

Scrub, Heathland and Coastal Complexes

SSC Coastal scrub

Community Description:

Coastal scrub occurs on consolidated dunes, sand sheets and rocky headlands in exposed situations very close to the coast. It has a diverse variety of shrubs and a sometimes uneven structure because of the sites' highly variable topography and degree of exposure to the wind. The community may have a dense closed canopy due to wind pruning, generally between 2-8m tall. The canopy is typically a mix of *Banksia marginata*, *Leucopogon parviflorus*, *L. australis*, *Monotoca glauca*, *Leptospermum* species (*L. glaucescens* and *L. lanigerum* never dominant) and *Acacia* species (*Acacia longifolia* never dominant). On the south and west coasts there may also be *Westringia brevifolia*, *Olearia lepidophylla* and *Leptecophylla abietina*, with a few herbs beneath if there are openings in the canopy.

Benchmarks:

Component	Cover %	LF Code
Dominant Life Form	80%	T
Organic Litter	50%	

Expected Life Forms	LF code	# Spp	Cover %
Tree or large shrub	T	6	80
Medium shrub/small shrub	S	3	5
Herbs and orchids	H	1	1
Medium to small tussock grass	MTG	1	1
Non-tussock grass	NTG	1	1
Large sedge/rush/sagg/lily	LSR	1	1
Ground fern	GF	1	1
Scrambler/Climber/Epiphyte	SCE	1	1
Mosses and Lichens	ML	1	10
Total	9	16	

Species lists:

Dominant Species	Common Name	LF Code
<i>Acacia</i> species	wattle	T
<i>Banksia marginata</i>	silver banksia	T
<i>Leptospermum</i> species	teatree	T
<i>Leucopogon australis</i>	spike beardheath	T
<i>Leucopogon parviflorus</i>	coast beardheath	T

Other Typical Species *	Common Name	LF Code
<i>Westringia brevifolia</i>	coast westringia	T
<i>Leptecophylla abietina</i>	west coast pink berry	T
<i>Kunzea ambigua</i>	white kunzea	T
<i>Leptospermum glaucescens</i>	smoky teatree	T
<i>Olearia lepidophylla</i>	club moss daisy bush	T
<i>Monotoca glauca</i>	goldey wood	T
<i>Acacia</i> spp.	wattle	S
<i>Allocasuarina</i> spp.	sheoak	S
<i>Amperea xiphoclada</i>	broom spurge	S
<i>Aotus ericoides</i>	golden pea	S
<i>Astroloma pinifolium</i>	pine heath	S
<i>Correa</i> spp.	correa	S
<i>Epacris</i> spp.	heath	S
<i>Isopogon ceratophyllus</i> (Flinders Island only)	horny conebrush	S
<i>Lasiopetalum macrophyllum</i>	shrubby velvetbush	S
<i>Leucopogon</i> spp.	beardheath	S
<i>Oxylobium ellipticum</i>	golden shaggy pea	S
<i>Pultenaea juniperina</i>	prickly beauty	S
<i>Richea procera</i>	lax candleheath	S
<i>Spyridium</i> spp.	dustymiller	S
<i>Thryptomene micrantha</i>	ribbed heathmyrtle	S
<i>Xanthorrhoea australis</i>	southern grasstree	S
<i>Hibbertia</i> spp.	guineaflower	PS
<i>Styphelia adscendens</i>	golden heath	PS
<i>Goodenia lanata</i>	trailing native-primrose	H
<i>Pelargonium australe</i>	southern storksbill	H
<i>Stylidium</i> spp.	triggerplant	H
<i>Poa</i> spp.	tussockgrass	MTG
<i>Ehrharta</i> spp.	ricegrass	NTG
<i>Gahnia grandis</i> (west coast only)	cutting grass	LSR
<i>Hypolaena fastigiata</i>	tassel roperush	MSR
<i>Lepidosperma concavum</i>	sand swordedge	MSR
<i>Lepidosperma</i> spp.	swordedge	MSR
<i>Gleichenia dicarpa</i> (west coast only)	pouched coralfern	GF
<i>Gleichenia microphylla</i> (west coast only)	scrambling coralfern	GF
<i>Billardiera</i> spp.	appleberry	SCE
<i>Glycine clandestina</i>	twining glycine	SCE

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