

Rainforest and Related Scrub

RPW *Athrotaxis cupressoides* open woodland: blockfield and riparian facies

Community Description:

Athrotaxis cupressoides (5–8 m) forms small open woodland patches or appears as copses or scattered small trees. The canopy does not exceed 20%. This is the major expression of RPW, and most commonly occurs on the eastern half and northern edge of the Central Plateau.

A. cupressoides occurs as a sparse canopy of trees or as copses on blockfields and along creek lines and lakeshores often with *Podocarpus lawrencei* and occasionally *Diselma archeri* and a diverse shrubby understorey. This is one of three benchmarks available for assessing the condition of RPW, and is the appropriate benchmark to use in assessing the condition of the blockfield and riparian facies of the listed *Athrotaxis cupressoides* open woodland community (*Schedule 3A, Nature Conservation Act 2002*).

Benchmarks:

Component	Cover %	Height (m)	DBH (cm)	#/ha	Length (m)/0.1 ha
Canopy	10%	-	-	-	
Large Trees	-	6	20	5	
Organic Litter	10%			-	
Logs			≥ 10	-	10
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Recruitment			Continuous		

Understorey Life Forms	LF code	# Spp	Cover %
Immature tree	IT	1	1
Tree (sub-canopy) or large shrub	T	1	5
Medium shrub/small shrub	S	10	40
Prostrate shrub	PS	1	10
Herbs and orchids	H	2	5
Medium sedge/rush/sagg/lily	MSR	1	5
Mosses and Lichens	ML	1	5
Total	7	17	

Species lists:

Canopy Tree Species	Common Name	Notes
<i>Athrotaxis cupressoides</i>	pencil pine	<i>A. cupressoides</i> present as a sparse canopy

Emergent Tree Species	Common Name	Notes
<i>Eucalyptus coccoifera</i>	tasmanian snow gum	Scattered trees only, when present

Typical Understorey Species *	Common Name	LF Code
<i>Eucalyptus coccoifera</i>	tasmanian snow gum	T
<i>Eucalyptus subcrenulata</i>	alpine yellow gum	T
<i>Coprosma nitida</i>	mountain currant	S
<i>Grevillea australis</i>	southern grevillea	S
<i>Leptospermum rupestre</i>	mountain teatree	S
<i>Olearia pinifolia</i>	prickly daisybush	S
<i>Orites revolutus</i>	revolute orites	S
<i>Diselma archeri</i>	dwarf pine	S
<i>Orites acicularis</i>	yellow bush	S
<i>Planocarpha petiolaris</i>	alpine cheeseberry	S
<i>Tasmania lanceolata</i>	mountain pepper	S
<i>Podocarpus lawrencei</i>	mountain plum pine	PS
<i>Bellenden montana</i>	mountain rocket	H
<i>Richea sprengeioides</i>	rigid candleheath	H
<i>Lepidosperma filiforme</i>	common rapiersedge	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.