

SMM *Melaleuca squamea* heathland

Community Description:

Melaleuca squamea forms a short open to dense canopy of low diversity to 1-2 m high and occurs on slopes, ridge tops and better-drained plateaux, most commonly at altitudes above 650 m, on sites of low fertility. There may be openings of buttongrass or sedges such as *Baloskion tetraphyllum*, *Leptocarpus tenax*, *Lepyrodia tasmanica* and *Gahnia grandis*.

Benchmarks:

Component	Cover (%)	LF Code
Dominant Life Form	75	S
Organic Litter	10	

Understorey Life Forms	LF code	# Spp	Cover (%)
Medium Shrub/Small Shrub	S	2	75
Herbs and Orchids	H	1	5
Large Tussock Grass	LTG	1	10
Large Sedge/Rush/Sagg/Lily	LSR	3	15
Medium to Small Sedge/Rush/Sagg/Lily	MSR	4	15
Ground Ferns and fern allies	GF	1	5
Total	6	12	

Species lists:

Dominant Life Form Species	Common Name	LF Code
<i>Melaleuca squamea</i>	swamp honeymyrtle	S

Typical Understorey Species *	Common Name	LF Code
<i>Baeckea gunniana</i>	alpine heathmyrtle	S
<i>Eucalyptus vernicosa</i>	varnish gum	S
<i>Leptospermum nitidum</i>	shiny teatree	S
<i>Sprengelia incarnata</i>	pink swampheath	S
<i>Agastachys odorata</i>	fragrant candlebush	S
<i>Cenarrhenes nitida</i>	native plum	S
<i>Monotoca submutica</i>	broomheath	S
<i>Richea milliganii</i>	nodding candleheath	S
<i>Epacris serpyllifolia</i>	alpine heath	S
<i>Dracophyllum milliganii</i>	curly mountainheath	S
<i>Cyathodes dealbata</i>	carpet cheeseberry	PS
<i>Microcachrys tetragona</i>	creeping pine	PS
<i>Pentachondra pumila</i>	carpet frillyheath	PS
<i>Poa gunnii</i>	gunns snowgrass	LTG
<i>Blandfordia punicea</i>	christmas bells	LSR
<i>Gymnoschoenus sphaerocephalus</i>	buttongrass	LSR
<i>Astelia alpina</i>	pineapple grass	MSR
<i>Carpha alpina</i>	alpine strawsedge	MSR
<i>Empodisma minus</i>	spreading roperush	MSR
<i>Eurychorda complanata</i>	flat cordrush	MSR
<i>Isophysis tasmanica</i>	tasmanian purple star	MSR
<i>Xyris</i> spp.	yelloweye	MSR
<i>Gleichenia alpina</i>	alpine coralfern	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.