

Native Grasslands

GHC Coastal grass and herbfield: coastal facies

Community Description:

Coastal grass and herbfields occur on sand dunes, sand plains behind dunes, flat rocky and occasionally sandy shores and cliffs in coastal areas. These communities include grasslands dominated by *Austrostipa stipoides* and *Poa poiformis*. This benchmark is one of 3 benchmarks available to assess the condition of GHC.

Benchmarks:

Component	Cover %	LF Code
Dominant Life Form	30%	LTG
Organic Litter	10%	

Expected Life Forms	LF code	# Spp	Cover %
Shrub	S	4	10
Herbs	H	5	15
Large tussock grass	LTG	2	30
Non-tussock grass	NTG	2	5
Large sedge/rush/sagg/lily	LSR	3	20
Medium to small sedge/rush/sagg/lily	MSR	1	1
Ground fern	GF	1	1
Total	7	18	

Species lists:

Dominant Species	Common Name	LF Code
<i>Austrostipa stipoides</i>	coast speargrass	LTG
<i>Poa poiformis</i>	coastal tussockgrass	LTG

Other Typical Species *	Common Name	LF Code
<i>Acacia longifolia</i> subsp. <i>sophorae</i>	coast wattle	S
<i>Banksia marginata</i>	silver banksia	S
<i>Hibbertia empetrifolia</i>	scrambling guineaflower	S
<i>Leucopogon parviflorus</i>	coast beardheath	S
<i>Myoporum insulare</i>	common boobialla	S
<i>Acaena novae-zelandiae</i>	common buzzy	H
<i>Actites megalocarpus</i>	dune thistle	H
<i>Carpobrotus rossii</i>	native pigface	H
<i>Epilobium</i> spp.	willowherb	H
<i>Oxalis perennans</i>	grassland woodsorrel	H
<i>Pelargonium australe</i>	southern storksbill	H
<i>Senecio</i> spp.	groundsel	H
<i>Rytidosperma</i> spp.	wallabygrass	MTG
<i>Austrofestuca littoralis</i>	coast fescue	NTG
<i>Distichlis distichophylla</i>	australian saltgrass	NTG
<i>Spinifex sericeus</i>	beach spinifex	NTG
<i>Isolepis nodosa</i>	knobby clubsedge	LSR
<i>Juncus kraussii</i>	sea rush	LSR
<i>Lepidosperma gladiatum</i>	coast swordedge	LSR
<i>Lomandra longifolia</i>	sagg	LSR
<i>Schoenus nitens</i>	shiny bogsedge	MSR

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