Scrub, Heathland and Coastal Complexes



SSK Scrub complex on King Island

Community Description:

Scrub complex on King Island comprises a successional series from sedgeland to heathland to scrub. The community is complex in its structure and species diversity. In some places, it occurs as a tight mosaic of the different structural units, while in other places one of these units will cover large areas. The sedgeland is characterised by sclerophyllous graminoids, the heathlands by low shrubs and the scrub by Myrtaceous species in addition to *Acacia*, *Banksia* and *Allocasuarina* species. Occasional emergent *Eucalyptus* species may be present.

Benchmarks:

Component	Cover (%)	LF Code
Dominant Life Form	60	Т
Organic Litter	15	

Understorey Life Forms	LF code	# Spp	Cover (%)
Tree (sub-canopy)/Large Shrub	Т	5	60
Medium Shrub/Small Shrub	S	12	20
Prostrate and Mat Forming Shrubs (including cushion plants)	PS	I	I
Herbs and Orchids	Н	8	ı
Medium to Small Tussock Grass	MTG	l	ı
Tiny Grass/Sedge/Lily	TGS	2	ı
Large Sedge/Rush/Sagg/Lily	LSR	4	10
Medium to Small Sedge/Rush/Sagg/Lily	MSR	2	5
Ground Ferns and fern allies	GF	4	I
Scramblers/Climbers/Epiphytes	SCE	3	10
Mosses and Lichens	ML		10
Total	11	43	

Species lists:

Dominant Life Form Species	Common Name	LF Code
Banksia marginata	silver banksia	Т
Leptospermum scoparium	common teatree	Т
Melaleuca ericifolia	coast paperbark	Т
Melaleuca squarrosa	scented paperbark	Т



Typical Understorey Species *	Common Name	LF Code
Acacia mucronata	caterpillar wattle	Т
Acacia verticillata	prickly moses	Т
Allocasuarina monilifera	necklace sheoak	Т
Monotoca glauca	goldey wood	Т
Amperea xiphoclada	broom spurge	S
Aotus ericoides	golden pea	S
Boronia anemonifolia	stinky boronia	S
Dillwynia glaberrima	smooth parrotpea	S
Epacris impressa	common heath	S
Leptecophylla juniperina	pinkberry	S
Leucopogon ericoides	pink beardheath	S
Pimelea linifolia	slender riceflower	S
Sprengelia incarnata	pink swampheath	S
Hibbertia spp.	guineaflower	PS
Drosera spp.	sundew	Н
Mitrasacme pilosa var. pilosa	hairy mitrewort	Н
Utricularia lateriflora	tiny bladderwort	Н
Xanthosia tridentata	hill crossherb	Н
Ehrharta distichophylla	hairy ricegrass	NTG
Dianella tasmanica	forest flaxlily	LSR
Gahnia grandis	cutting grass	LSR
Lepidosperma filiforme	common rapiersedge	LSR
Baloskion tetraphyllum	tassel cordrush	MSR
Hypolaena fastigiata	tassel roperush	MSR
Lepidosperma concavum	sand swordsedge	MSR
Patersonia fragilis	short purpleflag	MSR
Xyris spp.	yelloweye	MSR
Centrolepis spp.	bristlewort	TGS
Isolepis spp.	clubsedge	TGS
Schoenus spp.	bogsedge	TGS
Blechnum spp.	waterfern	GF
Lindsaea linearis	screw fern	GF
Pteridium esculentum	bracken	GF
Schizaea fistulosa	narrow combfern	GF
Selaginella uliginosa	spikemoss	GF
Bauera rubioides	wiry bauera	SCE
Cassytha spp.	dodderlaurel	SCE
Empodisma minus	spreading roperush	SCE
Muehlenbeckia adpressa	climbing lignum	SCE
Sporadanthus tasmanicus	branching scalerush	SCE

^{*}This list is provided as a guide only. The species listed are typical of this plant community type but may not necessarily be present.