

EVC/Bioregion Benchmark for Vegetation Quality Assessment Highlands – Far East bioregion

EVC 28: Rocky Outcrop Shrubland

Description:

Occurs in areas of low site quality on exposed rocky outcrops where rock is a dominant landform feature, soils are shallow or virtually absent and effective rainfall is low. Scattered, often stunted trees are occasionally present. A diverse shrub layer to 5 m tall characterises this EVC, including a number of rock-adapted species. The ground layer is usually sparse and species-poor except where it occurs in discrete patches and forms a mosaic with Rocky Outcrop Herbland.

Understorey:

Life form	#Spp	%Cover	LF code
Medium Shrub	10	50%	MS
Small Shrub	3	15%	SS
Prostrate Shrub	1	1%	PS
Large Herb	3	5%	LH
Medium Herb	3	5%	MH
Large Tufted Graminoid	1	5%	LTG
Medium to Small Tufted Graminoid	5	10%	MTG
Scrambler or Climber	1	1%	SC
Bryophytes/Lichens	na	10%	BL
Soil Crust	na	10%	S/C

LF Code	Species typical of at least part of EVC range	Common Name
MS	<i>Kunzea ambigua</i>	White Kunzea
MS	<i>Pomaderris lanigera</i>	Rusty Pomaderris
MS	<i>Dodonaea viscosa</i>	Sticky Hop-bush
MS	<i>Correa reflexa</i>	Common Correa
SS	<i>Pultenaea retusa</i>	Blunt Bush-pea
SS	<i>Olearia iodochroa</i>	Violet Daisy-bush
SS	<i>Hibbertia obtusifolia</i>	Grey Guinea-flower
PS	<i>Pseuderanthus divaricatissimus</i>	Tangled Pseuderanthus
LH	<i>Senecio tenuiflorus</i>	Slender Fireweed
LH	<i>Derwentia perfoliata</i>	Digger's Speedwell
MH	<i>Gonocarpus tetragynus</i>	Common Raspwort
LTG	<i>Joycea pallida</i>	Silvertop Wallaby-grass
MTG	<i>Poa sieberiana</i>	Grey Tussock-grass
MTG	<i>Lepidosperma laterale</i>	Variable Sword-sedge
MTG	<i>Dichelachne rara</i>	Common Plume-grass
MTG	<i>Dianella revoluta</i> s.l.	Black-anther Flax-lily

Recruitment:

Continuous.

Organic Litter:

40 % cover

Logs:

10 m/0.1 ha.

Weediness:

LF Code	Typical Weed Species	Common Name	Invasive	Impact
MH	<i>Hypochoeris radicata</i>	Cat's Ear	High	Low
MTG	<i>Vulpia bromoides</i>	Squirrel-tail Fescue	High	Low

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