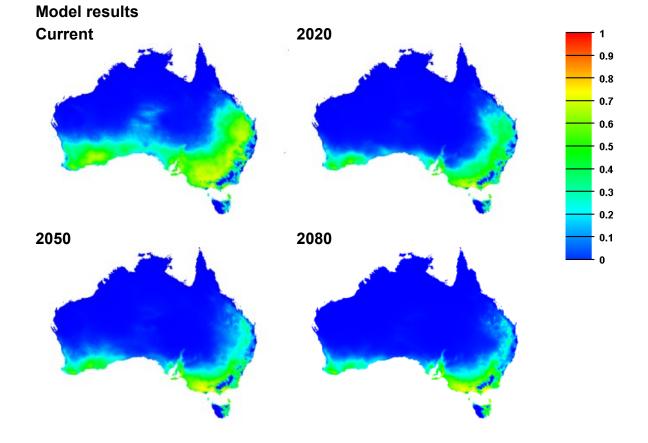
#### Number of occurrence records used: 195

Outcomes Relative change in overall climate suitability: -50.77%

Spatial trend: South-east







# Piptochaetium montevidense

Poaceae

Common name(s): Uruguayan rice grass

National list(s): Alert list

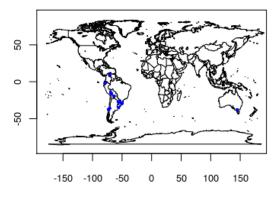
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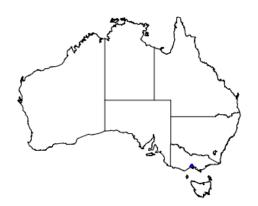
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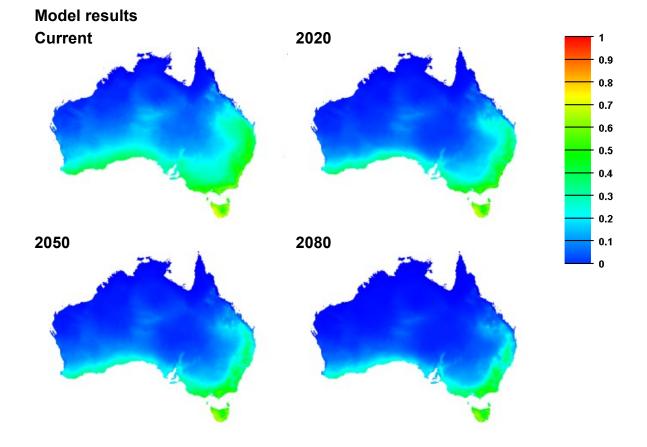
Outcomes

**Relative change in overall climate suitability:** -34.9%

Spatial trend: South-east







# Polygala myrtifolia

Polygalaceae Common name(s): Myrtleleaf milkwort

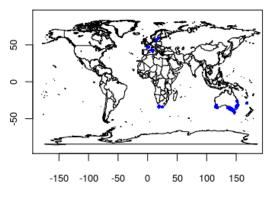
National list(s): WoNS shortlist

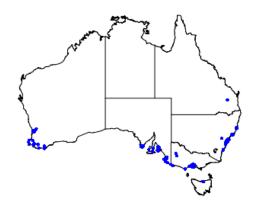
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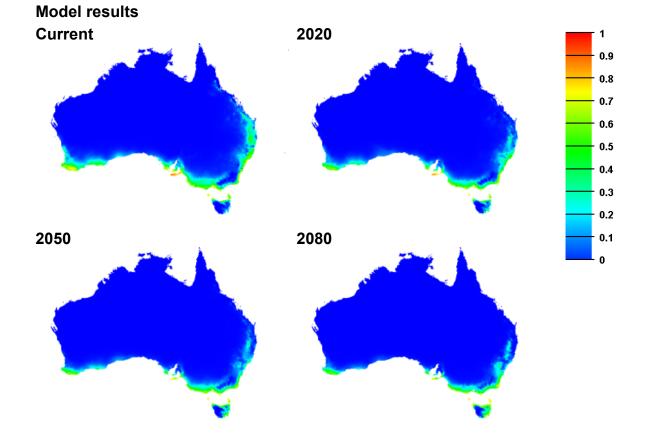
#### Number of occurrence records used: 134

Outcomes Relative change in overall climate suitability: -37.71%

Spatial trend: South-east







## Praxelis clematidea

Asteraceae Common name(s): Praxelis

National list(s): Alert list

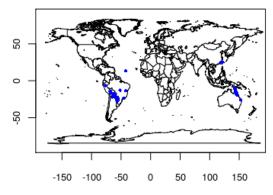
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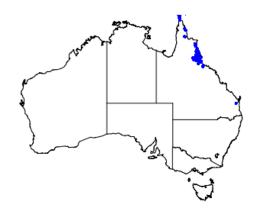
#### Number of occurrence records used: 153

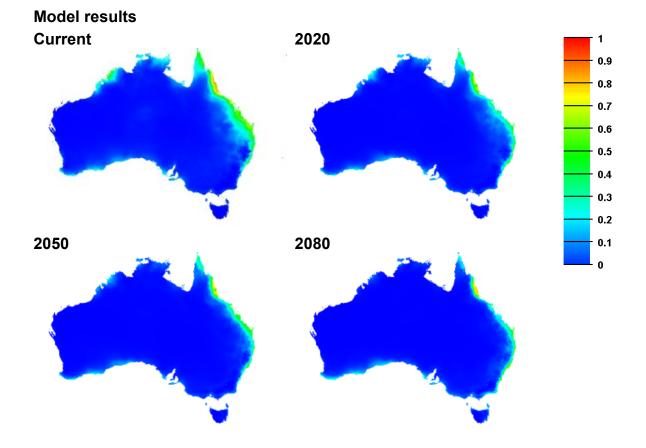
#### Outcomes

**Relative change in overall climate suitability:** -46.72%

Spatial trend: South-east







Prosopis spp.

Fabaceae
Common name(s): Mesquites

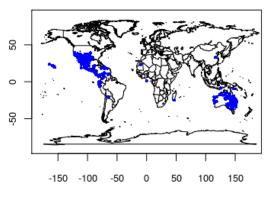
National list(s): WoNS declared

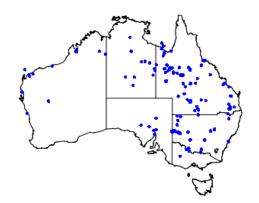
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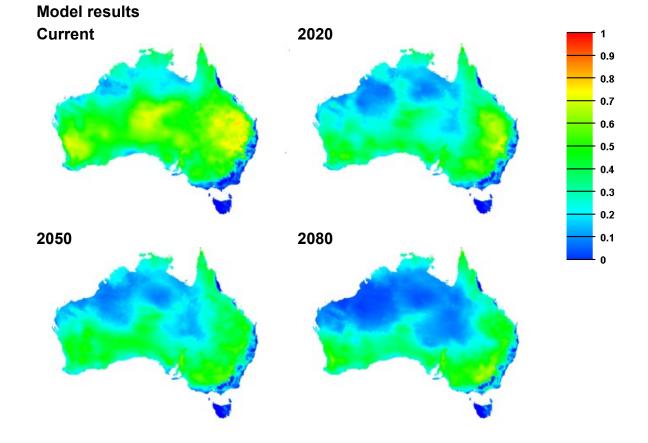
Number of occurrence records used: 899

Outcomes Relative change in overall climate suitability: -30.9%

Spatial trend: South-east







## Reseda luteola

Resedaceae Common name(s): Wild mignonette, Weld

National list(s): WoNS shortlist

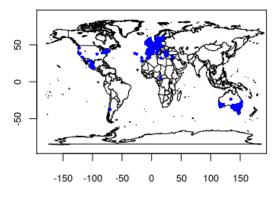
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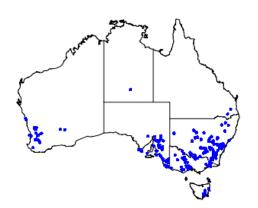
#### Number of occurrence records used: 5644

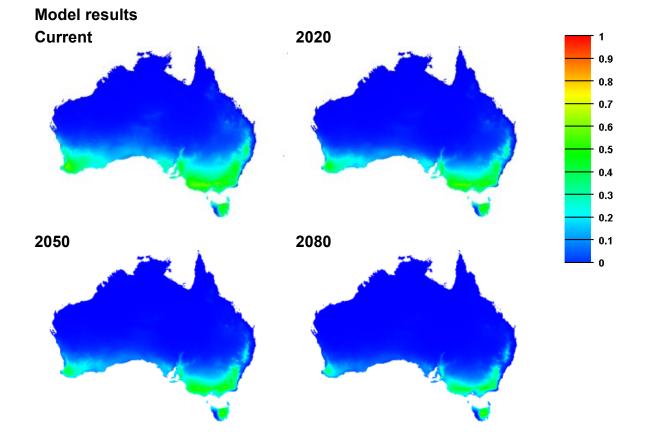
Outcomes

Relative change in overall climate suitability: -40.2%

Spatial trend: South-east







## Retama raetam

Fabaceae

Common name(s): White weeping broom

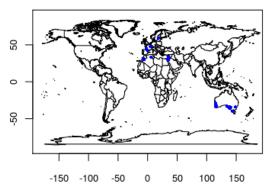
National list(s): Alert list

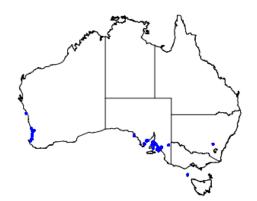
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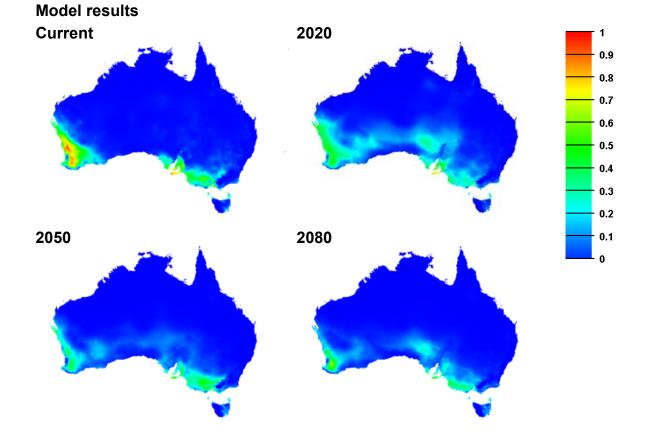
Number of occurrence records used: 197

Outcomes Relative change in overall climate suitability: -14.81%

Spatial trend: South-east







## Rubus fruticosus agg.

Rosaceae

Common name(s): Blackberry

National list(s): WoNS declared

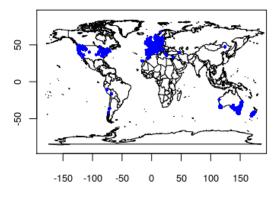
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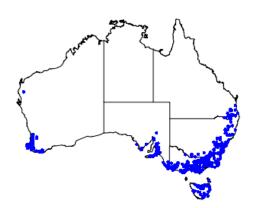
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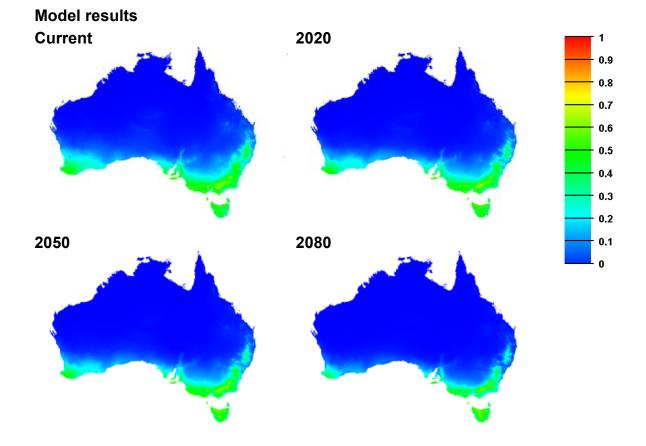
#### Outcomes

Relative change in overall climate suitability: -24.81\%

Spatial trend: South-east







Salix spp. Salicaceae Common name(s): Willows

National list(s): WoNS declared

NSW status: C5(S)(f)

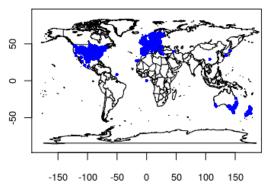
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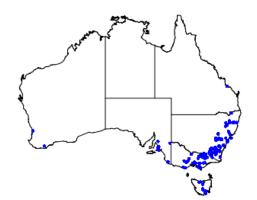
Outcomes Relative change in overall climate suitability: -33.09%

Spatial trend: South-east

## Occurrence distribution

**Model results** 





## Salvinia molesta

Salviniaceae Common name(s): Salvinia

National list(s): WoNS declared

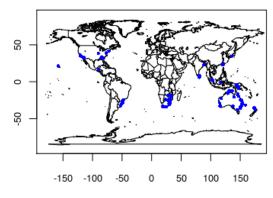
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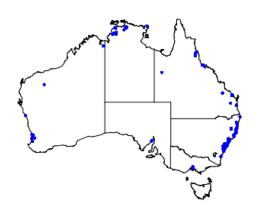
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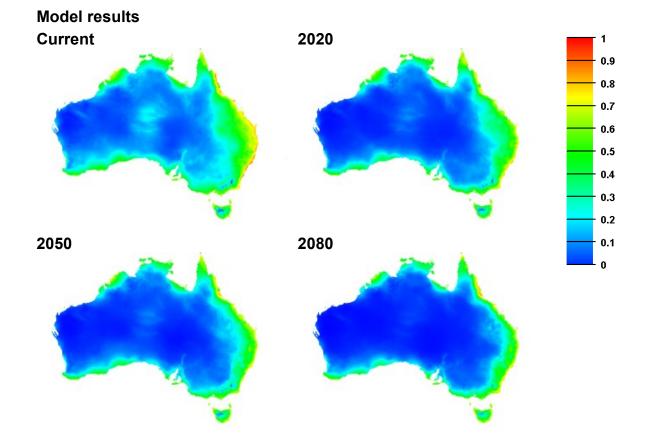
Outcomes

Relative change in overall climate suitability: -30.27%

Spatial trend: North-east







## Schinus terebinthifolius

Anacardiaceae

Common name(s): Brazilian creeper, Broadleaf pepper tree

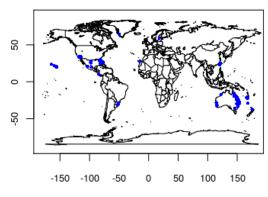
National list(s): WoNS shortlist

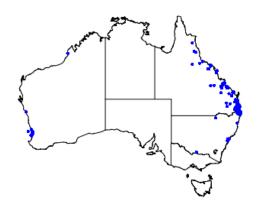
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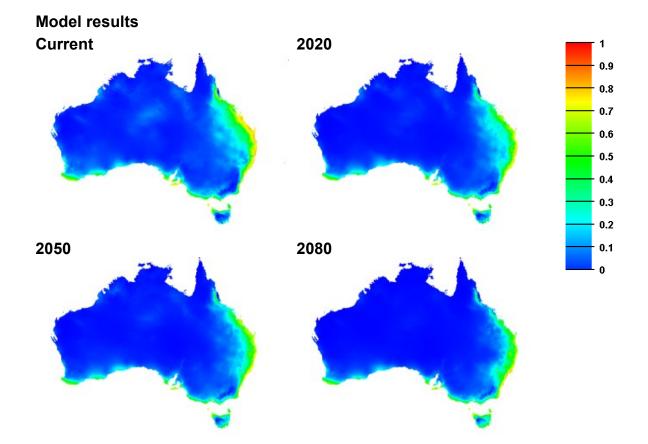
Number of occurrence records used: 163

Outcomes Relative change in overall climate suitability: -23.75%

Spatial trend: South-east







# Senecio glastifolius

Asteraceae

Common name(s): Holly-leaved senecio

National list(s): Alert list

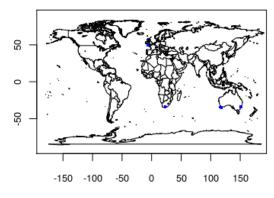
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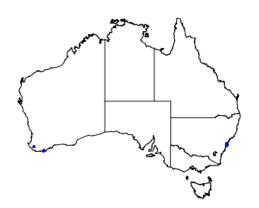
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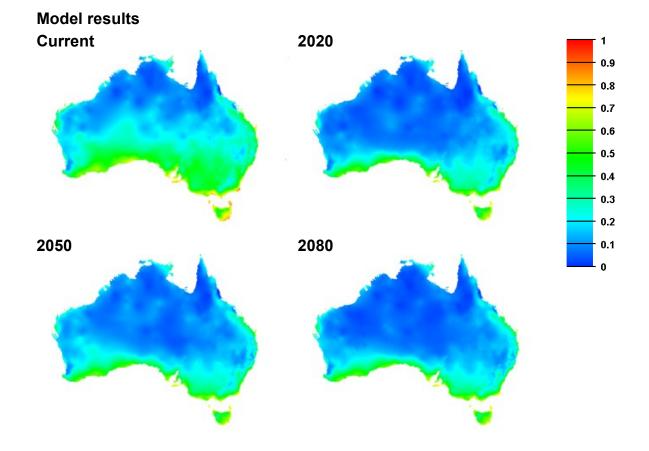
Outcomes

**Relative change in overall climate suitability:** -26.19%

Spatial trend: North-west







## Senecio jacobaea

Asteraceae
Common name(s): Ragwort

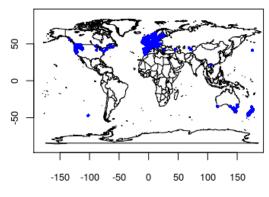
National list(s): WoNS shortlist

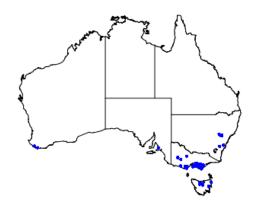
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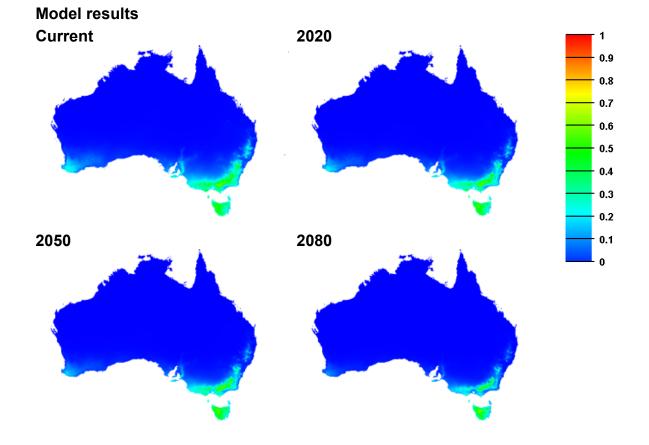
#### Number of occurrence records used: 9649

Outcomes Relative change in overall climate suitability: -32.7%

Spatial trend: South-east







## Senecio madagascariensis

Asteraceae

Common name(s): Fireweed

National list(s): WoNS shortlist

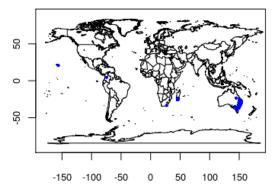
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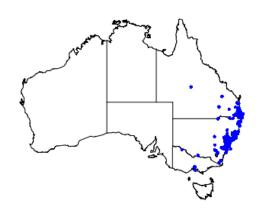
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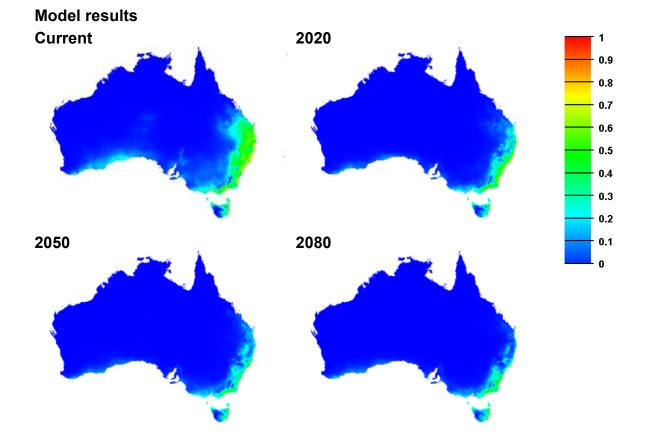
#### Outcomes

**Relative change in overall climate suitability:** -62.19%

Spatial trend: South-east







## Senna obtusifolia

Fabaceae
Common name(s): Sickelpod

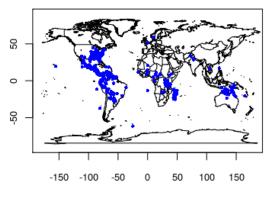
National list(s): WoNS shortlist

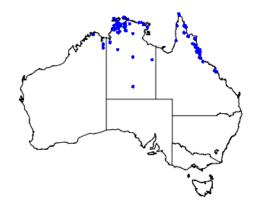
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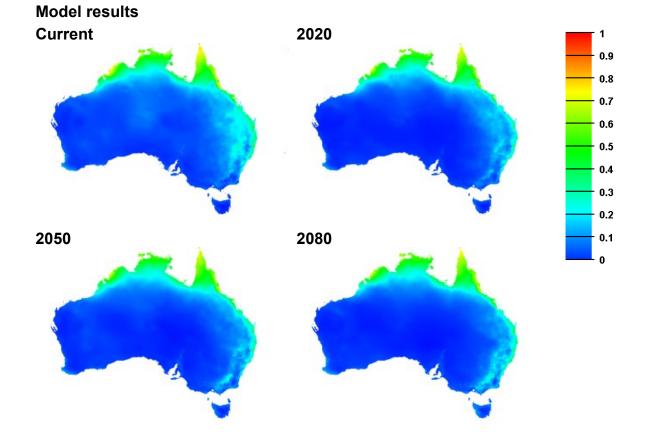
#### Number of occurrence records used: 813

Outcomes Relative change in overall climate suitability: -13.42%

Spatial trend: North-west







Senna tora Fabaceae Common name(s): Sicklepod

National list(s): WoNS shortlist

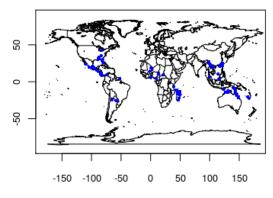
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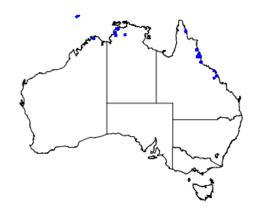
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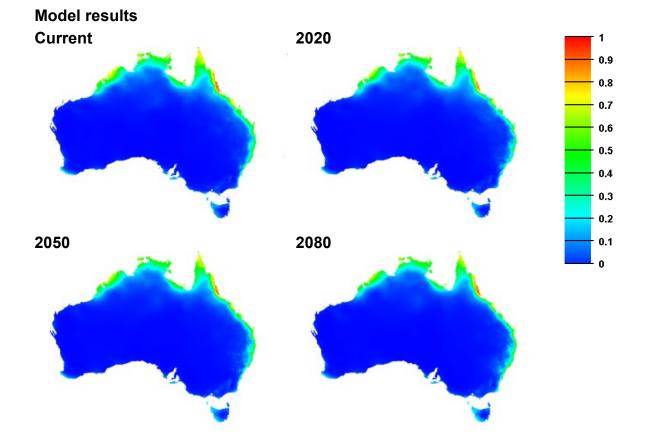
Outcomes

Relative change in overall climate suitability: -3.81%

Spatial trend: South-west







## Sida rhombifolia

Malvaceae
Common name(s): Paddys lucerne

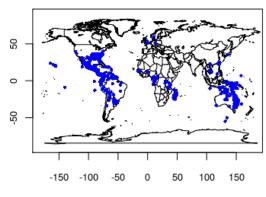
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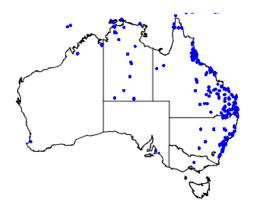
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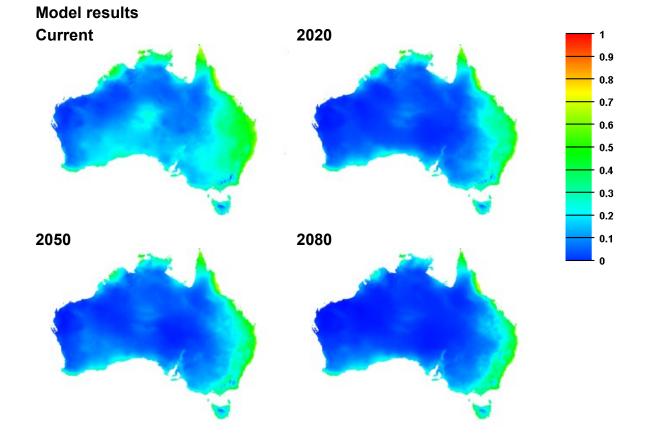
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Outcomes Relative change in overall climate suitability: -30.81%

Spatial trend: North-east







# Solanum elaeagnifolium

Solanaceae

Common name(s): Silver leaf nightshade

National list(s): WoNS shortlist

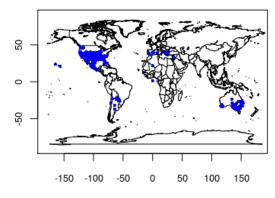
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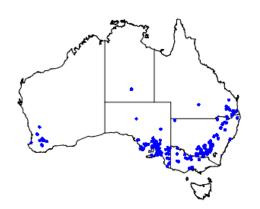
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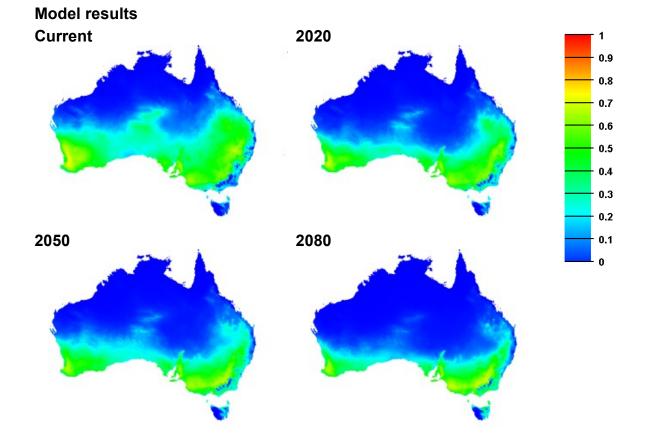
Outcomes

**Relative change in overall climate suitability:** -30.75%

Spatial trend: South-east







# Spartina anglica

Poaceae
Common name(s): Rice grass

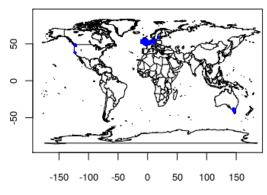
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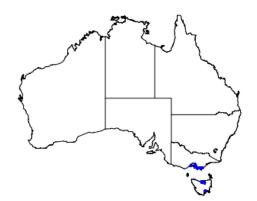
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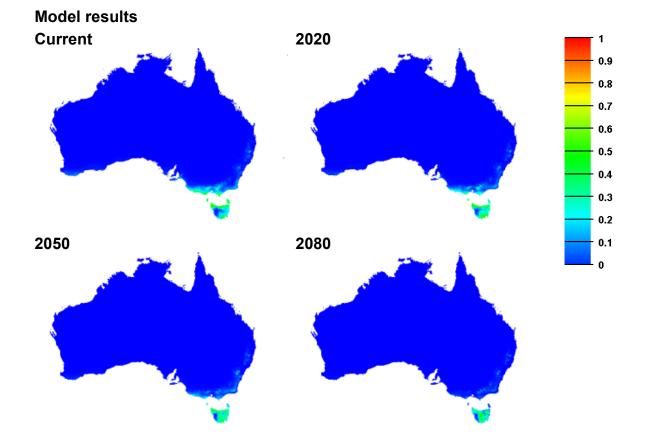
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Outcomes Relative change in overall climate suitability: -31.26%

Spatial trend: South-east







# Sporobolus africanus

Poaceae

Common name(s): Giant Parramatta grass

National list(s): WoNS shortlist

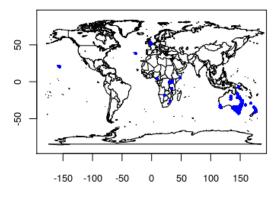
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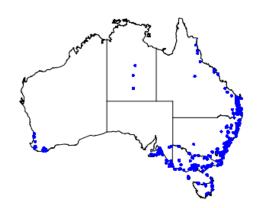
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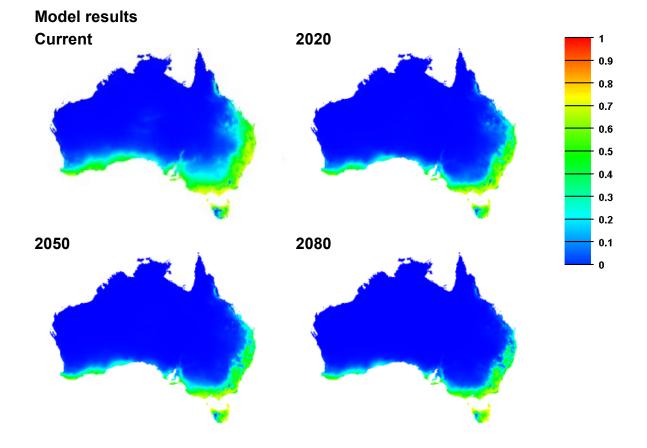
Outcomes

**Relative change in overall climate suitability:** -45.98%

Spatial trend: South-east







# Sporobolus natalensis

Poaceae

Common name(s): Giant rats tail grass

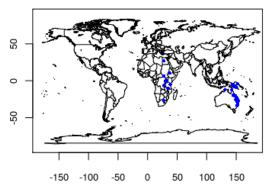
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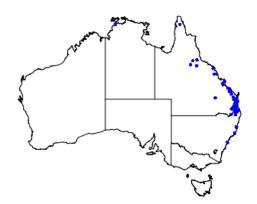
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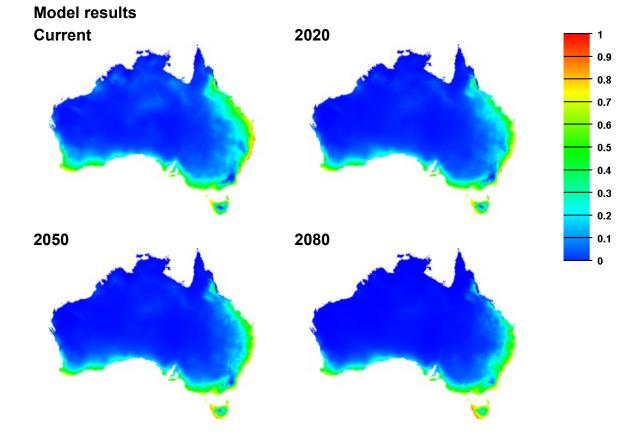
#### Number of occurrence records used: 87

Outcomes Relative change in overall climate suitability: -25.27%

Spatial trend: South-east







# Sporobolus pyramidalis

Poaceae

**Common name(s):** Giant rats tail grass

National list(s): WoNS shortlist

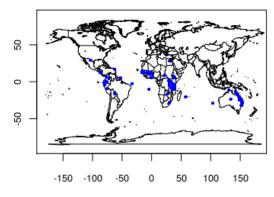
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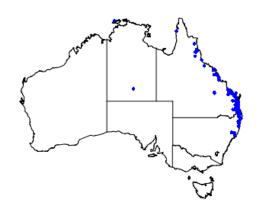
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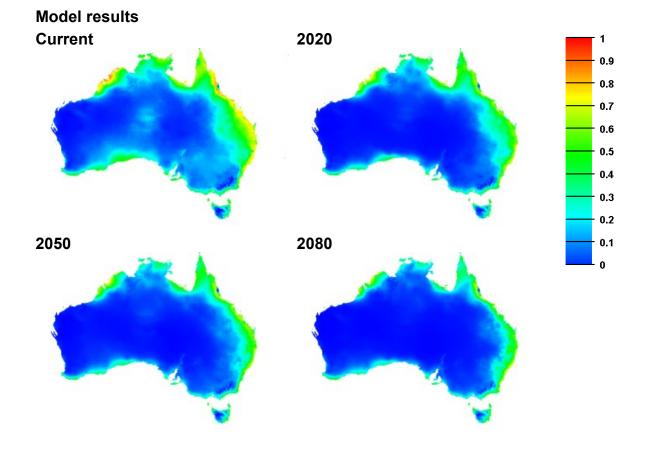
Outcomes

Relative change in overall climate suitability: -38.11%

Spatial trend: North-east







# Stachytarpheta jamaicensis

Verbenaceae

Common name(s): Snake weed

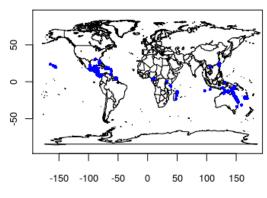
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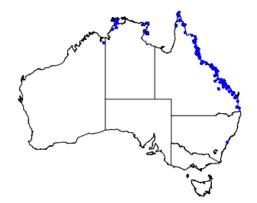
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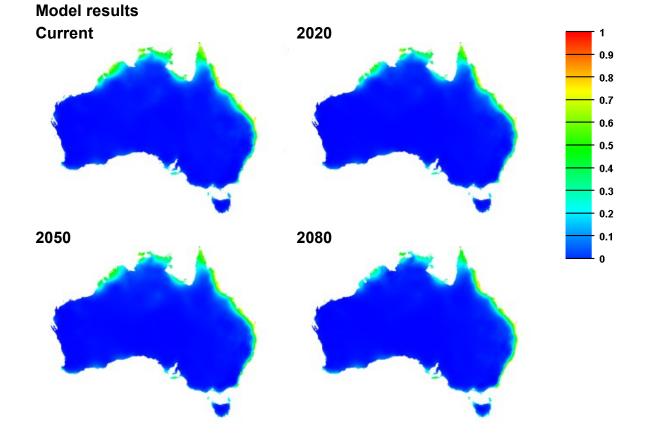
#### Number of occurrence records used: 335

Outcomes Relative change in overall climate suitability: +0.41%

Spatial trend: South-east







## Stachytarpheta mutabilis

Verbenaceae

Common name(s): Snake weed

National list(s): WoNS shortlist

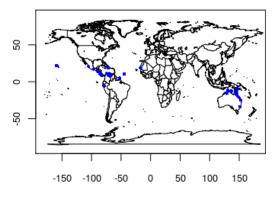
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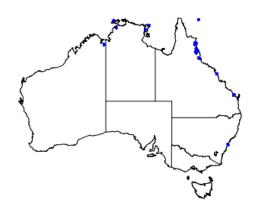
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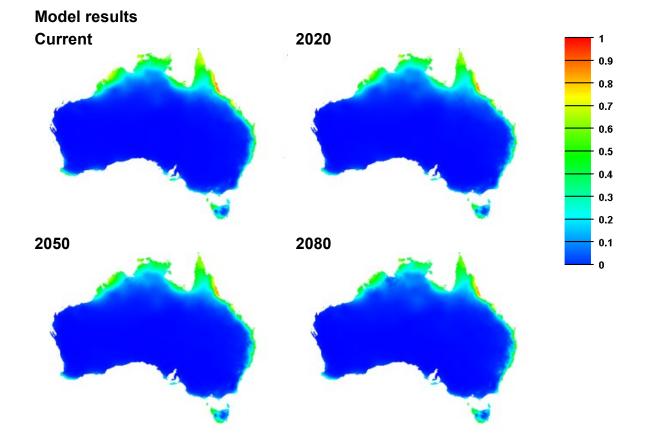
Outcomes

Relative change in overall climate suitability: -5.34%

Spatial trend: South-east







## Tamarix aphylla

Tamaricaceae

Common name(s): Tamarisk, Athel pine, Athel tree, Flowering cypress

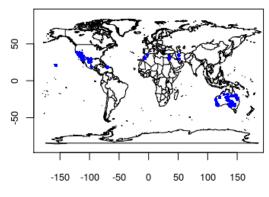
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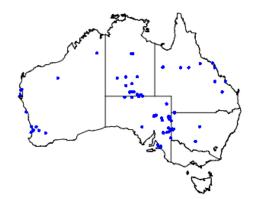
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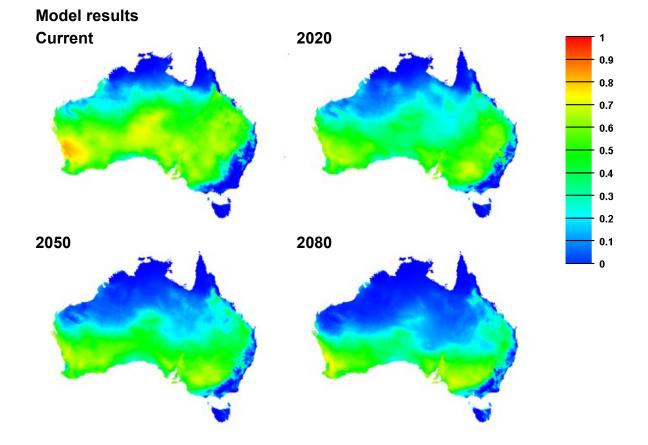
#### Number of occurrence records used: 153

Outcomes Relative change in overall climate suitability: -30.62%

Spatial trend: South-east







# Themeda quadrivalvis

Poaceae
Common name(s): Grader grass

National list(s): WoNS shortlist

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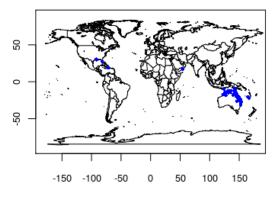
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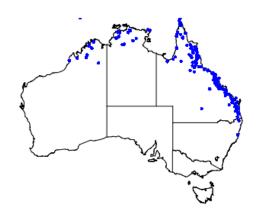
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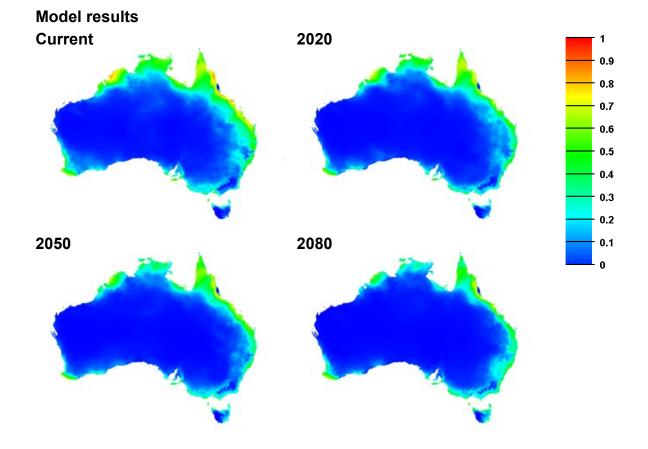
**Relative change in overall climate suitability:** -31.15%

Spatial trend: South-east

#### **Occurrence distribution**







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# Thunbergia grandiflora

Acanthaceae

**Common name(s):** Blue thunbergia, Blue trumpet vine, Blue skyflower, Sky vine

National list(s): WoNS shortlist

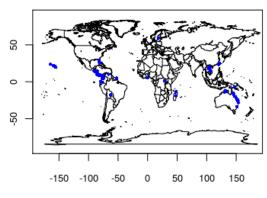
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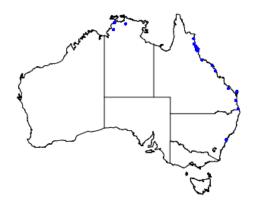
Number of occurrence records used: 90

Outcomes Relative change in overall climate suitability: -7.18%

Spatial trend: South-east

#### **Occurrence distribution**





Model results 2020 Current 1 0.9 0.8 0.7 0.6 0.5 0.4 0.3 0.2 2050 2080 0.1 0

# Thunbergia laurifolia

Acanthaceae Common name(s): Laurel clock vine

National list(s): Alert list

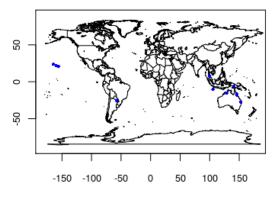
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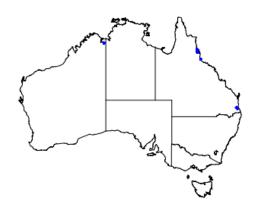
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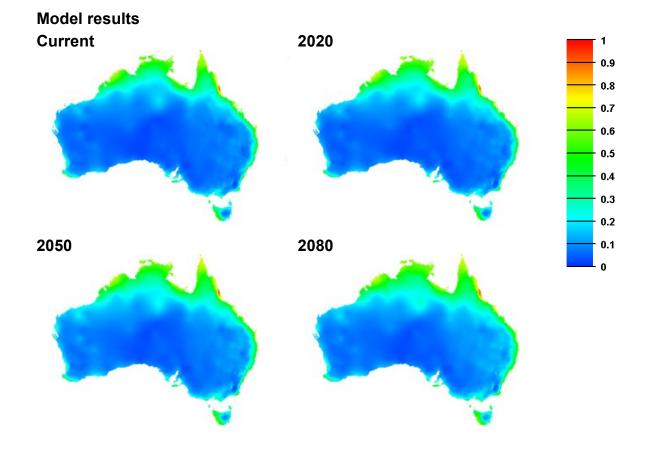
Outcomes

Relative change in overall climate suitability: +12.84%

Spatial trend: North-west







# Tipuana tipu

Fabaceae

Common name(s): Rosewood, Pride of Bolivia

National list(s): Alert list

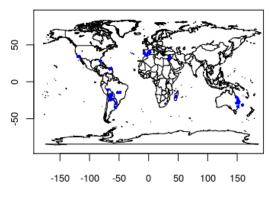
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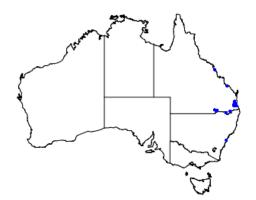
#### Number of occurrence records used: 75

Outcomes Relative change in overall climate suitability: -26.15%

Spatial trend: South-east

#### **Occurrence distribution**





**Model results** Current 2020 1 0.9 0.8 0.7 0.6 0.5 0.4 0.3 0.2 2050 2080 0.1 0

# Trianoptiles solitaria

Cyperaceae Common name(s): Subterranean Cape sedge

National list(s): Alert list

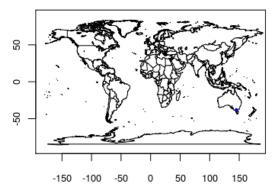
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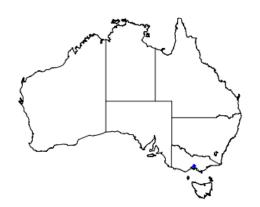
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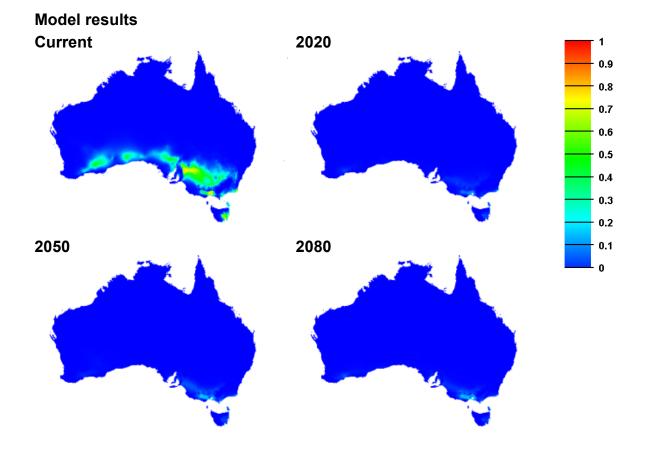
Outcomes

**Relative change in overall climate suitability:** -92.09%

Spatial trend: South-east







### Ulex europaeus

Fabaceae Common name(s): Gorse, Furze, Whin

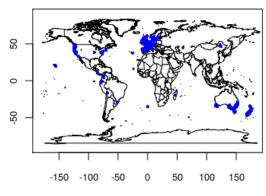
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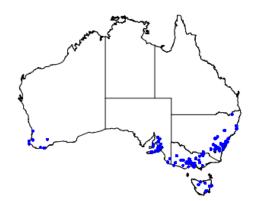
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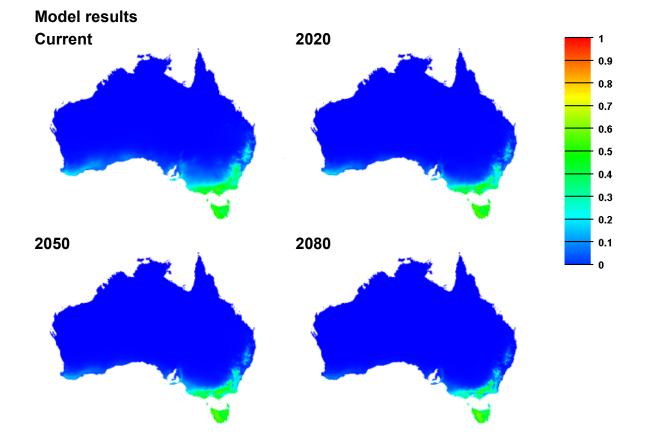
#### Number of occurrence records used: 5268

Outcomes Relative change in overall climate suitability: -34.85%

Spatial trend: South-east







## Urochloa mutica

Poaceae Common name(s): Para grass

National list(s):Not listed

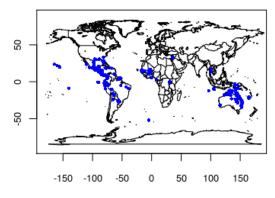
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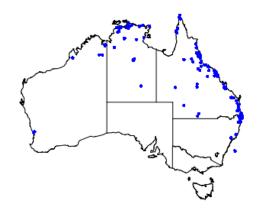
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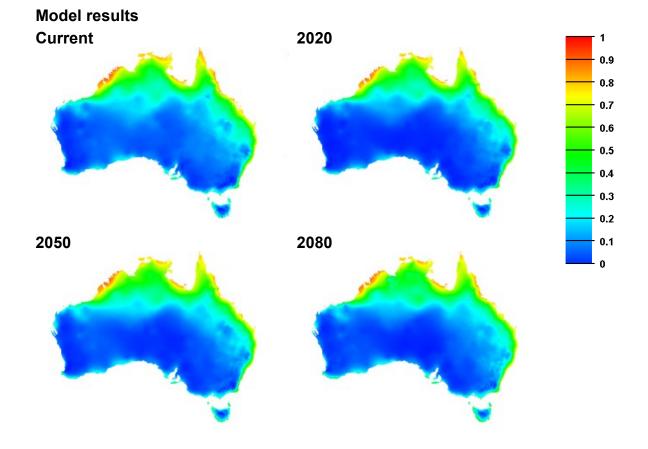
#### Outcomes

Relative change in overall climate suitability: -2.24%

Spatial trend: North-west







## Vachellia karroo

Mimosaceae
Common name(s): Karroo thorn

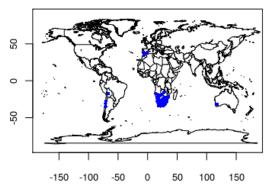
National list(s): Alert list

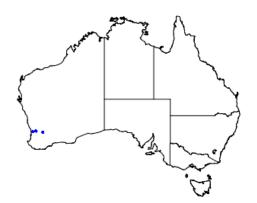
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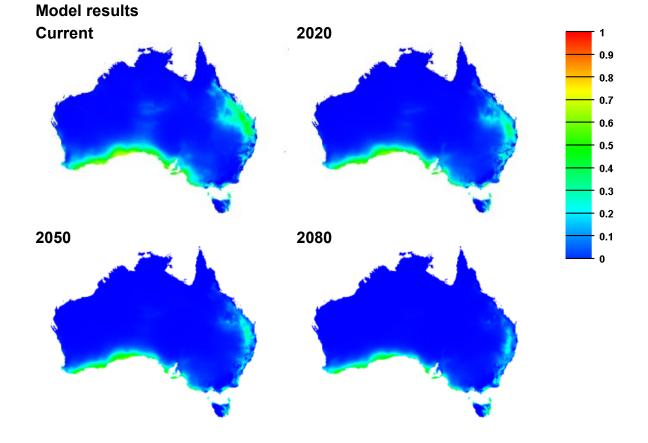
#### Number of occurrence records used: 314

Outcomes Relative change in overall climate suitability: -45.49%

Spatial trend: South-west







## Vachellia nilotica

Mimosaceae
Common name(s): Prickly acacia

National list(s): WoNS declared

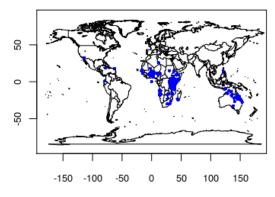
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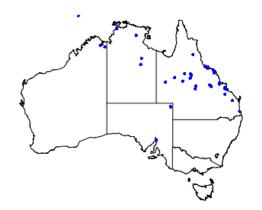
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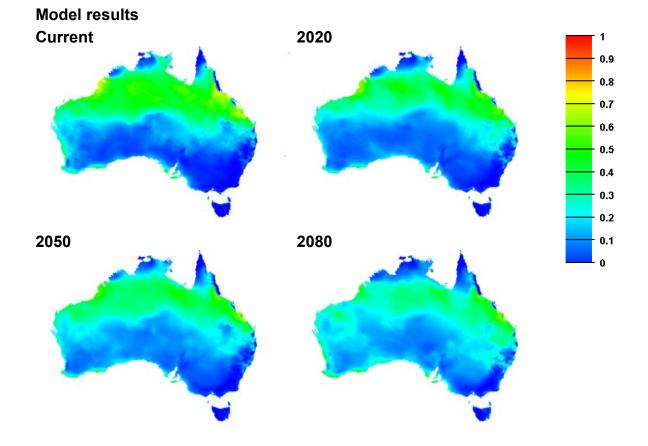
Outcomes

Relative change in overall climate suitability: -9.58%

Spatial trend: South-west







## Watsonia spp.

Iridaceae Common name(s): Watsonia

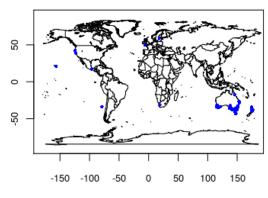
National list(s): WoNS shortlist

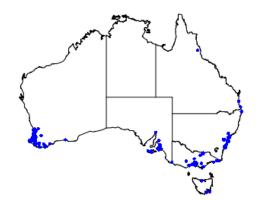
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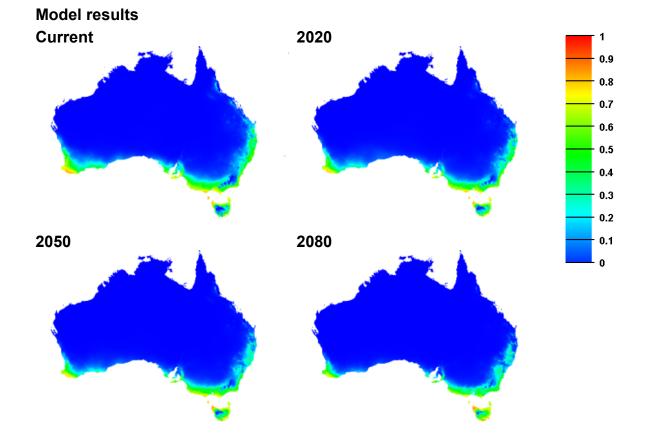
#### Number of occurrence records used: 184

Outcomes Relative change in overall climate suitability: -26.31%

### Spatial trend: South-east







## Xanthium occidentale

Asteraceae

Common name(s): Noogoora burr

National list(s): WoNS shortlist

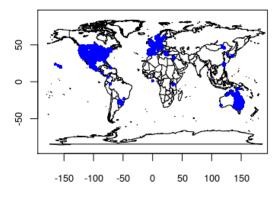
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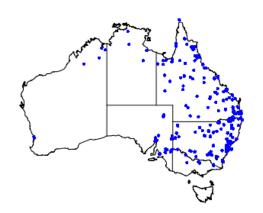
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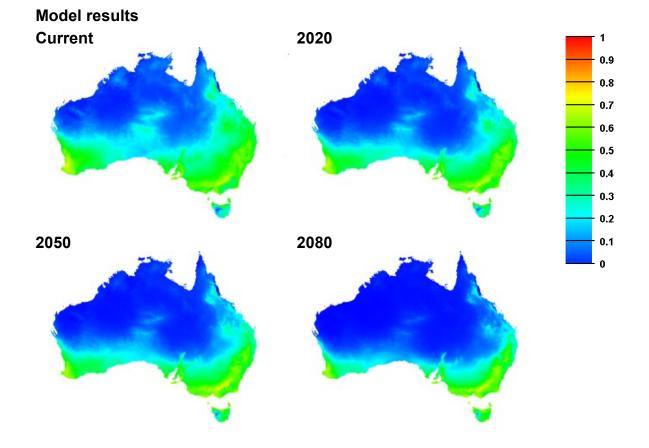
Outcomes

**Relative change in overall climate suitability:** -26.22%

Spatial trend: South-east







## Xanthium spinosum

Asteraceae
Common name(s): Bathurst burr

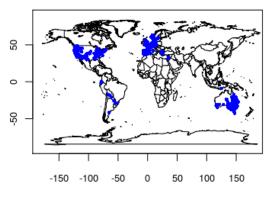
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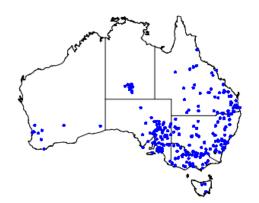
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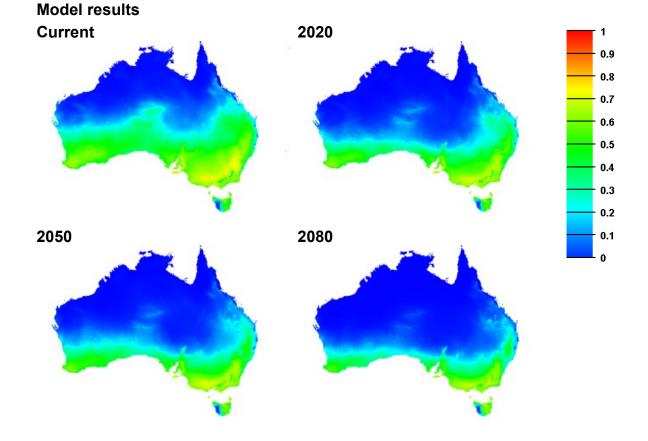
Number of occurrence records used: 994

Outcomes Relative change in overall climate suitability: -37.23%

Spatial trend: South-east







# Zantedeschia aethiopica

Araceae

Common name(s): Arum lily, Calla lily

National list(s): WoNS shortlist

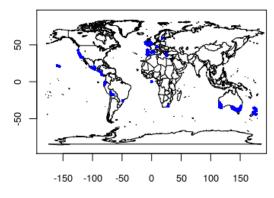
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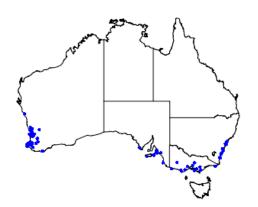
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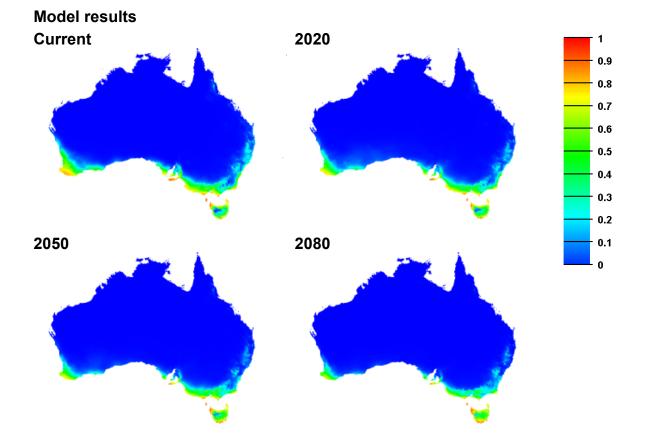
Outcomes

**Relative change in overall climate suitability:** -25.44%

Spatial trend: South-east







## Ziziphus mauritiana

Rhamnaceae

**Common name(s):** Chinese apple, Indian jujube, Chinese date

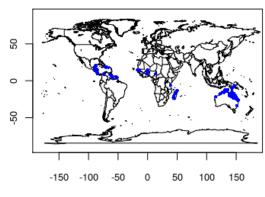
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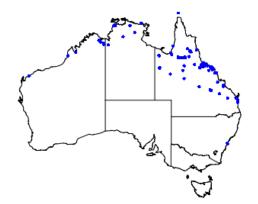
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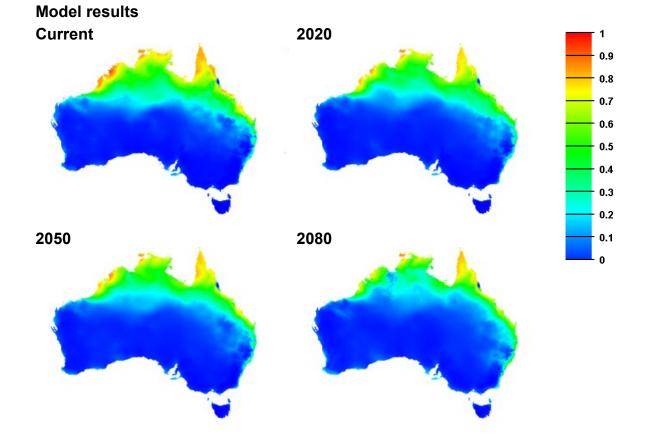
#### Number of occurrence records used: 159

Outcomes Relative change in overall climate suitability: -11.58%

Spatial trend: South-east







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