

EVC/Bioregion Benchmark for Vegetation Quality Assessment

Gippsland Plain bioregion

EVC 136: Sedge Wetland

Description:

Occupies seasonal wetlands and consists of generally treeless vegetation dominated by sedges. May contain a fringe of shrubs and isolated shrubs may also be present throughout. Usually of low diversity in central areas, but richer on verges and in some more ephemeral forms of the EVC. Frequently on soils of high organic content, in depressions within sandy terrain.

Life form:

Life form	#Spp	%Cover	LF code
Medium Shrub	1	5%	MS
Large Herb	1	5%	LH
Medium Herb	4	10%	MH
Large Tufted Graminoid	1	15%	LTG
Large Non-tufted Graminoid	2	30%	LNG
Medium to Small Tufted Graminoid	1	1%	MTG
Medium to Tiny Non-tufted Graminoid	2	10%	MNG
Bryophytes/Lichens	na	10%	BL
Total understorey projective foliage cover		85%	

LF Code	Species typical of at least part of EVC range	Common Name
MS	<i>Allocasuarina misera/paradoxa</i>	Slender/Green Sheoak
LH	<i>Villarsia reniformis</i>	Running Marsh-flower
MH	<i>Utricularia australis</i>	Yellow Bladderwort
MH	<i>Goodenia humilis</i>	Swamp Goodenia
MH	<i>Centella cordifolia</i>	Centella
LTG	<i>Baumea articulata</i>	Jointed Twig-sedge
LNG	<i>Lepidosperma longitudinale</i>	Pithy Sword-sedge
LNG	<i>Baumea rubiginosa s.l.</i>	Soft Twig-rush
MTG	<i>Lepidosperma concavum</i>	Sandhill Sword-sedge
MNG	<i>Lepyrodia muelleri</i>	Common Scale-rush
MNG	<i>Isolepis fluitans</i>	Floating Club-sedge

Recruitment:

Episodic/Flood. Desirable period between disturbances is 5 years.

Organic Litter:

10 % cover

Weediness:

There are no consistent weeds in this EVC.

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