

Moorland, Sedgeland, Rushland and Peatland
MGH Highland grassy sedgeland
Community Description:

A mixture of sedges and native tussock grasses dominates this community. *Lepidosperma filiforme*, *Poa labillardierei* and/or *P. gunnii* and *Empodisma minus* are usually present. Periodically inundated subalpine and alpine flats, often marginal to shallow lakes, have grassy sedgeland dominated by *Carex gaudichaudiana* and/or *Carpha alpina* and a few herbs in the wettest areas, with a sparse or dense overstorey of grasses. This is the appropriate benchmark to use in assessing the condition of the listed *Highland grassy sedgeland* community (Schedule 3A, *Nature Conservation Act 2002*).

Benchmarks:

Component	Cover %	LF Code
Dominant Life Form	55%	MSR
Organic Litter	20%	

Expected Life Forms	LF code	# Spp	Cover %
Shrub	S	6	10
Herb	H	8	5
Tussock Grass	TG	3	50
Non Tussock Grass	NTG	1	1
Large sedge/rush/sagg/lily	LSR	2	10
Medium to small sedge/rush/sagg/lily	MSR	5	55
Moss/ Lichen	ML	1	5
Total	7	26	

Species lists:

Dominant Species	Common Name	LF Code
<i>Lepidosperma filiforme</i>	common rapiersedge	MSR
<i>Empodisma minus</i>	spreading roperush	MSR

Emergent Tree Species	Common Name	Notes
<i>Eucalyptus coccifera</i>	tasmanian snow gum	Scattered trees only, when present
<i>Eucalyptus dalrympleana</i>	mountain white gum	Scattered trees only, when present
<i>Eucalyptus gunnii</i>	cider gum	Scattered trees only, when present
<i>Eucalyptus pauciflora</i>	cabbage gum	Scattered trees only, when present
<i>Eucalyptus rodwayi</i>	swamp peppermint	Scattered trees only, when present
<i>Eucalyptus delegatensis</i>	stringybark	Scattered trees only, when present
<i>Leptospermum lanigerum</i>	woolly teatree	Scattered trees only, when present
<i>Tasmania lanceolata</i>	mountain pepper	Scattered trees only, when present

Other Typical Species *	Common Name	LF Code
<i>Baeckea gunniana</i>	alpine heathmyrtle	S
<i>Epacris gunnii</i>	coral heath	S
<i>Hakea microcarpa</i>	smallfruit needlebush	S
<i>Leucopogon hookeri</i>	mountain beardheath	S
<i>Richea scoparia</i>	scoparia	S
<i>Richea acerosa</i>	slender candleheath	S
<i>Acaena species</i>	buzzy	H
<i>Ajuga australis</i>	australian bugle	H
<i>Gonocarpus micranthus</i>	creeping raspwort	H
<i>Gunnera cordifolia</i>	tasmanian mudleaf	H
<i>Helichrysum scorpioides</i>	curling everlasting	H
<i>Hydrocotyle hirta</i>	hairy pennywort	H
<i>Wahlenbergia spp.</i>	bluebell	H
<i>Australopyrum pectinatum</i>	prickly wheatgrass	TG
<i>Austrodanthonia species</i>	wallabygrass	TG
<i>Poa gunnii</i>	guns snowgrass	TG
<i>Poa labillardierei</i>	tussock grass	TG
<i>Deyeuxia spp.</i>	bentgrass	NTG
<i>Balaskion australe</i>	mountain cord-rush	LSR
<i>Gymnoschoenus sphaerocephalus</i>	buttongrass	LSR
<i>Carex gaudichaudiana</i>	fern sedge	MSR
<i>Carpha alpina</i>	alpine strawsedge	MSR
<i>Sphagnum cristatum</i>	sphagnum	ML

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