



Plant Botanical Name:

Lachenalia mathewsii

USBG Plant Location:

Conservatory

Conservatory Room Location:

Rare and Endangered Species

Plant Threat Level:

Endangered

Lachenalia mathewsii is an endangered plant and was considered extinct from 1943 until 1983, when it was rediscovered. The genus *Lachenalia* is endemic to South Africa and is the largest genus in the Hyacinth family (Hyacinthaceae). Unfortunately, most of the natural habitat has been converted to agricultural use and, as a result, it is now only found in one area. Luckily, Kirstenbosch National Botanic Garden in Capetown, South Africa, has worked to make plants and seeds available so that today *Lachenalia mathewsii* is grown worldwide.

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