

Fiji Acropyle

Drautabua (*Acropyle sahniana*)



Photo: Nature Fiji-Mareqeti Viti.

Why Is The Fijian Acropyle (Drautabua) Special?

The **Drautabua** is only found in Viti Levu and nowhere else in the world. Even within Viti Levu, it is very rare. This plant is still a mystery to us: We are still trying to fully understand its reproductive cycle, what it needs (temperature, humidity, nutrient needs), as well as its ecological and economical importance. There are only two species of Acropyle in the world and these are: *Acropyle sahniana* (in Fiji) and *Acropyle pancheri* (New Caledonia).

The Fiji Acropyle is listed as Endangered in the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species.

