

**Aviation Safety Investigation Report  
199301476**

**Beech Aircraft Corp  
Sundowner**

**21 May 1993**

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**Occurrence Number:** 199301476      **Occurrence Type:** Accident  
**Location:** Coodardy Station  
**State:** WA      **Inv Category:** 4  
**Date:** Friday 21 May 1993  
**Time:** 1525 hours      **Time Zone** WST  
**Highest Injury Level:** None

**Aircraft Manufacturer:** Beech Aircraft Corp  
**Aircraft Model:** C23  
**Aircraft Registration:** VH-UMM      **Serial Number:** M-1918  
**Type of Operation:** Non-commercial Spotting - Other  
**Damage to Aircraft:** Substantial  
**Departure Point:** Coodardy Station WA  
**Departure Time:** 1515 WST  
**Destination:** Coodardy Station WA

**Approved for Release:** Friday, December 31, 1993

The aircraft was engaged in sheep spotting operations when the engine began to run roughly, causing severe vibration. The pilot shut down the engine and carried out a forced landing on flat scrubby ground. The aircraft collided with shrubs during the landing.

The reason for the rough engine running was not determined.