

Native Grasslands

GHC Coastal grass and herbfield: sandbinding 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 *Spinifex sericeus*, *Austrofestuca littoralis*, *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	20%	NTG
Organic Litter	1%	

Expected Life Forms	LF code	# Spp	Cover %
Herbs and orchids	H	2	5
Large tussock grass	LTG	2	10
Non-tussock grass	NTG	2	20
Large sedge/rush/sagg/lily	LSR	1	5
Total	4	7	

Species lists:

Dominant Species	Common Name	LF Code
<i>Austrofestuca littoralis</i>	<i>Austrofestuca littoralis</i>	NTG
<i>Spinifex sericeus</i>	<i>Spinifex sericeus</i>	NTG

Other Typical Species *	Common Name	LF Code
<i>Acaena</i> spp.	buzzy	H
<i>Actites megalocarpus</i>	dune thistle	H
<i>Apium prostratum</i>	sea-celery	H
<i>Carpobrotus rossii</i>	native pigface	H
<i>Senecio spathulatus</i>	spoonleaf groundsel	H
<i>Austrostipa stipoides</i>	coast speargrass	LTG
<i>Poa poiformis</i>	coastal tussockgrass	LTG
<i>Isolepis nodosa</i>	knobby clubsedge	LSR

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