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The Crimson spider orchid (*Caladenia concolor*), the Sandhill spider orchid (*Caladenia arenaria*), and the Oaklands diuris (*Diuris callitrophila*) are all highly threatened in NSW. These species now only occur in very small numbers in the wild, and are at considerable risk of extinction from natural events or human-induced disturbances.

**Achievements**

This project builds on work completed for these species already by Murray Local Land Services, OEH, and community, including:

- targeted weed control for all known populations
- fencing of key populations for strategic grazing management
- augmentation of important populations with orchid seedlings.

**Planned activities**

Over the next ten years the project will be undertaking management activities for all three orchid species, including:

- targeted weed and pest control
- monitoring of the abundance and condition of populations of all three species
- augmentation of existing populations and the establishment of new ones
- improving knowledge of reproduction requirements through pollinator surveys (to identify the insects needed for pollination of each species).

**More information**

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