

EVC/Bioregion Benchmark for Vegetation Quality Assessment

Gippsland Plain bioregion

EVC 191: Riparian Scrub

Description:

A dense shrubland to 6 m tall with occasional eucalypt emergents growing on waterlogged substrates often with a peaty surface horizon. Emergent eucalypts may be occasionally present. The understorey is often species-poor and consists typically of sedges tolerant of seasonal waterlogging. Occurs along creeks and minor stream tributaries of the lowland plains.

Canopy Cover:

%cover	Character Species	Common Name
60%	Melaleuca squarrosa Leptospermum continentale	Scented Paperbark Prickly Tea-tree

Understorey:

Life form	#Spp	%Cover	LF code
Medium Shrub	3	10%	MS
Small Shrub	1	1%	SS
Medium Herb	1	1%	MH
Small or Prostrate Herb	1	1%	SH
Large Tufted Graminoid	1	10%	LTG
Large Non-tufted Graminoid	1	5%	LNG
Medium to Small Tufted Graminoid	1	1%	MTG
Medium to Tiny Non-tufted Graminoid	3	15%	MNG
Ground Fern	1	5%	GF
Scrambler or Climber	2	15%	SC
Bryophytes/Lichens	na	20%	BL
Total understorey projective foliage cover		80%	

LF Code	Species typical of at least part of EVC range	Common Name
MS	Coprosma quadrifida	Prickly Currant-bush
MS	Ozothamnus ferrugineus	Tree Everlasting
MS	Acacia verticillata	Prickly Moses
MS	Ozothamnus rosmarinifolius	Rosemary Everlasting
SS	Amperea xiphioclada var. xiphioclada	Broom Spurge
MH	Gonocarpus tetragynus	Common Raspwort
MH	Selaginella uliginosa	Swamp Selaginella
LTG	Gahnia sieberiana	Red-fruit Saw-sedge
LNG	Lepidosperma longitudinale	Pithy Sword-sedge
MNG	Baumea tetragona	Square Twig-rush
MNG	Schoenus brevifolius	Zig-zag Bog-sedge
MNG	Empodisma minus	Spreading Rope-rush
GF	Pteridium esculentum	Austral Bracken
SC	Gleichenia microphylla	Scrambling Coral-fern
SC	Billardiera scandens	Common Apple-berry
SC	Cassytha glabella	Slender Dodder-laurel

Recruitment:

Continuous

Organic Litter:

40 % cover

Weediness:

There are no consistent weeds in this EVC.

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