

SED Eastern scrub on dolerite: *Melaleuca pallida* facies

Community Description:

SED identifies two distinct dry and uncommon scrub communities found in similar situations. The minor *Melaleuca pallida* facies is found in the North-East Highlands, particularly on north east facing basalt slopes or shallow marine siltstone scree from Mt Victoria to Ralphs Falls and Oliver's Hill. This vegetation is 2-5 m tall and is dominated by *Melaleuca pallida*. The understorey is sparse and commonly grassy. This benchmark is one of 2 benchmarks available to assess the condition of SED.

Benchmarks:

Component	Cover (%)	LF Code
Dominant Life Form	75	T
Organic Litter	20	

Understorey Life Forms	LF code	# Spp	Cover (%)
Tree (sub-canopy)/Large Shrub	T	4	75
Medium Shrub/Small Shrub	S	2	10
Medium to Small Tussock Grass	MTG	2	60
Ground Ferns and fern allies	GF	1	1
Mosses and Lichens	ML	1	5
Total	5	10	

Species lists:

Dominant Life Form Species	Common Name	LF Code
<i>Melaleuca pallida</i>	yellow bottlebrush	T

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Typical Understorey Species *	Common Name	LF Code
<i>Acacia dealbata</i>	silver wattle	T
<i>Acacia melanoxylon</i>	blackwood	T
<i>Acacia leprosa</i> var. <i>graveolens</i>	tasmanian varnish wattle	T
<i>Beyeria viscosa</i>	pink wood	T
<i>Bursaria spinosa</i>	prickly box	T
<i>Oxylobium ellipticum</i>	golden shaggy-pea	T
<i>Notelaea ligustrina</i>	native olive	T
<i>Pittosporum bicolor</i>	cheesewood	T
<i>Pomaderris apetala</i>	dogwood	T
<i>Tasmannia lanceolata</i>	mountain pepper	T
<i>Olearia phlogopappa</i>	dusty daisybush	S
<i>Pultenaea daphnoides</i> var. <i>obcordata</i>	heartleaf bushpea	S
<i>Poa</i> spp.	tussockgrass	G
<i>Blechnum wattsii</i>	hard waterfern	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.