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Senator Urquhart asked:

1. Can you provide a list of the 26 species that have been removed from the Commonwealth's list of threatened species between 18 September 2013 and now, and why those species have been removed?

Answer:

Between 18 September 2013 and 26 October 2015, 41 species were removed from the list of threatened species established under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Act 1999*. The table below contains a list of the species removed and the reason for removal. Additional information can be found in the listing assessments on the Department of the Environment's website:

www.environment.gov.au/cgi-tmp/publiclistchanges.33b8562da3bc35eb7c3f.html

Species/subspecies removed from the list 13 September 2013 – 26 October 2015

Species/Subspecies name	type	Reason for delisting
<i>Acanthiza iredalei iredalei</i>	bird	A bird that has been reassessed and found to be ineligible
<i>Aphanes pentamera</i>	plant	A herb that has been reassessed and found to be ineligible
<i>Arenga australasica</i>	plant	A palm that has been reassessed and found to be ineligible
<i>Argentipallium spiceri</i>	plant	A plant that is now considered to be a hybrid and has been reassessed and found to be ineligible
<i>Argyreia soutteri</i>	plant	A tropical vine that is now considered an exotic species and has been reassessed and found to be ineligible
<i>Austrobryonia argillicola</i>	plant	A cucurbit that has been reassessed and found to be ineligible
<i>Bosistoa selwynii</i>	plant	A rainforest shrub that is now considered the same as <i>B. transversa</i> , a threatened species that remains listed as vulnerable
<i>Bothriochloa biloba</i>	plant	A grass that has been reassessed and found to be ineligible
<i>Caladenia carnea</i> var. <i>subulata</i>	plant	A spider-orchid that is now considered the same as <i>Caladenia carnea</i> , which is not threatened
<i>Callitriche cyclocarpa</i>	plant	An aquatic herb that is now considered the same as <i>C. umbonata</i> , which is not threatened
<i>Carex paupera</i>	plant	A sedge that is now considered the same as <i>C. inversa</i> , which is not threatened
<i>Centrolepis caespitosa</i>	plant	A herb that has been reassessed and found to be ineligible
<i>Corybas</i> sp. <i>Finniss</i> (R.Bates 28794)	plant	A helmet-orchid that is now considered the same as <i>C. dentatus</i> , a threatened species that remains listed as vulnerable

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<i>Dasyercus hillieri</i>	mammal	Crest-tailed mulgara that is now considered the same as <i>D. cristicauda</i> , a threatened species that remains listed as vulnerable
<i>Digitaria porrecta</i>	plant	Finger Panic Grass that has been reassessed and found to be ineligible
<i>Diplocaulobium masonii</i>	plant	A tropical orchid that is now considered an exotic species and has been reassessed and found to be ineligible
<i>Drymodes superciliaris colcloughi</i>	bird	A bird that is now considered the same as <i>Drymodes superciliaris superciliaris</i> which is not threatened
<i>Ectrosia blakei</i>	plant	A grass that has been reassessed and found to be ineligible
<i>Egernia stokesii aethiops</i>	reptile	A skink species that is now considered the same as <i>E. s. badia</i> , a threatened species that remains listed as endangered
<i>Emydura signata</i> (Bellinger River, NSW)	turtle	A turtle that is now considered the same as <i>Emydura macquarii macquarii</i> , which is not threatened
<i>Epacris acuminata</i>	plant	A heath that has been reassessed and found to be ineligible
<i>Epiblema grandiflorum</i> var. <i>cyaneum</i> K.W.Dixon nom. inval	plant	An orchid, a species that is now considered the same as <i>E. grandiflorum</i> , which is not threatened
<i>Eucalyptus macrorhyncha</i> subsp. <i>cannonii</i>	plant	A tree that has been reassessed and found to be ineligible
<i>Grevillea scortechinii</i> subsp. <i>sarmentosa</i>	plant	A grevillea that has been reassessed and found to be ineligible
<i>Hydrocharis dubia</i>	plant	An aquatic plant that has been reassessed and found to be ineligible
<i>Phaius tancarvilleae</i>	plant	A tropical orchid that is now considered the same as <i>P. australis</i> , a threatened species that remains listed as endangered
<i>Prasophyllum uroglossum</i>	plant	A leek-orchid that is now considered the same as <i>P. fuscum</i> , a threatened that remains listed as vulnerable
<i>Pterostylis atriola</i>	plant	An orchid that has been reassessed and found to be ineligible
<i>Pterostylis cobarensis</i>	plant	An orchid that has been reassessed and found to be ineligible
<i>Ptychosperma bleeseri</i>	plant	A palm that is now considered the same as <i>Ptychosperma macarthurii</i> , which is not threatened
<i>Rytidosperma popinensis</i>	plant	A grass species that is now considered the same as <i>R. fulvum</i> , which is not threatened
<i>Sarcochilus roseus</i>	plant	A subtropical orchid that is now considered the same as <i>S. ceciliae</i> , which is not threatened
<i>Sauropus filicinus</i>	plant	A shrub that has been reassessed and found to be ineligible
<i>Senecio garlandii</i>	plant	A perennial herb that has been reassessed and found to be ineligible
<i>Senecio laticostatus</i>	plant	A perennial herb that is now considered to be a hybrid of <i>Senecio glomeratus</i> subsp. <i>longifructus</i> , which is not threatened
<i>Solanum carduiforme</i>	plant	A shrub that has been reassessed and found to be ineligible
<i>Taeniophyllum muelleri</i>	plant	An orchid that was incorrectly described and due to a taxonomic change is now considered to be widespread and common has been reassessed and found to be ineligible
<i>Tasmannia purpurascens</i>	plant	A shrub that has been reassessed and found to be ineligible
<i>Tetradlea glandulosa</i>	plant	A shrub that has been reassessed and found to be ineligible
<i>Tinospora tinosporoides</i>	plant	A vine that has been reassessed and found to be ineligible
<i>Verticordia plumosa</i> var. <i>pleiobotrya</i>	plant	A featherflower that is now considered the same as <i>V. p. var. brachyphylla</i> , which is not threatened