

SRH Rookery halophytic herbland

Community Description:

The community 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	

Understorey 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 Ferns and fern allies	GF	1	20
Scramblers/Climbers/Epiphytes	SCE	3	50
Mosses and Lichens	ML	1	10
Total	8	23	

Species lists:

Dominant Life Form Species	Common Name	LF Code
<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

Typical Understorey Species *	Common Name	LF Code
<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 leaved coast groundsel	H
<i>Senecio pinnatifolius</i> var. <i>pinnatifolius</i>	dune groundsel	H
<i>Poa poiformis</i>	coastal tussockgrass	MTG
<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>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.