

EVC/Bioregion Benchmark for Vegetation Quality Assessment

East Gippsland Uplands bioregion

EVC 34: Dry Rainforest

Description:

Open to closed non-eucalypt forest to 15 m tall. Occurs in areas of relatively low rainfall (750-900mm per annum) and primarily confined to topographic fire refuges most often associated with extensive cliffs, gorges and rock screens on northern and western aspects.

Large trees:

Species	DBH(cm)	#/ha
Various spp.	70 cm	10 / ha

Tree Canopy Cover:

%cover	Character Species	Common Name
40%	<i>Bedfordia arborescens</i> <i>Pittosporum bicolor</i>	Blanket-leaf Banyalla

Understorey:

Life form	#Spp	%Cover	LF code
Immature Canopy Tree		5%	IT
Understorey Tree or Large Shrub	2	10%	T
Medium Shrub	5	10%	MS
Large Herb	3	5%	LH
Medium Herb	4	10%	MH
Medium to Tiny Non-tufted Graminoid	1	1%	MNG
Ground Fern	5	20%	GF
Tree Fern	2	30%	TRF
Epiphyte	2	1%	EP
Scrambler or Climber	3	5%	SC
Bryophytes/Lichens	na	20%	BL

LF Code	Species typical of at least part of EVC range	Common Name
MS	<i>Coprosma quadrifida</i>	Prickly Currant-bush
MS	<i>Kunzea ericoides</i>	Burgan
MS	<i>Olearia phlogopappa</i>	Dusty Daisy-bush
MS	<i>Pimelea axiflora</i>	Bootlace Bush
LH	<i>Urtica incisa</i>	Scrub Nettle
LH	<i>Prasophyllum odoratum</i>	Scented Leek-orchid
MH	<i>Stellaria flaccida</i>	Forest Starwort
MH	<i>Sambucus gaudichaudiana</i>	White Elderberry
MH	<i>Stackhousia monogyne</i>	Creamy Stackhousia
MH	<i>Viola hederacea sensu Willis (1972)</i>	Ivy-leaf Violet
SH	<i>Galium propinquum</i>	Maori Bedstraw
LTG	<i>Carex appressa</i>	Tall Sedge
MTG	<i>Poa ensiformis</i>	Sword Tussock-grass
MNG	<i>Uncinia tenella</i>	Delicate Hook-sedge
MNG	<i>Microlaena stipoides var. stipoides</i>	Weeping Grass
GF	<i>Polystichum proliferum</i>	Mother Shield-fern
GF	<i>Blechnum patersonii ssp. patersonii</i>	Strap Water-fern
GF	<i>Asplenium bulbiferum ssp. gracillimum</i>	Mother Spleenwort
GF	<i>Grammitis billardierei</i>	Common Finger-fern
TRF	<i>Dicksonia antarctica</i>	Soft Tree-fern
TRF	<i>Cyathea australis</i>	Rough Tree-fern
EP	<i>Crepidomanes venosum</i>	Veined Bristle-fern
EP	<i>Microsorium pustulatum ssp. pustulatum</i>	Kangaroo Fern
SC	<i>Clematis aristata</i>	Mountain Clematis
SC	<i>Smilax australis</i>	Austral Sarsaparilla
SC	<i>Parsonsia brownii</i>	Twining Silkpod
SC	<i>Eustrephus latifolius</i>	Wombat Berry

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Recruitment:

Continuous

Organic Litter:

40 % cover

Logs:

10 m/0.1 ha.

Weediness:

LF Code	Typical Weed Species	Common Name	Invasive	Impact
LH	<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>	Spear Thistle	high	high

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