Reconnaissance and Targeted Flora and Vegetation Survey

Wandering-Narrogin Road 27.12 – 29.56 SLK Cuballing



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Executive Summary

Ecoedge was engaged by the Shire of Cuballing to undertake a Reconnaissance and Targeted flora and vegetation survey of approximately 2.4 kilometres of road reserve vegetation along both sides of Wandering-Narrogin Road, approximately 5.3 kilometres southwest of the town of Cuballing.

The flora and vegetation survey was undertaken on the 9 October 2019 in accordance with the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) Technical Guidance - Flora and Vegetation Surveys for Environmental Impact Assessment (EPA, 2016).

Forty-six flora taxa (including 8 introduced species) were identified.

No threatened flora, priority flora or other flora of conservation significance were found.

One of the introduced species, bridal creeper (*Asparagus asparagoides*) is recognised as a Declared Pest Plant, however there is currently no obligation for control of this species.

0.3 ha of the Survey Area meets the criteria for the Federally-listed Threatened Ecological Community (TEC) 'Eucalypt Woodlands of the Western Australian Wheatbelt'. This is the Good Condition portion of Vegetation Unit B3.

In addition, those parts of Vegetation Units B1 (0.11 ha), B2 (0.08 ha) and B3 (0.05 ha) in Degraded condition also fit the description of the State-listed Priority 3 'Eucalypt Woodlands of the Western Australian Wheatbelt' ecological community.

Portions of the Survey Area vegetation units (Wandoo and York gum woodlands) provide a reasonable match for the Beard, (1980) vegetation association 1023 'Medium woodland; York gum, wandoo and salmon gum'. The extent remaining of this association (at 10.85 %) is significantly below the Commonwealth government's 30% retention threshold, with only 10.93% represented within the DBCA estate.

Beard's Association 947 'Medium woodland; powderbark & mallet' also mapped as occurring across the Survey Area however, did not appear to be represented within the Survey Area during the 2019 survey. This could possibly due to historic clearing, natural variations in the community and, or Beard's broad scale mapping.

There are no Environmentally Sensitive Areas within, or in close proximity to the Survey Area.

The road side corridor of loosely connected patches of vegetation and trees has some conservation value as an ecological corridor, at least at a local level, due to its occurrence within a predominantly cleared agricultural landscape and due to the connection it provides with larger parcels of vegetation in the south and the vegetated ephemeral watercourse in the north.

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Statement of Limitations

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1 Introduction and Desktop Assessment

Ecoedge was engaged by the Shire of Cuballing to undertake a Reconnaissance and Targeted flora and vegetation survey of approximately 2.4 kilometres (km) of road reserve vegetation along both sides of the Wandering- Narrogin Road (27.12-29.56 SLK), approximately 6.1 km southwest of the town of the Cuballing (Survey Area) (**Figure 1** and **Figure 2**). The Shire of Cuballing is applying for a permit to clear areas of native vegetation along this section of the Wandering – Narrogin Road. The Department of Water Environment and Regulation (DWER) required the survey to ascertain the presence of threatened and priority flora and threatened and priority ecological communities within the subject area.

The flora and vegetation survey was undertaken on the 9 October 2019. Its methodology was aligned with State and Commonwealth requirements for the bioregion and species and communities present, and was consistent with State guidelines and Technical Guides (including Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) Technical Guidance (2016)) and Commonwealth survey guidelines for any relevant threatened species.

The total area surveyed was approximately 11.08 hectares in size and comprised of approximately 2.4 hectares (ha) of native vegetation.

This report compiles findings of the survey.

1.1 Scope and Objectives

Carry out a Reconnaissance and Targeted Flora and Vegetation Survey of approximately 2.4 ha of road reserve on Wandering Narrogin Road. This involved surveying both sides of the road (2-5m) over a distance approximately 2.4 km.

The survey was required to document:

- the date(s) of the survey
- all flora species present within the application area
- any limitations for identifying species present, noting that the survey should be undertaken at an appropriate time for recording the majority of the species present.
- the presence of threatened and priority ecological communities, especially the potential
 presence of the 'Eucalypt Woodlands of the Western Australian Wheatbelt Threatened
 Ecological Community' (TEC). The assessment of this TEC must be undertaken against
 the Commonwealth Department of the Environment and Energy's Environment
 Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act) Approved Conservation
 Advice (including listing advice) for this community.
- If a TEC or PEC is present, a map must be provided delineating the patch(es) of the TEC identified and its size (in hectares) and condition (using the Keighery scale).

- Should declared rare or priority flora be identified, additional surveys of any adjacent remnant vegetation will also be required to determine the species' population size and distribution.
- If declared rare or priority flora species are recorded, GPS locations (i.e. eastings and northings or decimal degrees) of all plants of those species must be recorded and provided.

1.2 Biogeographic Region and Location

The Survey Area is situated within the Avon Wheatbelt P2 (AW2) sub-region of the Avon Wheatbelt biogeographic region as defined in the Interim Biogeographical Regionalisation for Australia (IBRA) (Commonwealth of Australia, 2016). It occurs within the road reserve along both sides of Wandering - Narrogin Road, approximately 6.1 km southwest of the town of Cuballing (**Figure 2**). The Survey Area occurs within a predominantly cleared agricultural landscape.

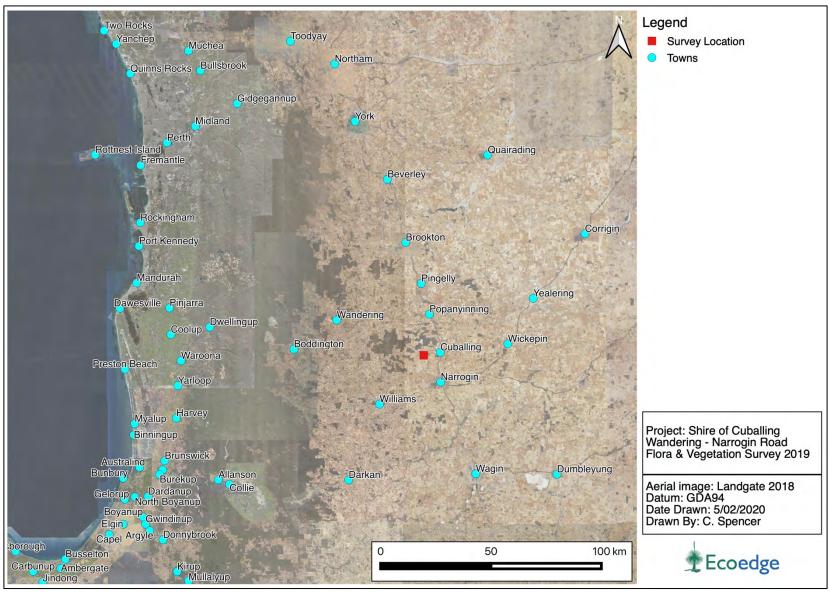


Figure 1. Aerial photograph showing the location of the Survey Area.

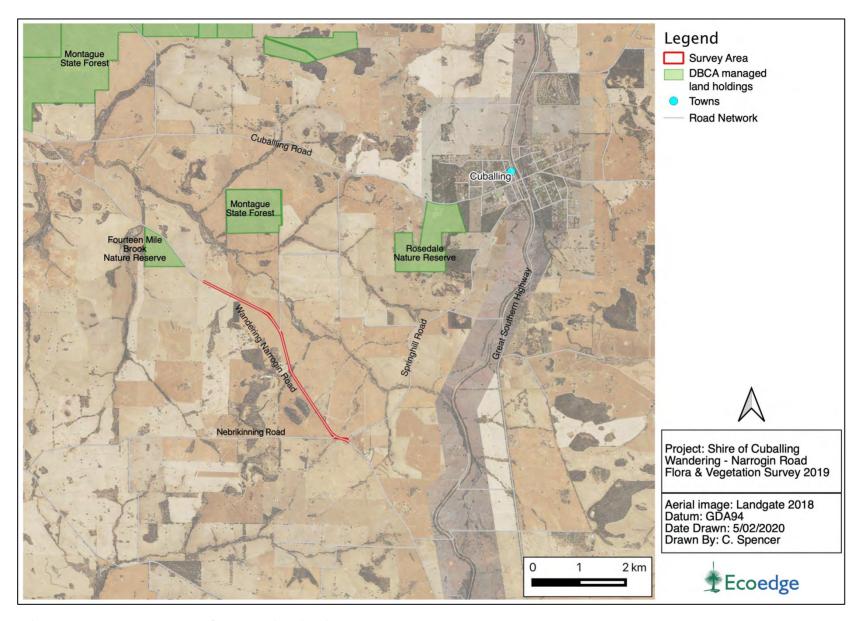


Figure 2.The Survey Area in context of surrounding land uses.

1.3 Geology

The Survey Area occurs within the Southern Zone of Rejuvenated Drainage (SZRD). The SZRD generally comprises an erosional surface of gently undulating rises to low hills with continuous stream channels that flow in most years. Colluvial processes are active with soils formed in colluvium or in-situ from weathered rock (Sawkins, 2010). The SZRD has been divided into landscape systems and subsystems. Within the SZRD, the Survey Area is situated on soils of the Dryandra soil landscape System, and within that on two Subsystems the 257DyNB - Noombaling Subsystem (including a rocky phase) and the 257DyNO - Norrine Subsystem, as shown in **Figure 3** (McArthur et al., 1977). These are are described in **Table 1**.

Table 1. Soil Mapping Units for the Survey Area (McArthur et al., 1977)

Zone	Landscape System	Soil Subsystem
257 - Southern Zone of Rejuvenated Drainage	257Dy - Dryandra System Gently undulating granitic terrain, in the central Zone of Rejuvenated Drainage, with deep sandy duplex, loamy duplex and brown loamy earth.	257DyNB - Noombaling Subsystem Long gentle and undulating hillslopes and divides. Colluvium / weathered granite, gneiss and some dolerite. Yellow/brown and grey deep sandy duplexes, brown deep loamy duplexes, sandy gravels and shallow duplexes. Marri-Wandoo / Jam-Sheoak. 257DyNB - Noombaling Subsystem, Rocky phase Long gentle and undulating hillslopes and divides with common (15-20%) rock outcrops. Bare rock, stony soils and yellow/brown and grey deep sandy duplexes 257 DyNO — Norrine Subsystem A complex of lateritic residuals and associated pediment; gravely sand, sand, duplex yellow soils and duricrust

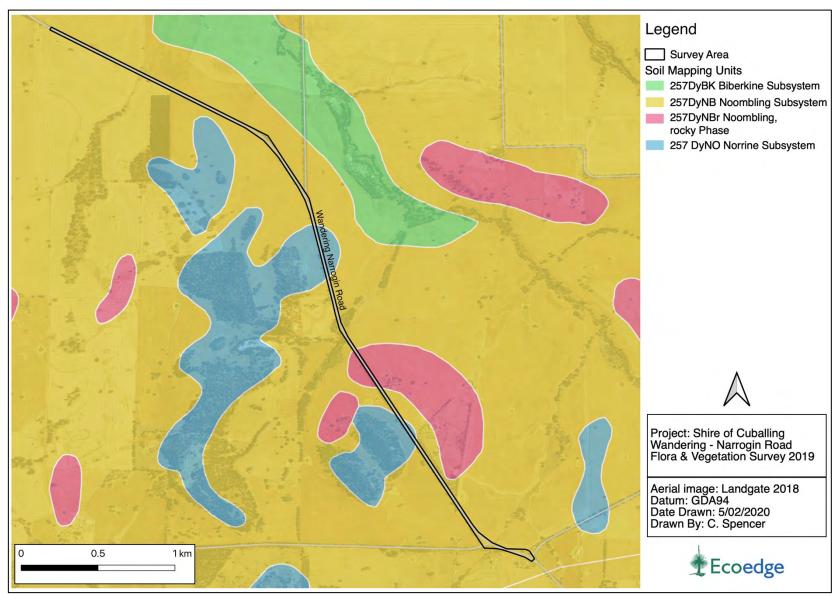


Figure 3. Soil subsystems mapped for the Survey Area (McArthur et al., 1977).

1.4 Vegetation Description according to pre-European Mapping Datasets

The Survey Area contains approximately 2.4 ha of remnant native vegetation.

1.4.1 Vegetation Associations

A systematic survey of native vegetation in Western Australia was undertaken by J. S. Beard (along with others) during the 1970s, which described vegetation systems in the south-west of Western Australia at a scale of 1:250,000. Beard's vegetation maps attempted to depict the vegetation as it might have been prior to European settlement in terms of type and extent (Beeston et al., 2001). The Beard Vegetation Association dataset, also referred to as the pre-European native vegetation extent dataset, was digitised by Shepherd et al., (2002).

Beard vegetation associations have been described to a minimum standard of Level 3 "Broad Floristic Formation" for the National Vegetation Inventory System (NVIS) (state-wide to regional scale)¹. Two Beard vegetation associations were mapped across the Survey Area: Association 1023 'Medium woodland; York gum, wandoo and salmon gum' and Association 947 'Medium woodland; powderbark & mallet' (Beard, 1980). These Associations are mapped in **Figure 4**.

1.4.2 Assessment of Remaining Extent against Pre-European Extent

In 2001, the Commonwealth of Australia stated National Targets and Objectives for Biodiversity Conservation, which recognised that the retention of 30%, or more, of the preclearing extent of each ecological community was necessary if Australia's biological diversity was to be protected (Environment Australia, 2001).

In its report on the Statewide Vegetation Statistics incorporating the Comprehensive, Adequate and Representative (CAR) Reserve Analysis, the Government of Western Australia provides information on the pre-European and current extent of the ecological communities of Western Australia and reports on the status of the CAR reserve system for WA (Government of Western Australia, 2018). This system is also based on the National retention targets of 30% overall. Only reserves managed by DBCA under the *Conservation and Land Management Act 1984* are considered for inclusion in the "CAR Reserve Analysis".

An assessment of Beard's vegetation association 1023 and association 947 against the *Statewide Vegetation Statistics* for the Avon Wheatbelt biogeographic region is presented in **Table 2.**

¹ Beard's vegetation mapping units are referred to as 'associations' however these do not correspond to the NVIS Level 5 'Associations'. The NVIS system was developed long after Beard's work was completed, and while both classification systems use the same term, NVIS 'Associations' describe vegetation in more detail than do Beard's.

Table 2. Beard vegetation association 1023 and 947 assessed against the Statewide Vegetation Statistics (Government of Western Australia, 2018).

Beard Vegetation Association	Current extent (ha)	% Remaining of pre-European extent (total)	% of current extent in all DBCA managed land (total)
Association 1023 'Medium woodland; York gum, wandoo and salmon gum'	172,944.3	10.85%	10.93%
Association 947 'Medium woodland; powderbark & mallet'	11698.6	34.6%	40.3%

^{*} Excludes Crown Freehold Department Interest Lands that are managed under Section 8(a) of the CALM Act.

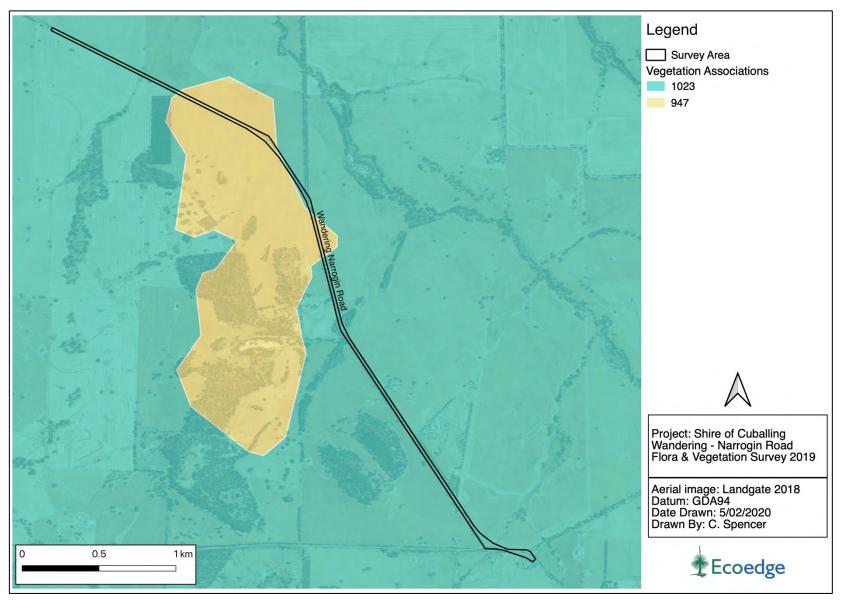


Figure 4. Vegetation associations mapped for the Survey Area (Beard, 1980).

1.5 Threatened and Priority Ecological Communities

Ecological communities are defined by Western Australia's DBCA (previously DPaW and the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC)) as "...naturally occurring biological assemblages that occur in a particular type of habitat. They are the sum of species within an ecosystem and, as a whole, they provide many of the processes which support specific ecosystems and provide ecological services." (DEC, 2013).

Under Section 27 of the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* (BC Act) the Western Australian Minister for Environment may list communities that are considered to be under significant threat as a Threatened ecological communities (TEC). These TECs can be listed under one of three conservation categories; critically endangered (CE), endangered (EN), vulnerable (V). The BC Act also provides for listing communities as collapsed ecological communities.

Possible TECs that do not meet survey criteria are added to the DBCA's Priority ecological community lists under Priorities 1, 2 or 3 (referred to as P1, P2, P3). Ecological communities that are adequately known, are rare but not threatened, or meet criteria for Near Threatened, or that have been recently removed from the threatened list, are placed in Priority 4 (P4). These ecological communities require regular monitoring. Conservation Dependent ecological communities are placed in Priority 5 (P5) (DEC, 2013).

The current listing of Threatened and Priority ecological communities is specified in DBCA (2018a, 2019a). The conservation categories for these Threatened and Priority ecological communities are defined in **Appendix 1**.

Threatened ecological communities can also be listed under the Commonwealth *Environment and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) (Department of the Environment and Energy (DotEE), 2018a; Department of Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts (DEWHA), 1999). There are three categories of TEC under the EPBC Act: Critically Endangered (CE), Endangered (E) and Vulnerable (V). These are defined in **Appendix 2** (DotEE, 2018b).

Under both the State (BC Act) and Federal Act (EPBC Act) ministerial authorisation is required where significant permanent modification to a TEC will occur.

A Protected Matters Search Tool report for communities listed under the EPBC Act occurring within a 10 km radius of the Survey Area was undertaken (DotEE, 2019a, **Appendix 3**), and the current DBCA TEC and PEC listings were consulted (DBCA, 2018a; DBCA ,2019a). Outcomes of these searches are presented in **Table 3**.

Noting that if an occurrence of a threatened ecological community is found during a survey conducted under the auspices of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act) it must be

mandatorily reported to the Chief Executive Officer of the DBCA under Section 49 of the BC Act.

Table 3. TECs and PECs occurring within 10 km of the Survey Area (DBCA, 2018a, 2019a; DotEE, 2019a).

Community Name	Status (WA) State	Status (EPBC Act) Federal
'Eucalypt Woodlands of the Western Australian Wheatbelt'; a		
federally listed TEC consisting of numerous State-listed	Р3	CR
communities		

Note: This table only includes formally recognised TECs that are known of and mapped by DBCA and are included in their database.

1.6 Threatened and Priority Flora

Species of flora and fauna are defined as having a Threatened or Priority conservation status where their extant populations are restricted geographically and or under threat of possible extinction. The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions recognises these threats and consequently applies regulations towards population and species protection.

Threatened extant flora species are listed under Section 19 of the BC Act and are ranked according to their level of threat using the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List categories and criteria of; critically endangered (CE), endangered (EN), vulnerable (VU). It is an offence to "take" or damage threatened flora without Ministerial approval. Section 5 of the Act defines "to take" as "... to gather, pluck, cut, pull up, destroy, dig up, remove, harvest or damage flora by any means".

Priority flora are under consideration for future declaration as "Threatened flora", dependent on more information. Species classified as Priority One to Three (referred to as P1, P2 and P3) are in need of further survey to determine their status, while Priority Four (P4) species are adequately known rare or threatened species that require regular monitoring.

Threatened flora lists are formally reviewed on an annual basis, whilst the priority flora list is subject to a less formal ongoing review. The current listing of Threatened and Priority flora was updated on the 5th December 2018 (DBCA, 2018d).

Categories of Threatened and Priority flora as defined by the BC Act are presented in **Appendix 4**, (DBCA, 2019b).

Threatened flora may also be protected under the Commonwealth EPBC Act and be listed in one of six categories; the definitions of these categories are summarised in **Appendix 5** (DotEE, 2018b).

Threatened or Priority flora occurring within 10 km of the Survey Area generated from a NatureMap search within 10 km of the Survey Area (DBCA, 2019c) are listed in **Table 4.** Taxa listed under the EPBC Act (based on results of the Protected Matters Search Tool query (DotEE, 2019a)) were also considered in the preparation of the table. Several of the species listed in **Table 4** could potentially occur within the Survey Area, based on an assessment of their preferred habitats.

Noting that if any threatened flora species are found during a survey conducted under the auspices of the EP Act that they must be mandatorily reported to the CEO of the DBCA under Section 43 of the BC Act.

Table 4.Threatened and Priority List flora known to occur within 10 km of the Survey Area (DBCA, 2019c; DotEE, 2019a.)

Species	Cons Status*	Flowering	Description and Habitat	Likelihood
Acacia insolita subsp. recurva	T (EN)	Sep	Spindly shrub, 0.6-1.2 m high. Fl. yellow-cream. Lateritic ridges.	Low / Moderate
Banksia oligantha	T (EN)	Oct-Nov	Non-lignotuberous shrub, to 3 m high. Fl. red & cream/orange-brown. Yellow or yellow-brown sand.	Moderate
Boronia capitata subsp. capitata	T (EN)	Aug to Dec or Feb	Slender shrub, 0.3-1.3 m high. Fl. pink. Sand, often over laterite. Sandplains.	Moderate
Darwinia carnea	T (EN)	Oct to Dec	Spreading shrub, 0.2-0.45 m high. Fl. green & red. Lateritic loam & gravel.	Low / Moderate
Verticordia fimbrilepis subsp. fimbrilepis	T (EN)	Oct-Dec, Jan	Shrub, 0.3-0.7 m high. Fl. pink-white. Gravelly sandy or clayey soils. Flats, road verges.	Moderate
Diuris micrantha	T (VU)	Sep-Oct	Tuberous, perennial, herb, 0.3–0.6 m high. Fl. yellow, brown. Brown loamy clay. Winter-wet swamps, in shallow water.	Low
Pultenaea pauciflora (Narrogin Pea)	T (VU)	Oct - Nov	Dense, much-branched shrub, to 0.8 m high. Fl. yellow. Sandy & clay lateritic soils. Undulating country.	Low / Moderate
Stylidium exappendiculatum	Р3		No information available	Moderate?
Caladenia integra	P4	Sep to Oct	Tuberous, perennial, herb, 0.2-0.5 m high. Fl. green & red. Clayey loam. Granite outcrops, rocky slopes.	Low
Eucalyptus loxophleba x wandoo	P4	No info avail	(Mallee) or tree, 4-20 m high, bark rough black-brown on trunk. Sandy clay or loam.	Moderate
Stylidium tenuicarpum	P4	Sep to Nov	Rosetted perennial, herb, 0.1-0.5 m high, Leaves broadly linear to narrowly oblanceolate, 1-7 cm long, 1-2.5 mm wide, apex mucronate, margin hyaline, glabrous. Scape hoary. Inflorescence racemose. Fl. yellow/orange. Sandy loam over laterite or granite. Rock outcrops, hillslopes, breakaways. Shrubland, open woodland.	Moderate

Note: The BC Act Conservation Status is shown, EPBC Act status, where relevant, is in brackets.

1.7 Ecological Corridors and Connectivity

The generally NW-SE aligned Survey Area occurs within a narrow corridor of loosely connected patches of vegetation and trees along the Wandering-Narrogin Road within a predominantly cleared agricultural landscape.

This 'corridor' of vegetation is connected to the DBCA managed 14 Mile Brook Nature Reserve (14 Mile Brook NR) which is approximately 500 m to the NW. The road side corridor is also intersected by some narrow corridors of vegetation associated with roads and tributaries which link to larger parcels of bushland in the south and vegetation associated with an ephemeral watercourse in the north.

1.8 Environmentally Sensitive Areas

Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESAs) are protected under the Environmental Protection (Clearing of Native Vegetation) Regulations 2004 and are selected for their environmental values at state or national levels (Government of Western Australia, 2005). They include;

- Defined wetlands and riparian vegetation within 50 m;
- Areas covered by Threatened Ecological Communities;
- Area of vegetation within 50 m of Threatened flora;
- Bush Forever sites; and
- Declared World Heritage property sites.

There are no ESAs in close proximity to the Survey Area. The nearest is located approximately 1.2 km north of the Survey Area and is associated with a reserve forming part of the Montague State Forest.

2 Methods

2.1 Desktop Assessment

Prior to the field survey, a "desktop assessment" was carried out by downloading a NatureMap report listing all flora (including Threatened flora) occurring within 10 km of the Survey Area (DBCA 2019c) (**Appendix 3**). A Protected Matters Search report was also generated to provide information regarding Matters of National Environmental Significance (MNES) known or potentially occurring within 10 km of the Survey Area (DotEE, 2019a) (**Appendix 3**). This data was used to establish the list of Threatened and Priority flora to target during the survey, as well as providing a list of what other plant taxa might be encountered during the survey.

2.2 Field Survey

The field survey was undertaken by Russell Smith (SL flora permit FB62000192) on 8 October 2019. The Survey Area covered a total of approximately 11 ha of which about 2.3 ha was remnant vegetation (the remainder comprising cleared verge with scattered trees and the roadway itself). A comprehensive list was made of native and introduced flora and information on vegetation structure, dominant species and vegetation condition at regular intervals through the Survey Area.

Flora species that were not identified in the field were photographed for later identification. Taxonomy and conservation status of flora species was checked against DBCA databases (MAX download, 26/09/2019, DBCA, 2019).

Vegetation condition was assessed against the method of the EPA (2016) (Appendix 6).

2.3 Survey Limitations

Potential limitations with regard to the assessment are addressed in **Table 5.**

Table 5. Limitations of the field survey with regard to assessment adequacy and accuracy.

Aspect	Constraint	Comment
Scope	No	The survey scope was prepared in consultation with the client and was designed to comply with EPA requirements.
Proportion of flora identified	Minor	The survey was carried out in only one visit in October which is within the optimal survey time.
Climatic and seasonal effects	Minor	The survey area recorded about 70-80% of the average rainfall during the 2019 wet season (Apr-Nov). Herbaceous species germination may have been reduced.
Availability of contextual information	Minor	Some regional surveys have been carried out in the wheatbelt, and some contextual information is available.
Completeness of the survey	Negligible	All of the Survey Area vegetation was easily accessible.
Skill and knowledge of the botanists	No	The botanist has over 25 years' experience working in Western Australia.

3 Results

3.1 Flora

Forty-six (46) flora taxa were identified within the Survey Area, of which eight species were introduced. No Threatened flora, Priority flora or other flora of conservation significance were found.

One of the introduced species, *Asparagus asparagoides* (Bridal Creeper) is a Declared Pest under the *Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007*, and has been found in the Shire of Cuballing. However there is currently no obligation for the control of the weed under the Act. There were no other Declared Pest plants or serious environmental weeds.

The list of vascular flora recorded during the field survey is included in **Appendix 7**.

3.2 Vegetation Units

Four vegetation units were recognized within the Survey Area, with three of them (B1, B2, B3) being variations of the regionally widespread 'Wandoo-Sheoak woodland on gravelly soils' (Harvey & Keighery, 2012). The vegetation units are described below with accompanying pictures (Figure 5 to Figure 8) and mapped in Figure 9 to Figure 12. The area mapped as "Cleared" includes verge with isolated trees. Areas covered by each of the units are provided in Table 6.



Figure 5. Typical Unit A vegetation

Unit A. Woodland of *Eucalyptus loxophleba* over tall open shrubland of *Acacia acuminata* over grassland of **Avena fatua*, **Ehrharta calycina* and **Lolium perenne* on red-brown loam [Completely Degraded].



Figure 6. Typical Unit B1 vegetation

Unit B1. Open woodland of *Eucalyptus wandoo* over open forest of *Allocasuarina huegeliana* over very open shrubland of *Acacia acuminata*, [*Gastrolobium spinosum*] over grassland of **Avena fatua*, **Ehrharta calycina* and **Lolium perenne* on red-brown or yellow-brown (gravelly) loam [Completely Degraded].



Figure 7. Typical Unit B2 vegetation

Unit B2. Open woodland of *Eucalyptus wandoo* over low shrubland of *Bossiaea eriocarpa*, *Hibbertia* spp., *Gastrolobium spinosum* and open grassland of *Rytidosperma* sp. on yellow-brown gravelly loam [Degraded]. (Regrowth after clearing).



Figure 8. Typical Unit B3 vegetation

Unit B3. Woodland of *Eucalyptus wandoo* over open tall shrubland of *Acacia acuminata*, [Banksia sessilis] over low open shrubland of Bossiaea eriocarpa over open herbland of *Thelymitra petrophila* and grassland of Austrostipa elegantissima, A. hemipogon and Rytidosperma sp. on yellow-brown gravelly loam [Degraded-Good].

The extent in hectares of each unit within the Survey Area is provided in **Table 6**.

Table 6. Area of each vegetation unit within the Survey Area.

Vegetation Unit	Area (ha)
А	0.47
B1	1.48
B2	0.08
В3	0.35
Cleared	8.70
Total	11.08

3.3 Vegetation Condition

The majority of the Survey Area (95%) was assessed as "cleared" or Completely Degraded. As noted above the Cleared area includes isolated trees on verges. A breakdown of the vegetation condition per unit is provided in **Table 7.** Vegetation condition is mapped in **Figure 13** to **Figure 16**.

Table 7. Summary of vegetation condition classes within the Survey Area.

Vegetation Unit	Conservation Status*	Vegetation Condition	Area (Ha)	%
Unit A	N/A	Completely Degraded	0.47	4.23
Unit B1	Р3	Degraded	0.11	0.99
Offit B1	N/A	Completely Degraded	1.37	12.36
Unit B2	Р3	Degraded	0.08	0.72
Unit B3	P3 (CR)	Good	0.30	2.70
Offit B3	Р3	Degraded	0.05	0.45
		Cleared	8.70	78.52
			11.08	100.00

*Note: EPBC Act status is in brackets.

5 Conclusion and Discussion

Most of the area comprising Vegetation Unit B3 (the part in Good condition, ~0.3 ha), which is dominated by *Eucalyptus wandoo*, meets the key diagnostic traits (minimum vegetation condition and width criteria) for the Federally-listed Critically Endangered Federally-listed TEC "Eucalypt Woodlands of the Western Australian Wheatbelt" (DotEE, 2015). **Table 8** shows how this community meets the key diagnostic criteria and **Table 9** shows how it meets the condition and minimum patch width thresholds for this EPBC listed community (DotEE, 2015). The occurrence of this TEC within the Survey Area is shown in both the vegetation unit maps: **Figure 9 - Figure 12** and the vegetation condition maps: **Figure 13 - Figure 16**.

A completed Threatened Ecological Community Report form is provided at Appendix 8.

Table 8. Comparison of Vegetation Unit B3 with Eucalypt Woodlands of the Western Australian Wheatbelt TEC key diagnostic characteristics criteria (DotEE, 2015).

Condition Category	Comment
It occurs in one of the appropriate IBRA regions.	Yes, it occurs in the Avon Wheatbelt IBRA region
The structure of the ecological community is a woodland in which the minimum crown cover of the tree canopy in a mature woodland is 10% (crowns measured as if they are opaque).	Yes, criteria met.
The key species of the tree canopy are species of Eucalyptus (typically with a single trunk).	Yes, it contains Eucalyptus wandoo.
A native understorey is present but is of variable composition, being a combination of grasses, other herbs and shrubs.	Yes, criteria met, however mostly in degraded condition.

Table 9. Comparison of Vegetation Unit B3 with Eucalypt Woodlands of the Western Australian Wheatbelt TEC condition and area criteria adapted from DotEE, 2015.

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Condition Category	Mature trees	Minimum Patch Width (roadsides only)	Comment	
'Pristine, Excellent, Very Good'	Mature trees may be present or absent	5 metres or more	N/A	
'Good'	Mature trees are present with at least 5 trees per 0.5 ha.	5 metres or more	Small area (0.3 ha) c. 340 m west of Fitts Road meets this criterion.	
'Good'	Mature trees either absent or less than 5 trees per 0.5 ha are present.	5 metres or more	N/A	
'Degraded to Good'	Mature trees are present with at least 5 trees per 0.5 ha.	5 metres or more	N/A – Note no vegetation units within the Survey Area were given a 'Degraded to Good' Condition rating.	

According to the Federally approved conservation advice for this TEC, any areas meeting the 'Eucalypt Woodlands of the Western Australian Wheatbelt' criteria, are critical to the survival of the TEC (DotEE, 2015). This is because this ecological community occurs in a landscape that has been very heavily cleared and modified, and now exists as mostly very small and highly fragmented patches.

In addition, those parts of Vegetation Units B1 (0.11 ha), B2 (0.08 ha) and B3 (0.05 ha) in Degraded condition also fit the description of the State-listed Priority 3 'Eucalypt Woodlands of the Western Australian Wheatbelt' ecological community. Noting that the State may consider Degraded Condition vegetation as part of State listed PECs.

Vegetation Unit A and the Completely Degraded portion of Unit B1 are not considered to meet the definition of the PEC, because apart from the canopy trees they have virtually none of the original species remaining.

The Survey Area vegetation units (Wandoo woodland and York gum woodland) provide a reasonable match for Beard, (1980) vegetation association 1023 'Medium woodland; York gum, wandoo and salmon gum' in terms of two of the dominant trees, *E. wandoo*, and York gum. The extent remaining of association 1023 (at 10.85 %) is significantly below the Commonwealth government's 30% retention threshold, with only 10.93% represented within the DBCA estate.

Association 947 'Medium woodland; powderbark & mallet' did not appear to be represented within the Survey Area with the absence of both Powderbark (*E. accedens*) and mallet species (*E. astringens*?). This absence may be attributed natural variations within the community, the broad scale 1: 250,000 mapping and vegetation clearing. Association 947, exceeds the 30% threshold (34.6%) and is well represented in the DBCA managed landholdings.

There are no ESAs within or in close proximity to the Survey Area that will limit the proposed road upgrade. The closest is located approximately 1.2 km north of the Survey Area and is associated with a reserve forming part of the Montague State Forest.

The road side corridor of loosely connected patches of vegetation and trees has some conservation value as an ecological corridor, at least at a local level, due to its occurrence within a predominantly cleared agricultural landscape and due to the connection it provides with larger parcels of vegetation in the south and the vegetated ephemeral watercourse in the north.

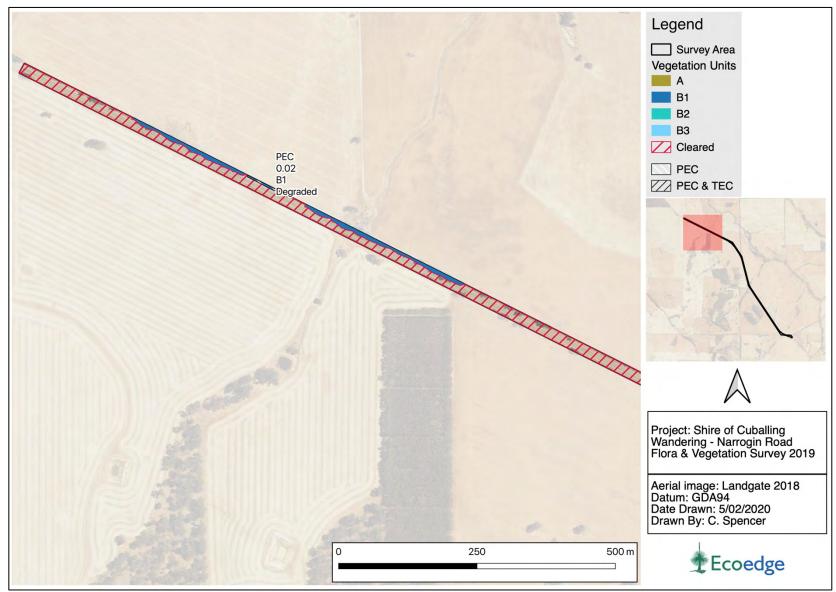


Figure 9. Vegetation Units mapped for the Survey Area

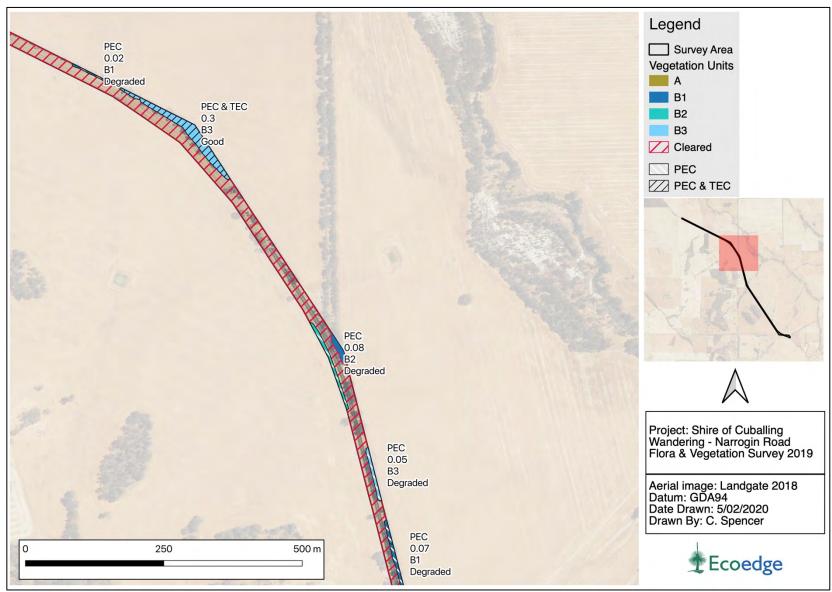


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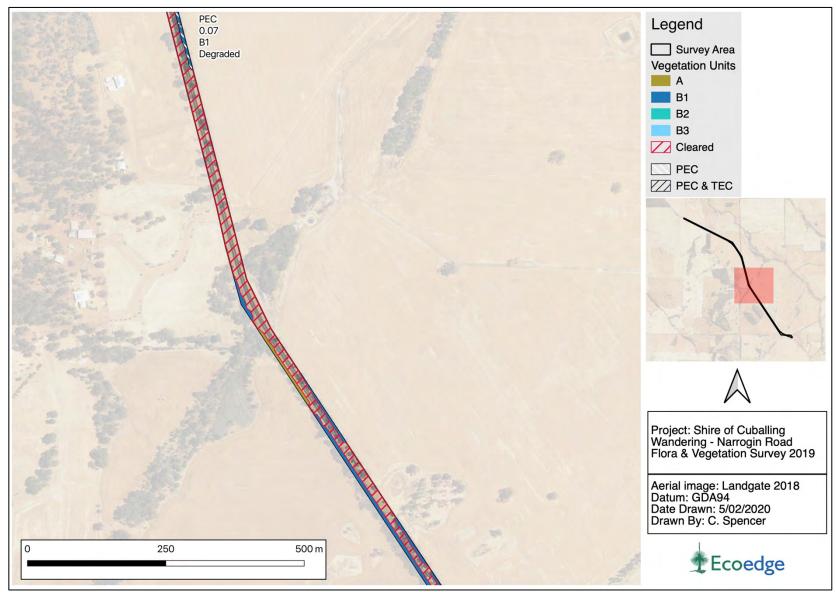


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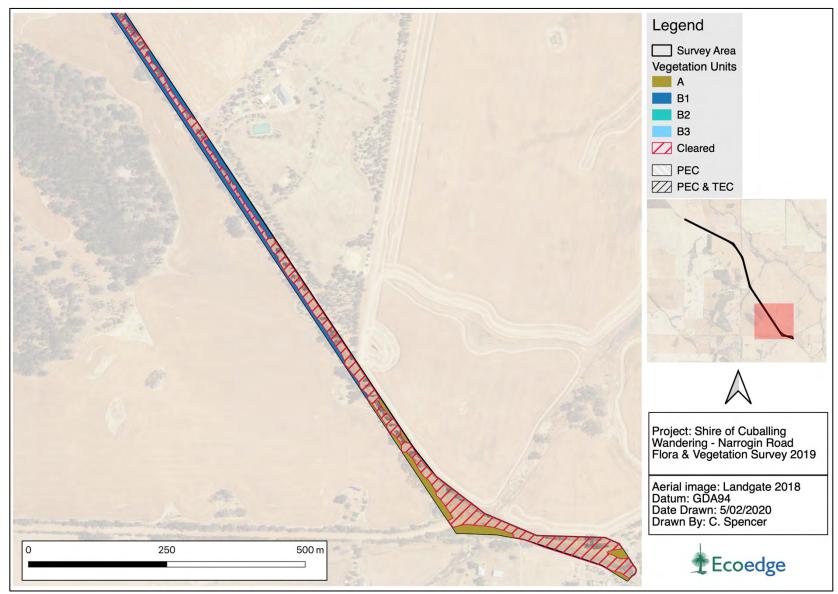


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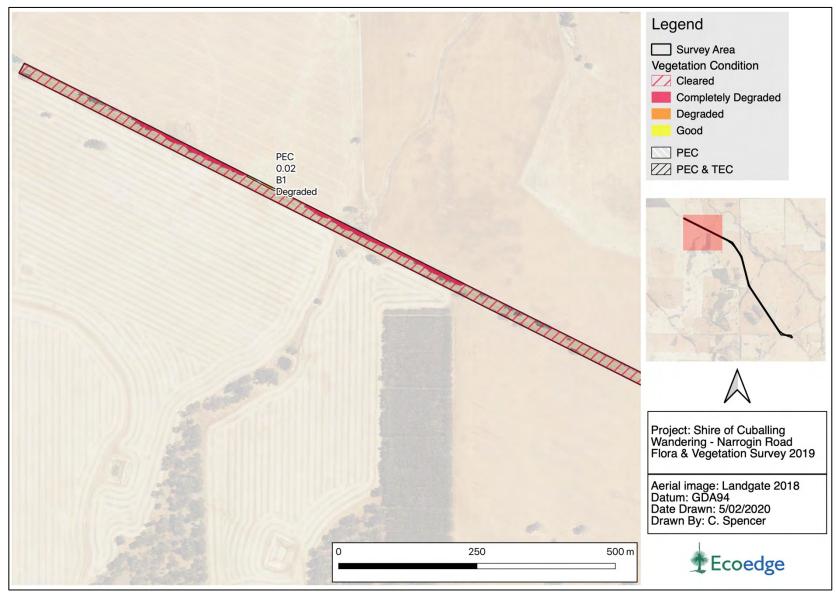


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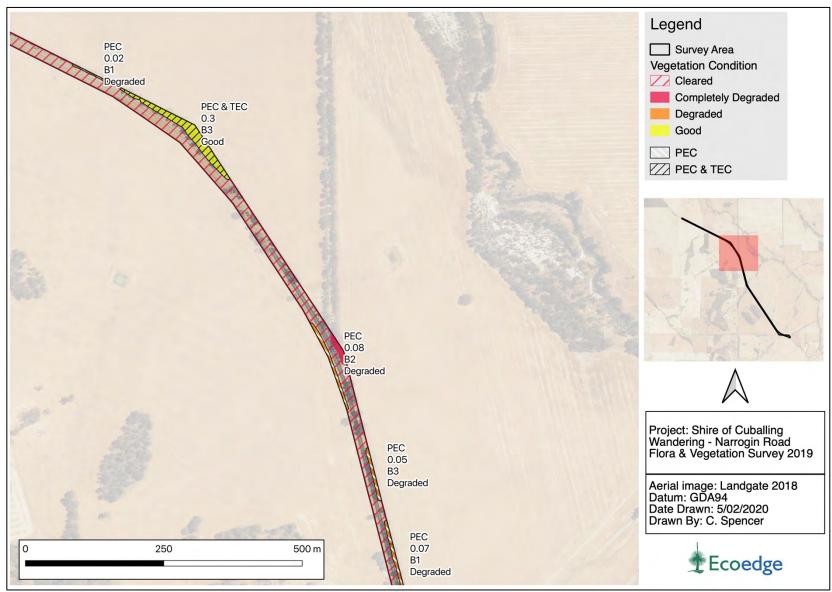


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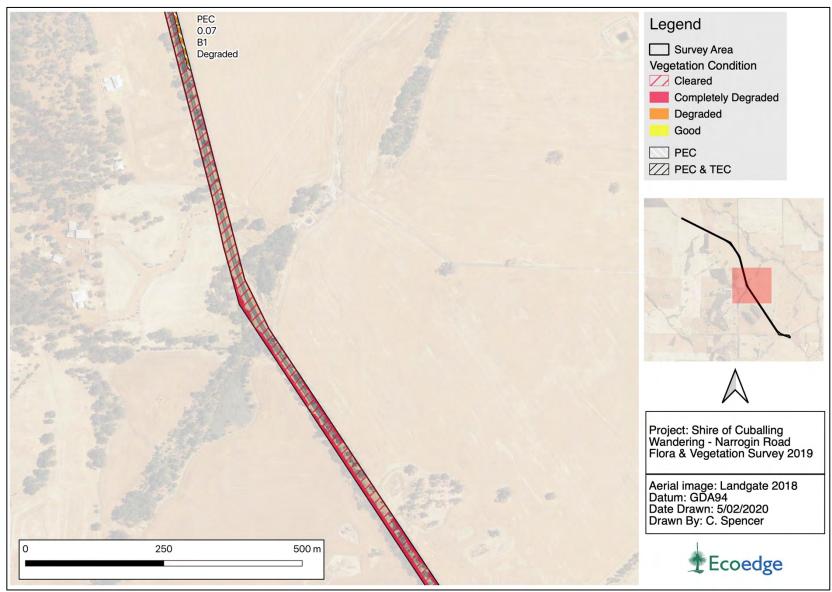


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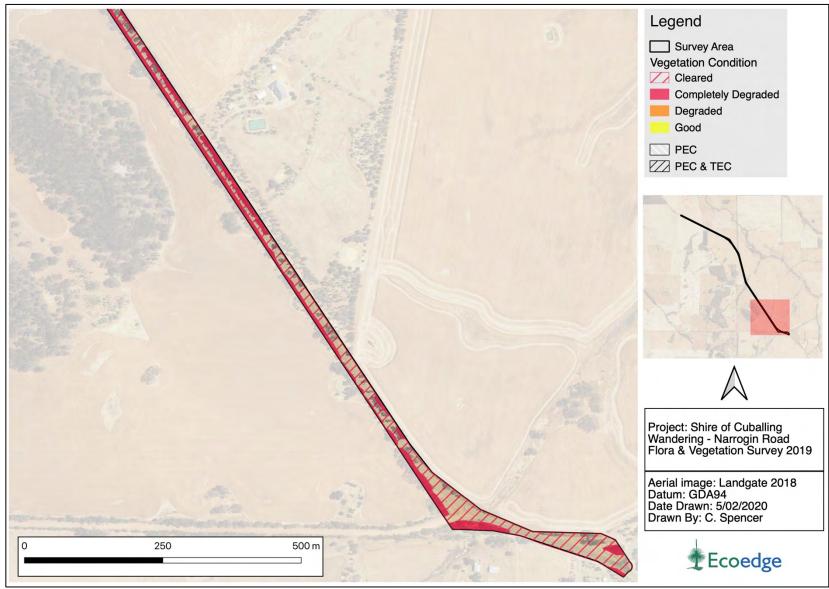


Figure 16. Vegetation Condition mapped for the Survey Area

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Appendix 1. Categories of DBCA Threatened and Priority Ecological Communities (DBCA 2018a, 2019a).

Appendix 2. Categories of Threatened Ecological Communities under the EPBC Act (DotEE, 2018b).

Appendix 3. Protected Matters Search Tool and NatureMap reports

Appendix 4. Categories of Threatened and Priority List flora (DBCA, 2019b).

Appendix 5. Categories of Threatened Species under the EPBC Act (DotEE, 2018b).

Appendix 6. Vegetation Condition Scale (EPA, 2016).

Appendix 7. List of Vascular Flora found within the Survey Area.

Appendix 8 Threatened Ecological Community Report Form

Appendix 1. Categories of DBCA threatened and priority ecological communities under the BC Act (DBCA2018a, 2019a).

Conservation code	Category
(T) Threaten	ed ecological community pursuant to Sect 27 of the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016.
	(T) CR – Critically endangered
	An ecological community that has been adequately surveyed and found to have been subject to a major contraction in area and/or that was originally of limited distribution and is facing severe modification or destruction throughout its range in the immediate future, or is already severely degraded throughout its range but capable of being substantially restored or rehabilitated.
	(T) EN - Endangered
Т	An ecological community that has been adequately surveyed and found to have been subject to a major contraction in area and/or was originally of limited distribution and is in danger of significant modification throughout its range or severe modification or destruction over most of its range in the near future.
	(T) VU - Vulnerable
	An ecological community that has been adequately surveyed and is found to be declining and/or has declined in distribution and/or condition and whose ultimate security has not yet been assured and/or a community that is still widespread but is believed likely to move into a category of higher threat in the near future if threatening processes continue or begin operating throughout its range.
	(P) Priority species – possible threatened communities.
P1	Ecological communities that are known from very few occurrences with a very restricted distribution (generally ≤5 occurrences or a total area of ≤ 100ha). Occurrences are believed to be under threat either due to limited extent, or being on lands under immediate threat (e.g. within agricultural or pastoral lands, urban areas, active mineral leases) or for which current threats exist. May include communities with occurrences on protected lands. Communities may be included if they are comparatively well-known from one or more localities but do not meet adequacy of survey requirements, and/or are not well defined, and appear to be under immediate threat from known threatening processes across their range.

Conservation code	Category
P2	Poorly known communities Communities that are known from few occurrences with a restricted distribution (generally ≤10 occurrences or a total area of ≤200ha). At least some occurrences are not believed to be under immediate threat (within approximately 10 years) of destruction or degradation. Communities may be included if they are comparatively well known from one or more localities but do not meet adequacy of survey requirements, and/or are not well defined, and appear to be under threat from known threatening processes.
P3	 a) Communities that are known from several to many occurrences, a significant number or area of which are not under threat of habitat destruction or degradation or: b) communities known from a few widespread occurrences, which are either large or with significant remaining areas of habitat in which other occurrences may occur, much of it not under imminent threat (within approximately 10 years), or; c) communities made up of large, and/or widespread occurrences, that may or may not be represented in the reserve system, but are under threat of modification across much of their range from processes such as grazing by domestic and/or feral stock, inappropriate fire regimes, clearing, hydrological change etc. Communities may be included if they are comparatively well known from several localities but do not meet adequacy of survey requirements and/or are not well defined, and known threatening processes exist that could affect them.
P4	 Ecological communities that are adequately known, rare but not threatened or meet criteria for Near Threatened, or that have been recently removed from the threatened list. These communities require regular monitoring. a) Rare. Species that are considered to have been adequately surveyed, or for which sufficient knowledge is available, and that are considered not currently threatened or in need of special protection but could be if present circumstances change. These species are usually represented on conservation lands. b) Near Threatened. Species that are considered to have been adequately surveyed and that are close to qualifying for vulnerable but are not listed as Conservation Dependent. c) Species that have been removed from the list of threatened species during the past five years for reasons other than taxonomy.

Conservation code	Category
P5	Conservation dependent ecological communities
	Ecological communities that are not threatened but are subject to a specific conservation program, the cessation of which would result in the community becoming threatened within five years.

Appendix 2. Categories of Threatened Ecological Communities under the EPBC Act (DotEE, 2018b).

Category	Definition
Critically endangered	If, at that time, an ecological community is facing an extremely high risk of extinction in the wild in the immediate future (indicative timeframe being the next 10 years).
Endangered	If, at that time, an ecological community is not critically endangered but is facing a very high risk of extinction in the wild in the near future (indicative timeframe being the next 20 years).
Vulnerable	If, at that time, an ecological, community is not critically endangered or endangered but is facing a high risk of extinction in the wild in the medium—term future (indicative timeframe being the next 50 years).



NatureMap Species Report

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Current Names Only Yes
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Method 'By Circle'

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Buffer 10km

	Name ID	Species Name	Natural	lised Conser	vation Code	¹ Endemic To Query Area
1.	3257	Acacia chrysocephala				
2.	11661	Acacia drummondii subsp. drummondii				
3.	14624	Acacia gemina				
4.	14121	Acacia insolita subsp. recurva			T	
5.	3408	Acacia lasiocalyx (Silver Wattle, Wilyurwur)				
6.	15721	Acacia lasiocarpa var. sedifolia				
7.	11448	Acacia leptospermoides subsp. leptospermoides				
8.	3557	Acacia stenoptera (Narrow Winged Wattle)				
9.	13505	Acacia sulcata var. planoconvexa				
10.	44513	Acacia thieleana				
11.	12674	Acacia tratmaniana				
12.	24260	Acanthiza apicalis (Broad-tailed Thornbill, Inland Thornbill)				
13.	24261	Acanthiza chrysorrhoa (Yellow-rumped Thornbill)				
14.	24262	Acanthiza inornata (Western Thornbill)				
15.	24265	Acanthiza uropygialis (Chestnut-rumped Thornbill)				
16.	25535	Accipiter cirrocephalus (Collared Sparrowhawk)				
17.	25536	Accipiter fasciatus (Brown Goshawk)				
18.	11837	Adenanthos cygnorum subsp. cygnorum (Common Woollybush)				
19.	184	Aira caryophyllea (Silvery Hairgrass)	Υ			
20.	1731	Allocasuarina huegeliana (Rock Sheoak, Kwowl)				
21.	1732	Allocasuarina humilis (Dwarf Sheoak)				
22.	1734	Allocasuarina microstachya				
23.	24561	Anthochaera carunculata (Red Wattlebird)				
24.	1116	Aphelia brizula				
25.	24285	Aquila audax (Wedge-tailed Eagle)				
26.	25566	Artamus cinereus (Black-faced Woodswallow)				
27.	24353	Artamus cyanopterus (Dusky Woodswallow)				
28.	42140	Astroloma acervatum				
29.	6324	Astroloma compactum				
30.	6326	Astroloma epacridis				
31.	6336	Astroloma serratifolium (Kondrung)				
32.	17237	Austrostipa elegantissima				
33.	17241	Austrostipa hemipogon				
34.	17255	Austrostipa trichophylla				
35.	17257	Austrostipa variabilis				
36.	233	Avena barbata (Bearded Oat)	Υ			
37.	32203	Banksia nivea subsp. nivea				
38.	32142	Banksia proteoides (King Dryandra)				
39.	32041	Banksia stuposa				
40.		Barnardius zonarius				
41.	5385	Beaufortia incana (Grey-leaved Beaufortia)				
42.	7856	Blennospora drummondii				
43.	4406	Boronia busselliana				
44.	11502	Boronia capitata subsp. clavata				
45.		Borya laciniata				
46.	1273	Borya sphaerocephala (Pincushions)				
47.		Bossiaea eriocarpa (Common Brown Pea)				
48.		Briza maxima (Blowfly Grass)	Υ			
49.		Briza minor (Shivery Grass)	Y			
50.		Burchardia multiflora (Dwarf Burchardia)				
51.		Burhinus grallarius (Bush Stone-curlew)				
52.		Caesia sp. Wongan (K.F. Kenneally 8820)				
53.		Caladenia falcata				
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	Name ID	Species Name	Naturalised	Conservation Code	¹ Endemic To Qu Area
54.	15348	Caladenia flava subsp. flava			
55.	15502	Caladenia footeana			
56.	1598	Caladenia integra (Mantis Orchid, Smooth-lipped Spider Orchid)		P4	
57.	15363	Caladenia longicauda subsp. eminens			
58.	2846	Calandrinia calyptrata (Pink Purslane)			
59.	45760	Calectasia valida (Robust Tinsel Lily)			
60.	35162	Calothamnus planifolius var. planifolius			
61.		Calothamnus quadrifidus subsp. quadrifidus			
62.		Calytrix leschenaultii			
63.		Centrolepis aristata (Pointed Centrolepis)			
64.		Cercartetus concinnus (Western Pygmy-possum, Mundarda)			
65.		Chalinolobus gouldii (Gould's Wattled Bat)			
66.		Chamaexeros serra (Little Fringe-leaf)			
67.		Chloanthes coccinea			
68.	764	Chorizandra multiarticulata			
69.	24980	Christinus marmoratus (Marbled Gecko)			
70.	16524	Cicendia quadrangularis	Υ		
71.	25675	Colluricincla harmonica (Grey Shrike-thrush)			
72.	1454	Conostylis setigera (Bristly Cottonhead)			
73.	11597	Conostylis setigera subsp. setigera			
74.		Coracina novaehollandiae (Black-faced Cuckoo-shrike)			
75.		Corvus coronoides (Australian Raven)			
76.		Cotula bipinnata (Ferny Cotula)	Υ		
76. 77.			Ť		
		Cracticus tibicen (Australian Magpie) Crassula closiana			
78.					
79.		Crassula extrorsa			
80.		Crenadactylus ocellatus subsp. ocellatus (Clawless Gecko)			
81.	13527	Croninia kingiana			
82.	4809	Cryptandra pungens			
83.	30893	Cryptoblepharus buchananii			
84.	24883	Ctenophorus ornatus (Ornate Crevice-Dragon)			
85.	6750	Cyanostegia lanceolata (Tinsel Flower)			
86.	30901	Dacelo novaeguineae (Laughing Kookaburra)	Υ		
87.	7438	Dampiera eriocephala (Woolly-headed Dampiera)			
88.		Dampiera lavandulacea			
89.		Dampiera lindleyi			
90.		Daviesia longifolia			
91.		Daviesia rhombifolia			
92.		Delma fraseri (Fraser's Legless Lizard)			
93.		Desmocladus asper			
94.		Dichopogon fimbriatus (Chocolate Lily)			
95.		Dichopogon preissii			
96.		Dillwynia laxiflora			
97.	41403	Diplodactylus calcicolus (South Coast Gecko)			
98.	24929	Diplodactylus granariensis subsp. granariensis			
99.	15268	Diplolaena graniticola			
100.	11247	Dodonaea viscosa subsp. angustissima			
101.	15709	Drosera androsacea (Cone Sundew)			
102.	3098	Drosera glanduligera (Pimpernel Sundew)			
103.	3109	Drosera menziesii (Pink Rainbow)			
104.		Drosera sp.			
105.	49090	Drosera sp. Branched styles (S.C. Coffey 193)			
106.		Drosera subhirtella (Sunny Rainbow)			
		Elythranthera brunonis (Purple Enamel Orchid)			
107.	1043	, , ,			
108.	05400	Eolophus roseicapillus			
109.		Eremiascincus richardsonii (Broad-banded Sand Swimmer)			
110.		Ericomyrtus parviflora			
111.	5548	Eucalyptus albida (White-leaved Mallee)			
112.	12697	Eucalyptus latens (Narrow-leaved Red Mallee)			
113.	11295	Eucalyptus loxophleba subsp. loxophleba (York Gum)			
114.	16886	Eucalyptus loxophleba x wandoo		P4	
115.	5735	Eucalyptus pachyloma (Kalgan Plains Mallee)			
116.		Eucalyptus phaenophylla subsp. phaenophylla			
117.		Eucalyptus wandoo subsp. wandoo			
118.		Gahnia australis			
119.		Gastrolobium calycinum (York Road Poison)			
120.		Gastrolobium microcarpum (Sandplain Poison)			
121.		Gastrolobium obovatum (Boat-leaved Poison)			
122.	10981	·			
123.		Gastrolobium stipulare		P4	

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124.		Gastrolobium stowardii			
125.		Gastrolobium trilobum (Bullock Poison)			
126. 127.		Gehyra variegata Gerygone fusca (Western Gerygone)			
127.		Glischrocaryon aureum (Common Popflower)			
129.		Gnephosis drummondii			
130.		Gnephosis tenuissima			
131.	3951	Gompholobium marginatum			
132.	6159	Gonocarpus nodulosus			
133.	7495	Goodenia berardiana			
134.		Goodenia drummondii subsp. megaphylla			
135.		Goodenia pulchella			
136.		Goodenia scapigera subsp. scapigera			
137. 138.		Grallina cyanoleuca (Magpie-lark) Grevillea leptobotrys			
139.		Grevillea pulchella subsp. pulchella			
140.		Gyrostemon subnudus			
141.		Hakea hastata			
142.	2172	Hakea lehmanniana (Blue Hakea)			
143.	2175	Hakea lissocarpha (Honey Bush)			
144.	16900	Hakea petiolaris subsp. petiolaris			
145.	19132	Hakea pritzelii			
146.		Hakea ruscifolia (Candle Hakea)			
147.		Heleioporus albopunctatus (Western Spotted Frog)			
148.		Hemigenia humilis			
149. 150.		Hemigenia podalyrina Hibbertia commutata			
151.		Hibbertia exasperata			
152.		Hibbertia microphylla			
153.		Hirundo neoxena (Welcome Swallow)			
154.	12742	Hyalosperma demissum			
155.	6226	Hydrocotyle callicarpa (Small Pennywort)			
156.	2238	Isopogon teretifolius (Nodding Coneflower)			
157.		Isotropis cuneifolia (Granny Bonnets)			
158.		Isotropis cuneifolia subsp. cuneifolia			
159.		Jacksonia alata		D4	
160. 161.		Jacksonia debilis Jacksonia epiphyllum		P1	
162.		Jacksonia restioides			
163.		Jacksonia sternbergiana (Stinkwood, Kapur)			
164.		Kunzea micromera			
165.	11528	Labichea lanceolata subsp. brevifolia			
166.	13284	Lawrencella rosea			
167.	1305	Laxmannia omnifertilis			
168.		Laxmannia paleacea			
169.		Lechenaultia biloba (Blue Leschenaultia)		_	
170. 171.		Leipoa ocellata (Malleefowl) Lepidosperma costale		Т	
171.	930	Lepidosperma sp.			
173.	16284	Lepidosperma sp. P1 small head (M.D. Tindale 166A)			
174.		Lepidosperma tuberculatum			
175.	5847	Leptospermum erubescens (Roadside Teatree)			
176.	25131	Lerista distinguenda			
177.	44220	Leucopogon audax		P2	
178.		Leucopogon sp. Wandering (F. Hort 419)			
179.		Leucopogon tamminensis var. australis			
180.		Lichmera indistincta (Brown Honeyeater)			
181. 182.		Limnodynastes dorsalis (Western Banjo Frog) Liopholis multiscutata (Bull Skink)			
183.		Loxocarya striata			
184.		Marianthus bicolor (Painted Marianthus)			
185.		Melaleuca hamata			
186.		Melaleuca pungens			
187.	5958	Melaleuca radula (Graceful Honeymyrtle)			
188.		Melaleuca tuberculata			
189.		Melaleuca tuberculata var. tuberculata			
190.		Menetia greyii			
191. 192.		Merops ornatus (Rainbow Bee-eater) Mesomelaena preissii			
192.		Microcorys capitata			
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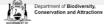






	Name ID	Species Name	Naturalised	Conservation Code	¹ Endemic To Quer Area
194.	485	Microlaena stipoides (Weeping Grass)			
195.	14344	Millotia tenuifolia var. tenuifolia (Soft Millotia)			
196.	1535	Moraea fugax	Υ		
197.	25240	Morelia spilota subsp. imbricata (Carpet Python)			
198.	25192	Morethia obscura			
199.	24223	Mus musculus (House Mouse)	Υ		
200.		Myrmecobius fasciatus (Numbat, Walpurti)		Т	
201.		Neobatrachus pelobatoides (Humming Frog)			
202.		Neurachne alopecuroidea (Foxtail Mulga Grass)			
203.		Nicotiana rotundifolia (Round-leaved Tobacco)			
204.		Notamacropus eugenii subsp. derbianus (Tammar Wallaby, Tammar)		P4	
205.		Ocyphaps lophotes (Crested Pigeon)			
206.		Opercularia vaginata (Dog Weed)			
207.		Oxalis perennans			
208.		Pachycephala rufiventris (Rufous Whistler)			
209.		Parasuta gouldii			
210.		Pardalotus punctatus (Spotted Pardalote)			
211.		Pardalotus striatus (Striated Pardalote)			
212.		Parentucellia latifolia (Common Bartsia)	Υ		
213.		Parietaria debilis (Pellitory)			
214.		Patersonia juncea (Rush Leaved Patersonia)			
215.		Patersonia pygmaea (Pygmy Patersonia) Potrocholidan ariol (Fairy Martin)			
216. 217.		Petrochelidon ariel (Fairy Martin)			
		Petrochelidon nigricans (Tree Martin)			
218.		Petroica goodenovii (Red-capped Robin)			
219.		Petrophile ericifolia subsp. ericifolia			
220.		Petrophile heterophylla (Variable-leaved Cone Bush)			
221. 222.		Phaps chalcoptera (Common Bronzewing)		0	
		Phascogale calura (Red-tailed Phascogale, Kenngoor)		S	
223.		Phyllangium divergens Phyllangium divergens Phyllangium divergens Phyllangium divergens			
224.		Phyllanthus calycinus (False Boronia)			
225.		Phylloglossum drummondii (Pigmy Clubmoss)			
226.		Platycercus icterotis subsp. icterotis (Western Rosella)			
227. 228.		Podolepis aristata subsp. aristata Podolepis lessonii			
229.		Podotheca angustifolia (Sticky Longheads)			
230.		Pogona minor subsp. minor (Dwarf Bearded Dragon)			
231.		Polytelis anthopeplus (Regent Parrot)			
232.		Pomatostomus superciliosus (White-browed Babbler)			
233.		Pomatostomus superciliosus subsp. ashbyi (White-browed Babbler (western wheatbelt))			
234.	15424	Praecoxanthus aphyllus			
235.	16688	Prasophyllum gracile			
236.	25261	Pseudechis australis (Mulga Snake)			
237.	42416	Pseudonaja mengdeni (Western Brown Snake)			
238.	25433	Pseudophryne guentheri (Crawling Toadlet)			
239.	13255	Pterochaeta paniculata			
240.	1693	Pterostylis recurva (Jug Orchid)			
241.	1698	Pterostylis vittata (Banded Greenhood)			
242.	2716	Ptilotus declinatus (Curved Mulla Mulla)			
243.	4172	Pultenaea ericifolia			
244.	8195	Quinetia urvillei			
245.	24245	Rattus rattus (Black Rat)	Υ		
246.	48096	Rhipidura albiscapa (Grey Fantail)			
247.	25614	Rhipidura leucophrys (Willie Wagtail)			
248.	32426	Rosulabryum campylothecium			
249.	40431	Rytidosperma acerosum			
250.	40425	Rytidosperma caespitosum			
251.	40427	Rytidosperma setaceum			
252.	972	Schoenus armeria			
253.	1002	Schoenus nanus (Tiny Bog Rush)			
254.	1013	Schoenus sculptus (Gimlet Bog-rush)			
255.	14583	Siloxerus multiflorus			
256.	25266	Simoselaps bertholdi (Jan's Banded Snake)			
257.	30948	Smicrornis brevirostris (Weebill)			
258.	1312	Sowerbaea laxiflora (Purple Tassels)			
	9070	Stackhousia pubescens (Downy Stackhousia)			
259.					
260.		Stackhousia scoparia			
	25597	Stackhousia scoparia Strepera versicolor (Grey Currawong) Stylidium caricifolium (Milkmaids)			

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	Name ID	Species Name	Naturalised	Conservation Code	¹ Endemic To Query Area
263.	7708	Stylidium crassifolium (Thick-leaved Triggerplant)			
264.	19251	Stylidium eriopodum			
265.	40945	Stylidium exappendiculatum		P3	
266.	7773	Stylidium petiolare (Horn Triggerplant)			
267.	7774	Stylidium piliferum (Common Butterfly Triggerplant)			
268.	7804	Stylidium tenuicarpum		P4	
269.	1260	Stypandra glauca (Blind Grass)			
270.	15971	Synaphea flabelliformis			
271.	16761	Synaphea interioris			
272.	46437	Tetrapora preissiana			
273.	35579	Tetraria sp. Jarrah Forest (R. Davis 7391)			
274.	4546	Tetratheca virgata			
275.	5086	Thomasia macrocalyx			
276.	19698	Thryptomene australis subsp. australis			
277.	1348	Thysanotus rectantherus			
278.	1354	Thysanotus tenellus			
279.	1357	Thysanotus thyrsoideus			
280.	6279	Trachymene ornata (Spongefruit)			
281.	6280	Trachymene pilosa (Native Parsnip)			
282.	24158	Trichosurus vulpecula subsp. vulpecula (Common Brushtail Possum)			
283.	1361	Tricoryne elatior (Yellow Autumn Lily)			
284.	4295	Trifolium dubium (Suckling Clover)	Υ		
285.	18587	Triglochin nana			
286.	15144	Trymalium ledifolium var. lineare			
287.	24983	Underwoodisaurus milii (Barking Gecko)			
288.		Urodacus novaehollandiae			
289.	9008	Urodon dasyphyllus (Mop Bushpea)			
290.		Ursinia anthemoides subsp. anthemoides	Υ		
291.		Varanus tristis (Racehorse Monitor)			
292.		Velleia cycnopotamica			
293.		Velleia trinervis			
294.		Verticordia grandiflora (Claw Featherflower)			
295.		Vespadelus regulus (Southern Forest Bat)			
296.		Vulpes vulpes (Red Fox)	Υ		
297.		Wahlenbergia preissii			
298.		Xanthorrhoea drummondii			
299.		Xanthosia atkinsoniana			
300.	25765	Zosterops lateralis (Grey-breasted White-eye, Silvereye)			

Conservation Codes

7 - Rare or likely to become extinct
X - Presumed extinct
IA - Protected under international agreement
S - Other specially protected fauna
1 - Priority 1
2 - Priority 2
3 - Priority 3
4 - Priority 5





¹ For NatureMap's purposes, species flagged as endemic are those whose records are wholely contained within the search area. Note that only those records complying with the search criterion are included in the calculation. For example, if you limit records to those from a specific datasource, only records from that datasource are used to determine if a species is restricted to the query area.

Appendix 4. Definitions of Conservation Codes for Threatened and Priority flora (DBCA, 2019b).

Conservation code	Category
(**	T) Threatened species pursuant to Sect 19 of the BC Act 2016.
	(T) CR – Critcially endangered
	Threatened species considered to be "facing an extremely high risk of extinction in the wild in the immediate future, as determined in accordance with criteria set out in the ministerial guidelines".
	(T) EN - Endangered
Т	Threatened species considered to be "facing a very high risk of extinction in the wild in the near future, as determined in accordance with criteria set out in the ministerial guidelines".
	(T) VU - Vulnerable
	Threatened species considered to be "facing a high risk of extinction in the wild in the medium-term future, as determined in accordance with criteria set out in the ministerial guidelines".
	(P) Priority species – possible Threatened species.
P1	Species that are known from one or a few locations (generally five or less) which are potentially at risk. All occurrences are either: very small; or on lands not managed for conservation, e.g. agricultural or pastoral lands, urban areas, road and rail reserves, gravel reserves and active mineral leases; or otherwise under threat of habitat destruction or degradation. Species may be included if they are comparatively well known from one or more locations but do not meet adequacy of survey requirements and appear to be under immediate threat from known threatening processes. Such species are in urgent need of further survey.
P2	Species that are known from one or a few locations (generally five or less), some of which are on lands managed primarily for nature conservation, e.g. national parks, conservation parks, nature reserves and other lands with secure tenure being managed for conservation. Species may be included if they are comparatively well known from one or more locations but do not meet adequacy of survey requirements and appear to be under threat from known threatening processes. Such species are in urgent need of further survey.

Conservation code	Category
P3	Species that are known from several locations, and the species does not appear to be under imminent threat, or from few but widespread locations with either large population size or significant remaining areas of apparently suitable habitat, much of it not under imminent threat. Species may be included if they are comparatively well known from several locations but do not meet adequacy of survey requirements and known threatening processes exist that could affect them. Such species are in need of further survey.
P4	 (a) Rare. Species that are considered to have been adequately surveyed, or for which sufficient knowledge is available, and that are considered not currently threatened or in need of special protection but could be if present circumstances change. These species are usually represented on conservation lands. (b) Near Threatened. Species that are considered to have been adequately surveyed and that are close to qualifying for vulnerable but are not listed as Conservation Dependent. (c) Species that have been removed from the list of threatened species during the past five years for reasons other than taxonomy.

Appendix 5. Categories of Threatened Species under the EPBC Act (DotEE, 2018b).

Category	Definition
Extinct (Ex)	A native species is eligible to be included in the <i>extinct</i> category at a particular time if, at that time, there is no reasonable doubt that the last member of the species has died.
Extinct in the Wild (ExW)	A native species is eligible to be included in the extinct in the wild category at a particular time if, at that time (a) it is known only to survive in cultivation, in captivity or as a naturalised population well outside its past range; or (b) it has not been recorded in its known and/or expected habitat, at appropriate seasons, anywhere in its past range, despite exhaustive surveys over a time frame appropriate to its life cycle and form.
Critically Endangered (CE)	A native species is eligible to be included in the critically endangered category at a particular time if, at that time, it is facing an extremely high risk of extinction in the wild in the immediate future, as determined in accordance with the prescribed criteria.
Endangered (EN)	A native species is eligible to be included in the endangered category at a particular time if, at that time (a) it is not critically endangered; and (b) it is facing a very high risk of extinction in the wild in the near future, as determined in accordance with the prescribed criteria.
Vulnerable (VU)	A native species is eligible to be included in the vulnerable category at a particular time if, at that time (a) it is not critically endangered or endangered; and (b) it is facing a high risk of extinction in the wild in the medium term future, as determined in accordance with the prescribed criteria.
Conservation Dependent (CD)	A native species is eligible to be included in the conservation dependent category at a particular time if, at that time, the species is the focus of a specific conservation program, the cessation of which would result in the species becoming vulnerable, endangered or critically endangered within a period of 5 years.

Appendix 6. Vegetation condition scale (EPA, 2016).

Vegetation Condition	South West and Interzone Botanical Provinces
Pristine	Pristine or nearly so, no obvious signs of disturbance or damage caused by human activities since European settlement.
Excellent	Vegetation structure intact, disturbance affecting individual species and weeds are non-aggressive species. Damage to trees caused by fire, the presence of non-aggressive weeds and occasional vehicle tracks.
Very Good	Vegetation structure altered, obvious signs of disturbance. Disturbance to vegetation structure caused by repeated fires, the presence of some more aggressive weeds, dieback, logging and grazing.
Good	Vegetation structure significantly altered by very obvious signs of multiple disturbances. Retains basic vegetation structure or ability to regenerate it. Disturbance to vegetation structure caused by very frequent fires, the presence of very aggressive weeds, partial clearing, dieback and grazing.
Degraded	Basic vegetation structure severely impacted by disturbance. Scope for regeneration but not to a state approaching good condition without intensive management. Disturbance to vegetation structure caused by very frequent fires, the presence of very aggressive weeds at high density, partial clearing, dieback and grazing.
Completely Degraded	The structure of the vegetation is no longer intact and the area is completely or almost completely without native species. These areas are often described as 'parkland cleared' with the flora comprising weed or crop species with isolated native trees and shrubs.

Appendix 7. List of vascular flora found within the Wandering-Narrogin Road Survey Area

No	FAMILY NAME	SPECIES NAME	NATURALISED
1	Fabaceae	Acacia acuminata	
2	Fabaceae	Acacia celastrifolia	
3	Fabaceae	Acacia saligna	
4	Fabaceae	Acacia stenoptera	
5	Casuarinaceae	Allocasuarina huegeliana	
6	Casuarinaceae	Allocasuarina humilis	
7	Asteraceae	Arctotheca calendula	*
8	Asparagaceae	Asparagus asparagoides	*
9	Poaceae	Austrostipa elegantissima	
10	Poaceae	Austrostipa hemipogon	
11	Poaceae	Austrostipa variabilis	
12	Poaceae	Avena fatua	*
13	Proteaceae	Banksia sessilis	
14	Pittosporaceae	Billardiera fusiformis	
15	Pittosporaceae	Billardiera variifolia	
16	Fabaceae	Bossiaea eriocarpa	
17	Haemodoraceae	Conostylis pusilla	
18	Goodeniaceae	Dampiera juncea	
19	Goodeniaceae	Dampiera lavandulacea	
20	Hemerocallidaceae	Dianella revoluta	
21	Fabaceae	Dillwynia laxiflora	
22	Asteraceae	Dittrichia graveolens	*
23	Poaceae	Ehrharta calycina	*
24	Myrtaceae	Eucalyptus loxophleba	
25	Myrtaceae	Eucalyptus wandoo	
26	Fabaceae	Gastrolobium sp.	
27	Fabaceae	Gastrolobium spinosum	

No	FAMILY NAME	SPECIES NAME	NATURALISED
28	Proteaceae	Grevillea tenuiflora	
29	Boraginaceae	Halgania anagalloides	
30	Dilleniaceae	Hibbertia montana	
31	Juncaceae	Juncus acutus	*
32	Fabaceae	Kennedia prostrata	
33	Cyperaceae	Lepidosperma tenue	
34	Myrtaceae	Leptospermum erubescens	
35	Ericaceae	Leucopogon propinquus	
36	Poaceae	Lolium perenne	*
37	Asparagaceae	Lomandra spartea	
38	Rubiaceae	Opercularia vaginata	
39	Thymelaeaceae	Pimelea spectabilis	
40	Poaceae	Rytidosperma sp.	
41	Santalaceae	Santalum acuminatum	
42	Celastraceae	Stackhousia monogyna	
43	Orchidaceae	Thelymitra petrophila	
44	Myrtaceae	Thryptomene australis	
45	Hemerocallidaceae	Tricoryne elatior	
46	Asteraceae	Vellereophyton dealbatum	*





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ROLE: botanist		ORGANISATION	: Ec	coedge				
EMAIL: russell@ed	coedge.com.au							
DESCRIPTION OF L	OCATION (Provide at least I	nearest town/named locality,	and the	e distance a	and directior	n to that plac	e):	
Narrogin-Wandering	Narrogin-Wandering Road, 330-590 m north west of Fitts Road, north side of road							
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Crest	Granite □	(on soil surface; e.g.	Sand □	Red □	Well drained ⊠
Hill 🗌	Dolerite	gravel, quartz fields)	Sandy loam	Brown 🖂	Seasonally
Ridge ☐	Laterite	0-10% 🖂	Loam 🛚	Yellow ⊠	inundated
Outcrop	Ironstone	10-30%	Clay loam	White	Permanently inundated
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