

# NORTHERN PLAINS GRASSLAND

## Site assessment and management options

Site 55 – O’dea Rd North

<b>Map Sheet (1:25,000)</b>	KOYUGA (7825-1-2)
<b>MGA Reference</b>	Zone 55 314415/5992313
<b>Location</b>	O’dea Rd Koyuga, North off Murray Valley Highway approx 20km east from Echuca.
<b>Tenure</b>	Public
<b>Land Manager</b>	Campaspe Shire/DSE
<b>Biosite Number</b>	5560/3253
<b>Size</b>	5 ha
<b>Hab/Ha Score</b>	56/100 (no date or species list available)
<b>EVC</b>	Plains Grassland
<b>Bioregion</b>	Victorian Riverina

### Site description

Northern Plains Grassland on roadside reserve, merging into Grey Box Grassy Woodland and Black Box Gilgai Woodlands. Roadside remnant on the western side has been fenced off. Historic tree planting on roadside reserve closest to the Highway.

### Significant flora and fauna

Turnip Copperburr *Sclerolaena napiformis* (e),  
Slender Darling Pea *Swainsona murrayana* (e),  
Bottle Bluebush *Maireana excavata* (v),  
Spurred Spear-grass *Stipa gibbosa* (r)

### Threatening Processes

1. Weeds and exotic grasses
2. Isolation from other grassland remnants
3. Edge effects from adjacent land (including spray drift, irrigation tailwater etc.)
4. Ploughing and soil disturbance for firebreaks particularly areas not fenced
5. Absence of appropriate disturbance (Eris Obrien recommends control grazing)

### Management

1. Conduct flora surveys and monitoring in Spring
2. Consult with adjoining land managers re. conservation significance of the roadside remnant
3. Restore fence where broken (northern most end)
4. Trial control grazing for weed control



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