

## Native Grasslands

### GHC Coastal grass and herbfield: rookery facies

#### Community Description:

These are coastal tussock grasslands on deep soils characterised by and resulting in part from disturbance by nesting seabirds. The vegetation may be pure tussock, with *Poa poiformis* as the most common species and *Austrostipa stipoides* prominent in more exposed locations. Extensive patches of disturbance requirers such as *Senecio* spp., *Atriplex cineraria* or *Pteridium esculentum* may occur or tussocks may be intergrown or form mosaics with *Tetragonia implexicoma* and *Rhagodia candolleana*. Note that where succulent herbs form dense mats the benchmark for SRH Rookery halophytic herbland should be used. This benchmark is one of 3 benchmarks available to assess the condition of GHC. It is the appropriate benchmark to use in assessing the condition of the coastal grassland component of the listed *Seabird rookery complex* community (Schedule 3A, *Nature Conservation Act 2002*).

#### Benchmarks:

Component	Cover %	LF Code
Dominant Life Form	70%	LTG
Organic Litter	1%	

Expected Life Forms	LF code	# Spp	Cover %
Herbs and Orchids	H	6	5
Large tussock grass	LTG	2	70
Large sedge/rush/sagg/lily	LSR	1	5
Scrambler/Climber/and Epiphytes	SCE	1	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	

**Species lists:**

<b>Dominant Species</b>	<b>Common Name</b>	<b>LF Code</b>
<i>Poa poiformis</i>	coastal tussockgrass	LTG

<b>Other Typical Species *</b>	<b>Common Name</b>	<b>LF Code</b>
<i>Actites megalocarpus</i>	dune thistle	H
<i>Atriplex cineraria</i>	grey saltbush	H
<i>Carpobrotus rossii</i>	native pigface	H
<i>Dichondra repens</i>	kidneyweed	H
<i>Disphyma crassifolium</i>	round leaved pigface	H
<i>Einadia nutans</i> subsp. <i>nutans</i>	climbing saltbush	H
<i>Gnaphalium indutum</i>	tiny cottonleaf	H
<i>Helichrysum</i> spp.	everlasting	H
<i>Parietaria debilis</i>	shade pellitory	H
<i>Poranthera microphylla</i>	small poranthera	H
<i>Senecio capillifolius</i>	fine leafed coast groundsel	H
<i>Senecio pinnatifolius</i> var. <i>pinnatifolius</i>	common coast groundsel	H
<i>Wahlenbergia</i> spp.	bluebell	H
<i>Austrostipa stipoides</i>	coast speargrass	LTG
<i>Lepidosperma gladiatum</i>	coast sword sedge	LSR
<i>Lomandra longifolia</i>	sagg	LSR
<i>Tetragonia implexicoma</i>	bower spinach	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.