

Am I your BUSH Bud?

Perunga Grasshopper

About me:

The Perunga Grasshopper is a beautiful medium-sized insect that lives in high-quality grasslands in and around the ACT and NSW. There are records from Wagga Wagga, Boorowa, Queanbeyan and Bungendore.

Individuals live for around one year, hiding between and feeding on grass tussocks and other plants, including daisies. The species has a pale cross on its back and short wings, though it is flightless. It is usually hard to detect, but if disturbed, it can leap more than a metre! Its distinctive blue feet cannot be mistaken – they look like high-heeled shoes!



Threats:

The major threats to Perunga Grasshopper are habitat loss, fragmentation, modification and degradation of its native grassland habitat from clearing and development for agricultural and urban purposes, weed invasion, excess biomass and wildfires.

Become my Bush Bud!

Take a stand for Canberra's Nature and sign up to get the chance to walk with an expert in the habitat of the Perunga Grasshopper!



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