

## Scrub, Heathland and Coastal Complexes

### SRH Rookery halophytic herbland

#### Community Description:

SRH is a disturbance-induced low herbland < 1 m tall characterised by dense mats of succulent plants (including both shrubs and herbs). It occurs on deep soft soil often in association with seabird rookeries. Ground cover can be almost 100% with only the runs exposed; in some rookeries, the runs are covered by vegetation. This is the appropriate benchmark to use in assessing the condition of the halophytic herbland component of the listed *Seabird rookery complex* community (Schedule 3A, *Nature Conservation Act 2002*).

#### Benchmarks:

Component	Cover %	LF Code
Dominant Life Form	50%	SCE
Organic Litter	5%	

Expected Life Forms	LF code	# Spp	Cover %
Medium shrub/small shrub	S	2	10
Herbs and orchids	H	10	20
Medium to small tussock grass	MTG	2	20
Large sedge/rush/sagg/lily	LSR	2	30
Medium to small sedge/rush/sagg/lily	MSR	2	10
Ground fern	GF	1	20
Scrambler/Climber/Epiphytes	SCE	3	50
Mosses and Lichens	ML	1	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>23</b>	

**Species lists:**

<b>Dominant Species</b>	<b>Common Name</b>	<b>LF Code</b>
<i>Rhagodia candolleana</i> subsp. <i>candolleana</i>	coastal saltbush	SCE
<i>Carpobrotus rossii</i>	angled pigface	SCE
<i>Tetragonia implexicoma</i>	bower spinach	SCE

<b>Other Typical Species *</b>	<b>Common Name</b>	<b>LF Code</b>
<i>Solanum</i> spp.	nightshade	S
<i>Lepidium foliosum</i>	leafy peppergrass	H
<i>Parietaria debilis</i>	shade pellitory	H
<i>Senecio capillifolius</i>	fine leafed coast groundsel	H
<i>Senecio pinnatifolius</i> var. <i>pinnatifolius</i>	dune groundsel	H
<i>Lomandra longifolia</i>	sagg	LSR
<i>Atriplex cinerea</i>	grey saltbush	SCE
<i>Disphyma crassifolia</i> subsp. <i>clavellatum</i>	roundleaf pigface	SCE
<i>Einadia nutans</i> subsp. <i>nutans</i>	climbing saltbush	SCE
<i>Poa poiformis</i>	coastal tussockgrass	MTG
<i>Pteridium esculentum</i>	bracken	GF

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