

Saltmarsh and Wetlands

SLL *Leptospermum lanigerum* scrub: lowland facies
Community Description:

Scrub dominated by (often pure) *Leptospermum lanigerum*, generally occurring in poorly drained fertile areas. It has a dense uniform structure from 2 to 8 m high. Species diversity in this community is usually low. At lower altitudes, *Leptospermum lanigerum* is dominant with or without sub-dominant *L. scoparium*, and occasional *Melaleuca* species (*Melaleuca pustulata*, *M. virens*, *M. gibbosa*). It is essentially treeless vegetation, but there may be a few small emergent *Eucalyptus rodwayi* or *E. ovata*. Lowland forms of SLL have an understorey, at times dense, of *Poa* spp. or *Gahnia grandis*, *Leptocarpus tenax* and other graminoids.

Benchmarks:

Component	Cover %	LF Code
Canopy	70%	T
Organic Litter	5%	

Expected Life Forms	LF code	# Spp	Cover %
Tree or large shrub	T	2	70
Tussock grass	TG	2	10
Large sedge/rush/sagg/lily	LSR	1	10
Medium to small sedge/rush/sagg/lily	MSR	2	10
Mosses and Lichens	ML	1	1
Total	5	8	

Species lists:

Dominant Species	Common Name	LF Code
<i>Leptospermum lanigerum</i>	woolly teatree	T

Emergent Tree Species	Common Name	Notes
<i>Eucalyptus ovata</i> var. <i>ovata</i>	black gum	Scattered trees only, when present
<i>Eucalyptus rodwayi</i>	Swamp peppermint	Scattered trees only, when present

Typical Understorey Species *	Common Name	LF Code
<i>Leptospermum scoparium</i>	common teatree	T
<i>Melaleuca gibbosa</i>	slender honeymyrtle	T
<i>Melaleuca pustulata</i>	warty paperbark	T
<i>Melaleuca virens</i>	prickly bottlebrush	T
<i>Epacris lanuginosa</i>	swamp heath	S
<i>Hakea epiglottis</i>	beaked needlebush	S
<i>Gahnia grandis</i>	cutting grass	LSR
<i>Empodisma minus</i>	spreading roperush	MSR
<i>Leptocarpus tenax</i>	slender twinerush	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.