

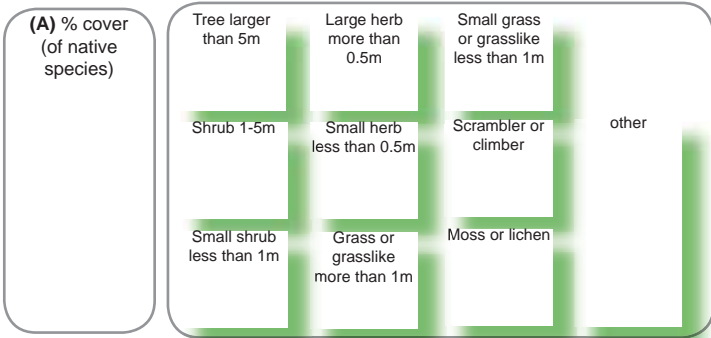

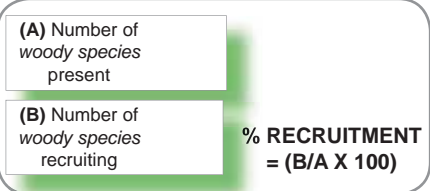




ASSESSMENT OF HABITAT QUALITY Self-assessment method

Site Score Sheet 19. Sub-alpine SHRUBLAND, GRASSLAND OR WOODLAND

Component & Benchmark	Observations	Quality Range	Score
LARGE TREES Defined as trunk diameter or circumference at breast height. ONLY APPLY this benchmark for LARGE TREES to: Diameter (Circum.) Sub-alpine WOODLAND 60cm (190cm)		<i>no large trees</i>	0
		<i>up to</i> 7 LARGE TREES /ha only in Sub-alpine WOODLAND	1
		<i>more than</i> 7 LARGE TREES /ha only in Sub-alpine WOODLAND	2
CANOPY COVER Defined as the tallest stratum of native trees greater than 5m. DON'T APPLY to Sub-alpine GRASSLAND, separate benchmarks have been established for: Sub-alpine SHRUBLAND 50% cover Sub-alpine WOODLAND 20% cover		<i>less than</i> 12.5% CANOPY COVER in SHRUBLAND 5% CANOPY COVER in WOODLAND	0
		<i>between</i> 12.5% - 25% CANOPY in SHRUBLAND 5% - 10% COVER in WOODLAND	0.5
		<i>more than</i> 25% CANOPY COVER in SHRUBLAND 10% CANOPY COVER in WOODLAND	1
UNDERSTOREY (A) % cover (of native species) 	(B) Tick appropriate boxes for PRESENCE of native vegetation UNDERSTOREY (i.e. different life forms)	<i>minimal</i> (A) % COVER <i>less than</i> 10%	0
		<i>low</i> (A) % COVER <i>between</i> 10% - 25%	2
		<i>reduced</i> (A) % COVER between 25% -75% AND (B) <i>less than</i> 4 boxes ticked or 4 <i>or more</i> boxes ticked	3 4
		<i>adequate</i> (A) % COVER more than 75% AND (B) <i>less than</i> 4 boxes ticked or 4 <i>or more</i> boxes ticked	4 5
WEEDINESS 		50% <i>or more</i> WEED COVER	0
		<i>between</i> 25% - 50% WEED COVER	1
		<i>between</i> 5% - 25% WEED COVER	2
		<i>less than</i> 5% WEED COVER	3
RECRUITMENT A woody species is considered to be recruiting when the number of immature plants (i.e. not flowering or fruiting) of an individual woody species is at least 10% of the total population of that species (A) Number of woody species present (B) Number of woody species recruiting % RECRUITMENT = (B/A X 100)		<i>less than</i> 30% of woody species RECRUITING	0
		<i>between</i> 30% - 70% woody species RECRUITING	1
		70% <i>or more</i> woody species RECRUITING	2
ORGANIC LITTER Defined as small branches (less than 10 cm diameter), twigs, leaves and other fallen or dead organic matter 		<i>less than</i> 5% ORGANIC LITTER for SHRUBLAND or GRASSLAND 10% ORGANIC LITTER for WOODLAND	0
		<i>more than</i> 5% ORGANIC LITTER for SHRUBLAND or GRASSLAND 10% ORGANIC LITTER for WOODLAND	1
LOGS Defined by the length of stumps, fallen trees or branches at least 10cm diameter (30cm circumference) ONLY APPLY to Sub-alpine WOODLAND 		<i>no logs</i>	0
		<i>less than</i> 25m LOGS /ha in WOODLAND	0.5
		<i>more than</i> 25m LOGS /ha in WOODLAND	1
SIZE Defined by the size of the area being assessed AND any adjoining native vegetation		<i>less than</i> 2 ha	0
		<i>between</i> 2 - 10 ha	1
		<i>more than</i> 10 ha	2
NEIGHBOURHOOD Defined by the % area covered by native vegetation within 1 km of the centre point of the site being assessed (include wetlands, lakes, estuaries and rivers in the 'percentage of native vegetation')		<i>less than</i> 10% of the area covered	0
		<i>between</i> 10% - 50% of the area covered	1
		<i>more than</i> 50% of the area covered	2
CORE AREA Defined by the distance of the site being assessed from a block of native vegetation greater than 50 ha (If the site is part of a remnant patch greater than 50 ha, the distance to core area is scored as 1)		1 km <i>or more</i> from a 50 ha block of native vegetation	0
		<i>less than</i> 1 km from a 50 ha block of native vegetation	1