### Vegetation and flora of Booti Booti National Park and Yahoo Nature Reserve, lower North Coast of New South Wales.

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### Introduction

### The study area

Booti Booti National Park (1586 ha) and Yahoo Nature Reserve (48 ha) are situated on the lower North Coast of New South Wales (32°15'S 152°32'E), immediately south of Forster in the Great Lakes local government area (Fig. 1). The reserves fall within the NSW North Coast biogeographic region of Thackway and Cresswell (1995), and the North Coast botanical subdivision of Anderson (1961).

The larger part of Booti Booti NP consists of Quaternary barrier deposits between the Pacific Ocean and Wallis Lake connecting three headland hill complexes. Several small islands in Wallis Lake are also included in Booti Booti NP — Booti Island, Shepherd Island, Coomba Island, Earps Island, Snake Island, Little Snake Island, Black Rocks and Pelican Island. Yahoo NR is a larger island, also in Wallis Lake.

The present paper is based on a vegetation survey which was undertaken by the authors for the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service, Hunter District (Griffith et al. 1999).

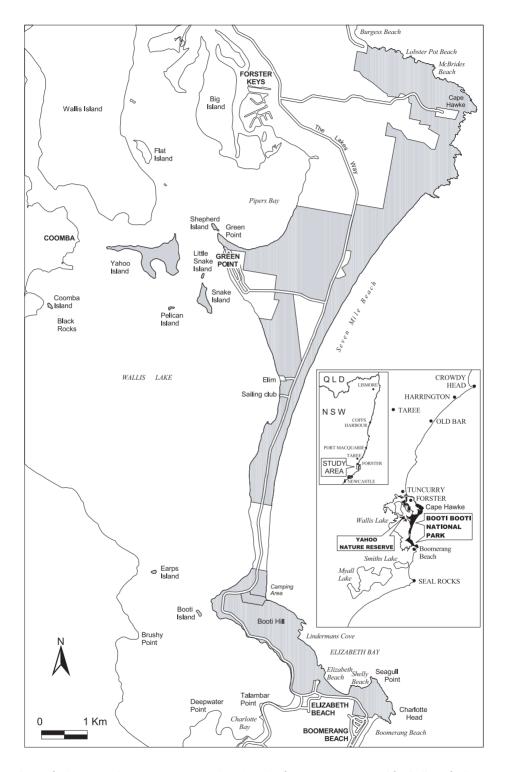


Fig. 1. The location of Booti Booti National Park and Yahoo Nature Reserve (shaded) on the lower North Coast of New South Wales.

#### Climate

The lower North Coast of NSW experiences a humid subtropical climate (Koeppen typology) which is characterised by mild winters, long hot summers, and precipitation in all seasons. The dominant winter air mass is the polar maritime, and this influences weather patterns for a minimum of 3–6 months (after Oliver 1973, in Linacre and Hobbs 1977). At this time of the year strong, cold winds originate in the south or west. Tropical maritime air dominates in summer for a minimum of three months, and during this time winds often originate in the north or north-east.

The mean annual rainfall for Taree (36 km NNW of Booti Booti NP) is 1178 mm, and an average of 35% of this total falls during the three wettest months of January, February and March. The three driest months of July, August and September receive an average of 17% of the mean annual total. However, annual and seasonal rainfall patterns can vary considerably from year to year, and so result in periods of drought or flood. To illustrate this point, 110 years of record for Harrington (40 km N of Booti Booti NP) yield a variability index for total annual rainfall of 70% (variability index = (90% percentile - 10% percentile)/50% percentile). Similarly, the variability index for monthly rainfall in March (the wettest month on average) is 175%. For monthly rainfall in September (the driest month on average), the variability index is 294% (Bureau of Meteorology 1988; Bureau of Meteorology pers. comm. 1998).

Mean daily maximum temperatures for Taree vary from 28.3 to 28.9°C in the summer months, and from 18.6 to 20.1°C in the winter months. Likewise, mean daily minimum temperatures vary from 16.4 to 18.1°C in summer, and from 5.3 to 7.2°C in winter (Bureau of Meteorology 1988). Frosts are rare in the vicinity of Booti Booti NP and Yahoo NR.

#### Landforms, geology and soils

Booti Booti NP contains three large hill complexes (landform terms generally follow Speight 1984), and these are dominated by Cape Hawke, Booti Hill and Charlotte Head respectively (Fig. 1). The Cape Hawke complex and the Charlotte Head complex are both composed of sandstone and conglomerate strata of the Conger Formation from the Carboniferous Period. The Booti Hill complex is part of the Wooton Beds, which are also Carboniferous and comprise sandstone, siltstone, claystone, shale, limestone and lavas (NSW Department of Mines 1966). All three hill complexes are interconnected with Quaternary deposits of marine-aeolian and estuarine origin. The Cape Hawke and Charlotte Head complexes were at one time offshore islands, whereas the Booti Hill complex has always been a headland promontory of the mainland (Melville 1984).

The largest hill complex is dominated by Cape Hawke (224 m high). Apart from small beaches such as McBrides and Lobster Pot, the northern and eastern margins of the Cape Hawke complex end in cliffs and rocky outcrops along the ocean. At the southwestern extremities, the complex is mantled to an elevation of approximately 50 m with quartzose sands of considerable age (> 140 000 years BP), although these sands have since eroded along gullies (de Castro Lopo 1981, Roy 1982).

During the late Pleistocene the Cape Hawke hill complex was an offshore island some 10 km out to sea and 12 km<sup>2</sup> in area. Refracted waves subsequently formed a tombololike lagoon barrier by joining the Cape Hawke complex (and the smaller island of Green Point) to the protruding headland of Booti Hill (Melville 1984). The former island of Charlotte Head also joined with the mainland in the late Pleistocene as a result of deposition. The main phase of Pleistocene barrier sedimentation commenced approximately 140 000 years BP, and this time corresponds with the Last Interglacial Marine Transgression when sea levels were higher (Roy 1982).

The present-day lagoon barrier which extends south from the Cape Hawke hill complex to the Booti Hill complex is approximately 10 km in length, and varies in width from 400 m to 3.25 km. This lagoon barrier separates Wallis Lake from the Pacific Ocean. The seaward sequence of the lagoon barrier consists of Holocene marine-aeolian deposits which overly or interface with low-lying and partly eroded Pleistocene sands, some of which are humate-cemented. In Wallis Lake, Pleistocene sands extend to a depth of 25 m below the present sea level. The western (lake) side of the lagoon barrier consists of sediments of estuarine origin. These sediments are sandy backbarrier deposits of Pleistocene age, Holocene backbarrier washover and tidal delta sands, and Holocene basin mud and intertidal deposits. Estuarine clays and clayey sands underlie all of the abovementioned sediments, and these estuarine deposits in turn rest on bedrock (Melville 1984, Roy 1982). Much of the present lagoon barrier is less than 10 m in elevation, although sand dunes reach a height of 20–30 m at a few locations. The landform pattern of the lagoon barrier is rolling to level.

The Booti Hill hill complex extends about 3 km in a north-west to south-east direction, and varies in width from 600 m to 1 km. The highest point in this complex is Booti Hill itself (169 m). Hillslopes on the south-western side of the complex form the shore of Wallis Lake, while the north-eastern and eastern slopes often terminate in sea cliffs. Elizabeth Beach occupies a protected situation between the Booti Hill complex and the Charlotte Head complex. Elizabeth Beach consists of Holocene marine-aeolian sands which onlap sandy backbarrier deposits of Pleistocene age and estuarine origin (Roy 1982).

Of the three hill complexes in Booti Booti NP, the one dominated by Charlotte Head is the smallest and lowest (96 m). The Charlotte Head complex terminates in extensive sea cliffs to the east and north-east, and the southern part of the complex is mantled with aeolian sand. To the north-west the complex has an open depression which drains towards Shelly Beach.

Some of the islands in Wallis Lake are composed entirely or partly of bedrock, whereas other islands consist of Quaternary sediments only. Shepherd and Yahoo Islands contain a bedrock knoll (identified as toscanite for Yahoo Island in Floyd 1990) against which estuarine sediments have accumulated. On the other hand, Black Rocks, Booti Island, Earps Island and Coomba Island are entirely bedrock. Snake and Little Snake Islands consist of well vegetated tidal and supratidal sediments, whereas Pelican Island is a sandy tidal flat which is predominantly unvegetated.

The Soil Conservation Service of NSW (1985) has identified several soil groups for the bedrock hill complexes in Booti Booti NP. These groups are red and yellow podzolics, yellow earths and structured clays. Other soils which are known or likely to be present include gleyed podzolics on intermittently waterlogged lower slopes, lithosols on steep slopes and shallow hillcrests, and black headland soils (after Parbery 1947) and soloths on very exposed seaward aspects. The soils associated with older sand masses of the lagoon barrier form a catenary sequence from sand podzols on well-drained sites to humus podzols, peaty podzols and then acid peats in swamps. The younger sands associated with foredunes generally display little profile development other than a surface accumulation of organic matter. Along the margins of Wallis Lake the youngest estuarine deposits often display sediment interbedding, but no true profile development. Older estuarine deposits on the other hand display rudimentary pedological development in the form of a surface accumulation of organic matter. These minimally developed, saline soils are solonchaks.

### Landuse and fire history

Approximately half (800 ha) of the present national park was originally designated as Booti Booti State Recreation Area in 1977, and this was administered by the NSW Department of Lands and an SRA Trust. Booti Booti SRA was managed for recreational activities such as fishing, swimming and camping, but with regard for intrinsic conservation values. In 1992 the former state recreation area was dedicated as Booti Booti NP under the administration of the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service. Additions both before and after dedication as a national park have increased the total area to 1586 ha. Booti Booti NP is still managed for both passive recreation and nature conservation. Yahoo Island (48 ha) was dedicated as a nature reserve in 1983, and visitation has not been actively encouraged.

The entire length of Seven Mile Beach in Booti Booti NP was mined for heavy minerals during the period from 1969 to 1975, and mining also occurred at Elizabeth Beach from 1969 to 1970. The mine paths varied in width from approximately 50–350 m. *\*Casuarina equisetifolia* subsp. *incana* was established on the mined areas beyond what is considered to be its natural southern distribution limit in the vicinity of Laurieton, approximately 70 km to the north (Harden 1990).

Former clearings are evident on the Cape Hawke hill complex, some of which are attributable to abandoned banana plantations dating from about the time of World War II. A wildfire apparently burnt through rainforest on Cape Hawke approximately 60 years ago (D. Turner NPWS, pers. comm. 1999), and fire scars are still evident on many trees.

The fire history of Booti Booti NP and Yahoo NR is reasonably typical of coastal vegetation on the NSW North Coast in that frequent unprescribed fires result from non-natural or unknown sources. Fire records for the two reserves date from 1984, and since this time most of the vegetation in the reserves has been burnt on at least one occasion. The fire records further indicate that a wide variety of vegetation types have been burnt in the last 15 years, including stands of *Livistona australis* rainforest.

\* Exotic or non-indigenous taxa are prefixed with an asterisk.

Fortunately, the extensive rainforests of the Cape Hawke hill complex have remained largely unburnt since 1984. A severe crown fire burnt most of the sand mass vegetation of Booti Booti NP in late January 1997. Yahoo NR last burnt in November 1994, and this fire affected most vegetation types other than dry rainforest on a boulder-strewn knoll.

#### **Previous botanical surveys**

Dodkin (1978) and Floyd (1990, undated) investigated the distribution and composition of rainforests in Booti Booti NP and Yahoo NR, while Clough (1979) undertook a more detailed comparative study with rainforests elsewhere on the lower North Coast. Species checklists are available from these earlier works.

The former Booti Booti SRA Trust and the NSW Department of Lands commissioned a more inclusive vegetation study by de Castro Lopo (1980). In this work Booti Booti SRA was divided into six divisions analogous to land systems (e.g. Sand Barriers Division), and 24 subdivisions (e.g. Stabilised Dune Subdivision). A detailed vegetation description and checklist was produced for each subdivision, as well as recommendations for management. In a subsequent publication, de Castro Lopo (1981) presented exploratory analyses of the species checklists compiled for each subdivision, although these analyses were limited by the internal heterogeneity of many of the map units for which the checklists and associated abundance data were collected.

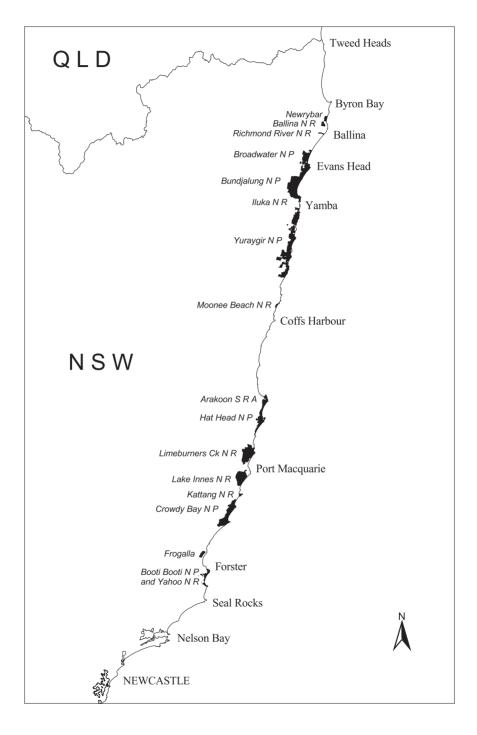
The species checklists produced by Clough (1979), de Castro Lopo (1980), Dodkin (1978) and Floyd (1990, undated) have been incorporated into the present study. Other studies which deal with aspects of the vegetation of the reserves, or the vegetation of other parts of the Wallis Lake area, include the work of Adam et al. (1988, 1989), Brockhoff (1988), Browne and Scott (1985), and Griffith (1987).

### Methods

#### Survey methods

#### Introduction

The present study is the most recent in a series of 1: 25 000 vegetation maps produced for coastal reserves of northern NSW. This work has been undertaken over a number of years by two of the present authors (S.J. Griffith and R. Wilson) for the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service. Vegetation maps have been produced for all large coastal reserves of NSW to the north of Booti Booti NP (Broadwater NP, Bundjalung NP, Yuraygir NP, Hat Head NP, Limeburners Creek NR, Lake Innes NR, Crowdy Bay NP), and a number of smaller reserves (Ballina NR, Richmond River NR, Iluka NR, Moonee Beach NR, Arakoon SRA, Kattang NR). Several significant areas of coastal vegetation on freehold or crown land have also been mapped, for example the Newrybar sand plain at Lennox Head, lands at Evans Head north and south of the Evans River, lands to the north of Yuraygir NP in the vicinity of Wooloweyah Lagoon, and Frogalla swamp north of Forster (Fig. 2).



**Fig. 2.** National parks, nature reserves and other lands on the North Coast of New South Wales for which compatible vegetation mapping is available. These areas of coastal vegetation have been mapped to a scale of 1: 25 000 using the classification and coding system employed in the present study for Booti Booti NP and Yahoo NR.

All of the aforementioned mapping (around 84 000 ha) has been digitised using a minimum polygon size of approximately one hectare, and it is stored in a regional geographical information system (GIS) at the Northern Zone office of the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (Coffs Harbour).

### Air photo interpretation and mapping

The vegetation of Booti Booti NP and Yahoo NR was mapped by means of air photo interpretation (API). Stereo-paired colour photography flown by the NSW Department of Land and Water Conservation was used, generally at a scale of 1: 25 000 (Bulahdelah series 1991, Runs 6, 7, 8, 9), although an incomplete coverage of 1: 10 000 photography was also used to confirm some vegetation boundaries.

Preliminary stratification of the vegetation into photo types was undertaken by reference to such diagnostic features as colour, texture, crown architecture, aspect and topographic position. A process of preliminary stratification, selective field sampling, and specification and interpretation adjustment was continued until a satisfactory level of confidence in photo type recognition was reached.

Selective field sampling (ground truthing) was undertaken by two people over a period of six days, and during this process observations were made of the structure and composition of each photo type. A species checklist was also compiled for each vegetation type during this fieldwork, although not for rainforests other than that dominated by *Choricarpia leptopetala*. Extensive checklists have already been produced for most rainforest types of the reserves by others (Clough 1979, Dodkin 1978, Floyd 1990, undated).

The boundaries of the photo types, which are generally analogous to plant associations (sensu Beadle 1981), were transcribed to CMA (Central Mapping Authority) 1: 25 000 topographic map bases, digitised, and then converted to ArcView 3.1 GIS (Environmental Systems Research Institute Inc.) format for final vegetation map production.

### Vegetation classification

The structural classification used for mapping and community description follows Walker and Hopkins (1984), and the general range in height and crown cover for each community is expressed using two or more classes (e.g. mid-high to tall, open to closed forest; simple, tall to very tall closed fan palm forest).

Subformation names for vegetation types other than rainforest are adapted from the classification proposed by Beadle and Costin (1952), e.g. 'wet sclerophyll forest'. The subformation categories of Floyd (1990) are used for rainforests, although the distinction between littoral rainforest and subtropical rainforest has been maintained.

The communities are named after dominant indicator species of the tallest (dominant) stratum, and most could be considered associations using the definition of Beadle (1981): 'a community in which the dominant stratum exhibits uniform floristic composition, the community usually exhibiting uniform structure (also)'. In applying Beadle's definition, it is assumed that a particular stand is structurally uniform if it

spans two or less height classes (after Walker & Hopkins 1984), and two or less crown cover classes. In this way, for example, *Melaleuca quinquenervia* tall open woodland/woodland could be considered a separate association to *M. quinquenervia* tall open/closed forest. As observed in the field, subsidiary (10–30% of total crown cover) or minor (< 10% of total crown cover) associates of the tallest stratum are given in each plant community description. Emergents above the tallest stratum are also noted where present (generally < 5% of total crown cover for the tallest stratum). For strata beneath the tallest stratum, short lists of common species are provided.

Five-digit numeric codes are used for mapping purposes to identify individual plant communities, and also other map units such as cleared land. The decision to use numeric codes in preference to, say, alpha-numeric codes was originally made in the early 1980s to facilitate the compilation of data for fire behaviour modelling using PREPLAN software. At that time numeric codes were generally easier to manipulate and compute.

The first four digits of each code identify the formation, subformation and community. As an illustration, map codes 0000–4999 are reserved for formations in which the tallest stratum is dominated by trees, i.e. forest and woodland. Within the forest and woodland formations, map codes 3500–3999 are used for communities in the dry sclerophyll forest and woodland subformations. Dry sclerophyll forest and woodland in which *Eucalyptus pilularis* is the dominant indicator species has been assigned the map code 3504. A fifth digit is used on vegetation maps to signify the crown cover range of the tallest stratum in each polygon: 1 = mid-dense to dense (e.g.  $3504\underline{1}$  for *E. pilularis* open to closed forest); 2 = very sparse to sparse (e.g.  $3504\underline{2}$  for *E. pilularis* open woodland); 0 = crown cover variable, or else not determined. The '0' code is only used for 'complex' map units and 'miscellaneous' map units.

In some instances it was not possible to map communities discretely at a scale of 1:25 000. This situation arose where communities were too fragmented and intermixed (e.g. along foredunes and sea cliffs), or else formed seemingly broad ecotones or 'mixed stands' (after Beadle 1981). In many situations where communities closely intermix, micro-relief varies over small distances. For simplicity of mapping, commonly encountered mixed stands which are perceived to comprise two communities have been assigned a distinct map code (e.g. 40991 for mixed swamp sclerophyll forest stands of Melaleuca quinquenervia and Casuarina glauca). Less common mixed stands are simply mapped using a dual code (e.g. 64021-65031). Fragmented and intermixed vegetation which comprises more than two communities is often found on foredunes, in saltmarshes, and along seacliffs. In such situations appropriately annotated 'complex' map units are employed. These are Foredune Complex (code 90100), Saltmarsh Complex (code 90200) and Headland Complex (code 90300) respectively. 'Miscellaneous' map units are further used to identify artificial, disturbed or predominantly unvegetated areas, for example clearings (code 92030), urban development (code 92090) and open water (code 91040). Occasionally a stand of vegetation grades from one structural formation into another over too small an area to be further subdivided at the mapping scale employed (e.g. where a forest stand grades into tree mallee or shrubland on its more exposed margins). In such cases the stand was mapped according to the predominant growth form.

The vegetation coding system has been consistently applied to vegetation mapping projects in coastal reserves and other lands of northern NSW (Fig. 2), and to date some 180 plant communities have been delineated and mapped. This vegetation classification and mapping system has formed the basis of fire management in many coastal reserves on the NSW North Coast (e.g. NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service 1997, 1998a,b). Sun et al. (1997) provide a generalised comparison of the vegetation classification and mapping system (as 'NSW NPWS Coastal Vegetation Mapping') with systems in use for other parts of NSW and Australia.

#### **Plot-based sampling**

#### Site stratification

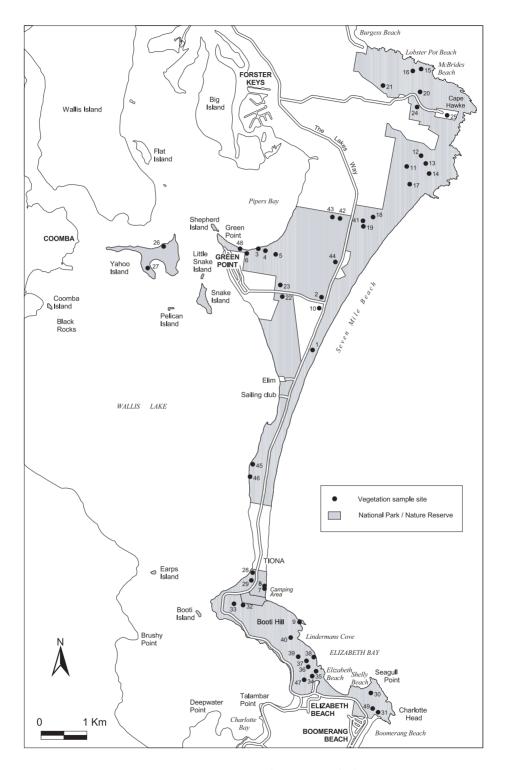
A plot-based survey was undertaken in addition to the vegetation mapping, plant community description and species checklist compilation. The stratification of sites for plot-based sampling was initially attempted using environmental variables (geology, slope, aspect, elevation) and a GIS, rather than air photo patterns. Such a procedure has been employed in several other surveys for the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (e.g. Bell 1997, Sheringham & Sanders 1993), particularly in vegetation on rugged sandstone landforms in the Sydney region where changes in aspect and elevation are generally pronounced.

Unfortunately, subsequent attempts to assign sample sites using derived environmental category combinations (e.g. high quartz sedimentary bedrock,  $0-2^{\circ}$  slope,  $0-89^{\circ}$  aspect and 0-99 m elevation) proved unsatisfactory, primarily due to resolution limitations for the available GIS environmental layers. As an illustration, the GIS geology layer grouped all Pleistocene and Holocene deposits as 'Quaternary sand and alluvium' regardless of origin, degree of weathering, and soil formation environment. Coastal vegetation patterns, particulary on sand plains and around estuaries, are quite complex. In such areas vegetation patterns may change dramatically with only slight changes in elevation (< 0.5 m), and also with variations in groundwater hydrology which are often more closely linked to soil profile characteristics (e.g. depth and degree of induration of the B horizon) than to elevation above sea level.

In view of the perceived complexity of coastal vegetation, and the relative coarseness of the environmental layers which were available at the time of the survey, all attempts to stratify the vegetation using environmental variables were abandoned in favour of sampling a range of photo patterns. Sample sites were assigned by photo pattern following the preparation of a draft vegetation map (Fig. 3).

#### Data collection

Floristic data were collected for 49 sites in Booti Booti NP and Yahoo NR using quadrats of fixed size (400 m<sup>2</sup> wherever possible, but occasionally 200 m<sup>2</sup> or 100 m<sup>2</sup> in restricted vegetation types). The sampling was undertaken during the periods February to April 1998 and September 1998, and each site was permanently marked with a numbered metal picket. All vascular species present were recorded and assigned to one of six foliage cover (sensu Walker & Hopkins 1984) classes: 1 (< 5%



**Fig. 3.** Location of sites in Booti Booti NP and Yahoo NR at which plot-based sampling was undertaken. Sample sites were stratified on the basis of photo pattern after the preparation of a preliminary vegetation map.

cover and species uncommon); 2 (< 5% and common); 3 (6–20%); 4 (21–50%); 5 (51–75%); and 6 (76–100%). The nomenclature for plant taxa is consistent with current usage at the Royal Botanic Gardens Sydney, and most authorities are provided in Harden (1990–93). Exotic or non-indigenous taxa are prefixed with an asterisk.

The following attributes were also measured or estimated at each site:

- vegetation structure, including the height and foliage cover of each stratum;
- location, aspect, elevation and slope;
- angle to the horizon for the eight principal compass points;
- geology and general soil characteristics;
- topographic position;
- time since the last fire event; and
- forms of disturbance other than fire.

Data are available for all plant communities recognised during the vegetation mapping process, although budgetary constraints restricted the sampling intensity to a single quadrat in all but two communities (two quadrats were placed in each of the latter). The data for each site were recorded on a standard NPWS proforma, and archived with the NPWS, Hunter District.

#### Numerical analysis

Plant communities perceived from air photo interpretation are primarily distinguished on the basis of structure and, where resolution is adequate, floristic composition of the dominant stratum (and occasionally a second stratum). Plant communities so derived display a degree of floristic homogeneity for the tallest stratum, but this may not be the case for understorey strata. Conversely, it may be possible to distinguish different structural formations on aerial photographs (e.g. shrubland versus heathland), even though there is little obvious difference in floristic composition. All air photo interpretation is also scale dependent, and it is sometimes possible to further subdivide map units with the aid of larger scale photography. The degree of congruence between plant communities derived from air photo interpretation and phytosociological units derived solely from floristics can be examined by the numerical classification of site data.

Forty eight of the 49 sites for which plot-based sampling was undertaken were analysed using the PATN software package (Belbin 1993). One site which sampled young regrowth in a former clearing was excluded from the analysis. The sites were analysed on the basis of full-floristics and foliage cover class scores using the Bray-Curtis dissimilarity measure with the flexible UPGMA (unweighted pair group arithmetic averaging) strategy and a slightly negative (-0.1) beta value.

### Results

### Introduction

A total of 758 vascular plant taxa have been recorded for Booti Booti NP and Yahoo NR in the present and earlier surveys (Appendix 1). Exotics account for approximately

14% of the flora (104 taxa), although the total number of introduced taxa could be increased with closer examination of disturbed sites (e.g. road verges, picnic areas, former clearings). Disturbed sites were not systematically sampled in the present survey. Further sampling of native vegetation is also likely to increase the number of records of cryptic taxa such as terrestrial orchids.

Of the 654 native taxa known for the reserves, approximately 83% were recorded during fieldwork for the present survey. A similar percentage of native taxa (approximately 78%) is listed in the earlier study of Booti Booti SRA by de Castro Lopo (1980), which includes rainforest records by Clough (1979).

As derived from air photo interpretation and ground survey, 46 plant communities and other vegetation types have been mapped for Booti Booti NP and Yahoo NR (Table 1). This mapping, at a scale of 1: 25 000, is presented as a separate sheet (located in back pocket). The vegetation map is also stored in a GIS maintained by the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service, both at the Hunter District office (Raymond Terrace) and the Northern Zone office (Coffs Harbour).

In the following discussion each of the plant communities recognised for Booti Booti NP and Yahoo NR is described in terms of its structure, floristic composition, general habitat characteristics, community relations, extent and distribution. This information was compiled using the results of both the plot-based sampling and the fieldwork for vegetation map production. For rainforest communities other than those dominated by *Choricarpia leptopetala*, the descriptions of floristic composition and structure also incorporate information provided by de Castro Lopo (1980), Dodkin (1978) and Floyd (1990, undated).

The distribution of each plant community elsewhere in northern NSW is discussed, primarily by reference to vegetation mapping for other coastal reserves to the north of Booti Booti NP (Fig. 2). Equivalent vegetation types as recognised in other studies are also given where known.

#### Table 1. Plant communities of Booti Booti National Park and Yahoo Nature Reserve.

The plant communities are named after dominant indicator species of the tallest (dominant) stratum. Five-digit numeric codes are used for mapping purposes to identify individual plant communities. The first four digits of each code identify the formation, subformation and community. A fifth digit (shown in brackets) is used on the vegetation map to signify the crown cover range of the tallest stratum in each polygon: 1 = mid-dense to dense (e.g. open to closed forest); 2 = very sparse to sparse (e.g. open woodland to woodland). Missing codes apply to plant communities not found in Booti Booti NP or Yahoo NR.

\* Exotic taxa are prefixed with an asterisk.

Plant Community	Structure	Map Code
FORMATION: forest and woodland		0000-4999
Subtropical rainforest	simple, tall to very tall closed	<b>0000-0499</b>
Livistona australis	fan palm forest	0003(1)
Littoral rainforest	simple, notophyll-microphyll, low to	<b>0500-0999</b>
Cupaniopsis anacardioides	tall closed forest	0502(1)

5000-5099

<b>Plant Community</b> Drypetes deplanchei- Sarcomelicope simplicifolia	<b>Structure</b> simple, notophyll-microphyll, low to very tall closed forest	<b>Map Code</b> 0505(1)
subsp. simplicifolia-Cassine australis var. australis- Podocarpus elatus		
Dry rainforest		1000-1499
Ficus sppStreblus brunonianus- Dendrocnide sppCassine australis var. australis	simple, notophyll, mid-high to tall closed forest	1003(1)
Choricarpia leptopetala	simple, notophyll, low to tall closed forest	1004(1)
Mangrove forest and woodland		2500-2999
Avicennia marina subsp. australasica	low to mid-high open woodland and woodland	2502(2)
Wet sclerophyll forest		3000-3499
Lophostemon confertus	mid-high to very tall, open to closed forest	3002(1)
Eucalyptus grandis	very tall open to closed forest	3004(1)
Eucalyptus pilularis	very tall open to closed forest	3006(1)
Eucalyptus microcorys	very tall open to closed forest	3007(1)
Eucalyptus tereticornis	mid-high to very tall, open to closed forest	3011(1)
Eucalyptus fergusonii subsp. fergusonii	tall to very tall, open to closed forest	3012(1)
Corymbia maculata-Eucalyptus fergusonii subsp. fergusonii- E. acmenoides	very tall open to closed forest	3013(1)
Dry sclerophyll forest and woodland		3500-3999
Eucalyptus pilularis	tall to very tall, open to closed forest	3504(1)
Eucalyptus microcorys	mid-high to very tall, open to closed forest	3508(1)
Eucalyptus tereticornis	mid-high to tall, open woodland to closed forest	3512(1) 3512(2)
Allocasuarina littoralis	low open to closed forest	3513(1)
Angophora costata	mid-high to very tall, open woodland to closed forest	3522(1) 3522(2)
Eucalyptus pilularis-Angophora costata	tall to very tall, woodland to closed forest	3556(1) 3556(2)
Corymbia maculata-Eucalyptus fergusonii subsp. fergusonii- E. acmenoides	mid-high to tall, open to closed forest	3559(1)
Eucalyptus tereticornis-E. microcorys	mid-high to very tall, open to closed forest	3560(1)
Angophora floribunda	low to mid-high, open to closed forest	3561(1)
Corymbia maculata	tall to very tall, open to closed forest	3562(1)
Swamp sclerophyll forest and woodla	4000-4499	
Melaleuca quinquenervia	mid-high to very tall, open woodland to closed forest	4003(1) 4003(2)
Casuarina glauca	mid-high to very tall, open woodland to closed forest	4005(1) 4005(2)
Eucalyptus robusta-Melaleuca quinquenervia	mid-high to very tall, open woodland to closed forest	4098(1) 4098(2)
Melaleuca quinquenervia- Casuarina glauca	mid-high to very tall, open woodland to closed forest	4099(1) 4099(2)
FORMATION: mallee forest and woodl	5000-5199	

Plant Community	Structure	Map Code
Eucalyptus pilularis	very tall to extremely tall, mallee	5002(2)
51 1	woodland and open mallee woodland	
Swamp sclerophyll mallee forest and v	woodland	5100-5199
Eucalyptus robusta	very tall to extremely tall, mallee woodland and open mallee woodland	5102(2)
FORMATION: shrubland (scrub)		5200-5599
Rain-shrubland		5200-5299
Choricarpia leptopetala	simple, notophyll, tall to very tall closed shrubland	5203(1)
Dry sclerophyll shrubland		5400-5499
Banksia aemula	tall to very tall, open to closed shrubland	5402(1)
Melaleuca armillaris	very tall closed shrubland	5404(1)
Leptospermum laevigatum	tall to very tall closed shrubland	5410(1)
*Chrysanthemoides monilifera subsp. rotundata-Acacia sophorae	mid-high to tall closed shrubland	5411(1)
Swamp sclerophyll shrubland		5500-5599
Melaleuca quinquenervia	tall to very tall, sparse to open shrubland	5506(2)
FORMATION: heathland		5800-6099
Dry heathland		5800-5899
Banksia aemula-Allocasuarina simulans	mid-high to tall closed heathland	5804(1)
Intermediate dry heathland	mid-high to tall closed heathland	5899(1)
Graminoid clay heathland		5900-5999
Banksia spinulosa var. collina- Allocasuarina littoralis-Hakea teretifolia -Ptilothrix deusta-Themeda australis	low to mid-high closed heathland	5905(1)
Wet heathland		6000-6099
Banksia oblongifolia-Leptospermum liversidgei-Sporadanthus interruptus- Sprengelia sprengelioides-Xanthorrhoea fulva	mid-high to tall closed heathland	6002(1)
FORMATION: chenopod shrubland		6100-6199
Sarcocornia quinqueflora subsp. quinqueflora-Sporobolus virginicus	dwarf to low, open to closed chenopod shrubland/tussock grassland	6102(1)
FORMATION: tussock grassland		6200-6299
Spinifex sericeus	low to mid-high, sparse to closed tussock grassland	6202(1) 6202(2)
FORMATION: sod grassland		6300-6399
Themeda australis	low to tall closed sod grassland	6302(1)
FORMATION: sedgeland		6400-6499
Baumea juncea	mid-high to tall closed sedgeland	6402(1)
Leptocarpus tenax-		0102(1)
Baloskion pallens-Schoenus brevifolius	tall to very tall closed sedgeland	6403(1)
FORMATION: rushland		6500-6599
Juncus kraussii subsp. australiensis	tall to very tall closed rushland	6502(1)
Phragmites australis	very tall closed rushland	6503(1)

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#### Plant community descriptions

#### Rainforest

Rainforest vegetation covers approximately 17% of Booti Booti NP and Yahoo NR, where it is found on both Carboniferous strata and unconsolidated Quaternary sediments. Five rainforest communities have been recognised for the reserves, and these represent the dry rainforest and subtropical rainforest subformations distinguished by Floyd (1990), with the latter subformation including littoral rainforest. Approximately one third of the native vascular taxa known for the reserves are found in the rainforests.

### *Livistona australis* subtropical rainforest (map code 00031).

Area: 44 ha in Booti Booti NP and Yahoo NR.

**Structure:** simple, tall to very tall closed fan palm forest.

Floristic composition: Livistona australis dominates the tallest stratum (Fig. 4), although Casuarina glauca, Melaleuca quinquenervia, Eucalyptus robusta and Lophostemon confertus may be minor associates (< 10%) or emergent (generally < 5%). Understorey species include *Calochlaena dubia*, *Christella dentata*, *Entolasia marginata*, *Livistona australis*, *Oplismenus aemulus* and *Viola hederacea*, although the immediate ground surface is often largely unvegetated due to shading and litter accumulation.

Habitat and community relations: Primarily occurs on sandy Quaternary sediments along broad open depressions, although also extends into gullies on sedimentary bedrock. Grades into swamp sclerophyll forest, and also into other rainforest communities.

**Equivalent vegetation types:** Forms part of an *Archontophoenix-Livistona* suballiance circumscribed for NSW by Floyd (1990), and also falls within the broader 'Palm' forest type (No. 7) of the Forestry Commission of NSW (1989). A related *Livistona australis* 'woodland' has been reported for southeastern Queensland (Elsol & Dowling 1978, McDonald & Elsol 1984).

**Distribution in northern New South Wales:** Present in Broadwater NP and Hat Head NP. The broader *Archontophoenix-Livistona* suballiance of Floyd (1990) is found in several North Coast reserves, both near and inland of the coastline.



**Fig. 4.** Subtropical rainforest (simple, tall to very tall closed fan palm forest) dominated by *Livistona australis* (community 00031), with blackened stems from a fire in the 1994/95 fire season. The immediate ground surface is often largely unvegetated due to shading and litter accumulation.

### Cupaniopsis anacardioides littoral rainforest (map code 05021).

**Area:** 11.5 ha in Booti Booti NP, with additional small areas included in a Foredune Complex map unit.

**Structure:** simple, notophyll-microphyll, low to tall closed forest.

Floristic composition: Cupaniopsis anacardioides is characteristic of the equivalent suballiance circumscribed by Floyd (1990), although other tree species which may be locally subsidiary to co-dominant in Booti Booti NP include Acmena smithii, Alectryon coriaceus, Banksia integrifolia subsp. integrifolia (which may be more or less emergent), Drypetes deplanchei, Endiandra sieberi, Glochidion ferdinandi var. ferdinandi, Livistona australis, Mischocarpus pyriformis subsp. pyriformis, Planchonella australis and Syzygium oleosum. Vines include Cissus antarctica, Geitonoplesium cymosum, Jasminum volubile and Stephania japonica var. discolor.

Habitat and community relations: Found in siliceous sand on sheltered aspects of foredune systems, generally quite close to beach fronts. Replaced by other Foredune Complex communities on more exposed aspects.

**Equivalent vegetation types:** Named after the equivalent suballiance No. 17 of Floyd (1990), and forms part of the broader forest type No. 24 'Tuckeroo' (Forestry Commission of NSW 1989). A comparable *Acronychia imperforata-Cupaniopsis anacardioides* closed forest is recognised for southeastern Queensland (McDonald & Elsol 1984).

**Distribution in northern New South Wales:** The *Cupaniopsis anacardioides* suballiance of Floyd (1990) extends along the North Coast of NSW where it is reserved in Bundjalung NP, Yuraygir NP, Hat Head NP, Crowdy Bay NP, Myall Lakes NP, Brunswick Heads NR, Broken Head NR, Iluka NR, Moonee Beach NR, Bundagen FR, Limeburners Creek NR, Sea Acres NR and Kattang NR. Additional areas outside of the reserve system are protected under SEPP 26-Littoral Rainforest.

#### Drypetes deplanchei-Sarcomelicope simplicifolia subsp. simplicifolia-Cassine australis var. australis-Podocarpus elatus littoral rainforest (map code 05051).

**Area:** 120 ha in Booti Booti NP where found on Booti Hill and Cape Hawke. Additional minor stands are included in a Headland Complex map unit.

**Structure:** simple, notophyll-microphyll, low to very tall closed forest.

Floristic composition: Drypetes deplanchei, Sarcomelicope simplicifolia subsp. simplicifolia, Cassine australis var. australis and Podocarpus elatus are characteristic dominants of the equivalent suballiance circumscribed by Floyd (1990), although other species which may be locally subsidiary to co-dominant in Booti Booti NP include Austromyrtus bidwillii, Baloghia inophylla, Dysoxylum fraserianum, Euroschinus falcata var. falcata, Heritiera actinophylla and Olea paniculata. Vines include Arthropteris tenella and Cissus antarctica. Platycerium bifurcatum is an abundant epiphyte.

Habitat and community relations: Found on relatively steep, boulder-strewn hillslopes across a range of aspects, although these are predominantly easterly to south-easterly. The sedimentary bedrock is composed of greywacke and tuffaceous sandstone (Floyd 1990). The community is extensive on the southern section of Cape Hawke, but tends to be replaced by *Choricarpia leptopetala* dry rainforest (code 10041) on the northern section where the northerly aspects are perhaps less sheltered and more fire-prone.

**Equivalent vegetation types:** Named after the equivalent suballiance No. 19 of Floyd (1990), and forms part of the broader forest type No. 25 'Headland Brush Box' (Forestry Commission of NSW 1989).

**Distribution in northern New South Wales:** Floyd (1990) reports the distribution of the suballiance as extending from Gap Beach (Hat Head NP) to Myall Lakes on the NSW North Coast, with a less representative occurrence also present in Royal NP on the Central Coast.

#### Ficus spp.-Streblus brunonianus-Dendrocnide spp.-Cassine australis var. australis dry rainforest (map code 10031).

**Area:** Occurs on Yahoo NR, and on Booti and Earps Islands in Booti Booti NP. The total area is 7 ha.

**Structure:** simple, notophyll, mid-high to tall closed forest.

Floristic composition: Cassine australis var. australis, Dendrocnide photinophylla, Ficus rubiginosa and Streblus brunonianus are some of the characteristic dominants of the equivalent suballiance circumscribed by Floyd (1990), although other species which may be locally subsidiary to Habitat and community relations: Occurs on boulder outcrops of islands in Wallis Lake. The bedrock is sedimentary, or more specifically tuffaceous sandstone for Yahoo Island (Floyd 1990). The community can be fringed by swamp sclerophyll forest, and at one location adjoins *Livistona australis* subtropical rainforest.

**Equivalent vegetation types:** Named after the equivalent suballiance No. 23 of Floyd (1990), and forms part of the broader forest type No. 22 'Yellow Tulipwood' (Forestry Commission of NSW 1989).

**Distribution in northern New South Wales:** The *Ficus* spp.-*Streblus brunonianus-Dendrocnide* spp.-*Cassine australis* var. *australis* suballiance occurs disjunctly along the North Coast of NSW, and continues further south to Milton (Floyd 1990). Other coastal or island reserves of the North Coast in which the suballiance is present are Myall Lakes NP, John Gould Island NR and Snapper Island NR.

# *Choricarpia leptopetala* dry rainforest (map code 10041).

**Area:** 99 ha in Booti Booti NP where restricted to Cape Hawke.

Structure: simple, notophyll, low to tall closed forest.

Floristic composition: Choricarpia leptopetala dominates the tallest stratum, although Drypetes deplanchei and Lophostemon confertus may be minor to subsidiary associates (up to 30%), with L. confertus becoming more or less emergent at some locations. Understorey and vine species include Gahnia melanocarpa, Notelaea longifolia forma intermedia, Rapanea variabilis and Smilax australis, although the immediate ground surface may be largely unvegetated due to shading and the presence of extensive rock outcrops.

Habitat and community relations: Extensive on boulder-strewn hillslopes and hillcrests in the northern section of Cape Hawke, particularly on north to north-easterly aspects. At these locations the geology is sedimentary. The community is reduced to the shrubland equivalent (code 52031) on more exposed aspects, and is replaced by Drypetes deplanchei-Sarcomelicope simplicifolia **Equivalent vegetation types:** Named after the *Choricarpia leptopetala* suballiance circumscribed by Floyd (1990), and falls within the broader 'Myrtle' forest type (No. 23) of the Forestry Commission of NSW (1989).

**Distribution in northern New South Wales:** The *Choricarpia leptopetala* suballiance of Floyd (1990) extends disjunctly along the North Coast of NSW, with limited areas also present on the Central Coast. The suballiance is not known for coastal reserves to the north of Booti Booti NP.

#### Mangrove woodland

Mangrove vegetation is of very limited extent in Booti Booti NP and Yahoo NR where it occupies approximately 0.15% of the total area. A single community is present, and this is dominated by *Avicennia marina* subsp. *australasica*.

### Avicennia marina subsp. australasica mangrove woodland (map code 25022).

**Area:** 2.5 ha in Booti Booti NP and Yahoo NR, with stands in the latter reserve too small to map at a scale of 1: 25 000.

**Structure:** low to mid-high open woodland and woodland.

Floristic composition: Avicennia marina subsp. australasica dominates. Aegiceras corniculatum is an uncommon understorey shrub. The immediate ground surface is either unvegetated apart from pneumatophores, or else supports lower saltmarsh species such as Sporobolus virginicus.

Habitat and community relations: Found on interbedded Quaternary sediments of intertidal flats in the Wallis Lake estuary. Often grades landward into *Sarcocornia quinqueflora* subsp. *quinqueflora-Sporobolus virginicus* chenopod shrubland/tussock grassland where inundation by high tides does not occur on a daily basis.

**Distribution in northern New South Wales:** Occurs in Bundjalung NP, Yuraygir NP, Hat Head NP, Crowdy Bay NP, Ballina NR, Richmond River NR and Limeburners Creek NR. Additional areas outside of the reserve system are designated as Coastal Wetland under SEPP 14. **Equivalent vegetation types:** Avicennia marina subsp. australasica mangrove forest and woodland is widespread along the NSW coast (Beadle 1981, Adam et al. 1988, West et al. 1984), and extends into Queensland (Batianoff & Elsol 1989, Dowling & McDonald 1982, Durrington 1977). The community forms part of forest type No. 33, 'Mangrove' (Forestry Commission of NSW 1989).

#### Wet sclerophyll forest

Seven wet sclerophyll forest communities have been recognised for Booti Booti NP. As for rainforest, wet sclerophyll forest is found on both Carboniferous strata and unconsolidated Quaternary sediments. Floristically, the wet sclerophyll forests and rainforests of the reserves have much in common. To illustrate this point, approximately half of the native vascular taxa known for the rainforests are also found in wet sclerophyll forests, primarily in understorey strata.

### Lophostemon confertus wet sclerophyll forest (map code 30021).

**Area:** 5.5 ha in Booti Booti NP where restricted to Booti Hill and Charlotte Head.

Structure: mid-high to very tall, open to closed forest.

Floristic composition: Lophostemon confertus dominates the tallest stratum, although Eucalyptus microcorys may be a minor associate (< 10%). Understorey and vine species include Cryptocarya rigida, Doodia aspera, Lastreopsis decomposita, Livistona australis and Smilax australis.

Habitat and community relations: Occurs on south-east to south-west facing hillslopes where the bedrock is sedimentary. Associates with rainforest and *Eucalyptus grandis* wet sclerophyll forest. Replaced by *Eucalyptus pilularis* dry sclerophyll forest on aspects which are likely to be more fire-prone.

**Distribution in northern New South Wales:** Present in Broadwater NP, Bundjalung NP, Yuraygir NP, Hat Head NP, Iluka NR and Lake Innes NR, although generally as small stands.

**Equivalent vegetation types:** Lophostemon confertus reaches its southern distribution limit in the Hunter River valley on the lower North Coast of NSW (Harden 1991). The community falls within the somewhat broader forest type No. 53 ('Brush Box'), which extends along the coast and escarpment of north-eastern NSW (Forestry Commission of NSW)

1989). The community also occurs in south-eastern Queensland (Durrington 1977, Elsol 1991, McDonald & Whiteman 1979, Young & McDonald 1989).

### *Eucalyptus grandis* wet sclerophyll forest (map code 30041).

Area: 8 ha in Booti Booti NP on or near Booti Hill.

Structure: very tall open to closed forest.

Floristic composition: Eucalyptus grandis dominates the tallest stratum, although Corymbia intermedia, Eucalyptus microcorys, E. pilularis, Livistona australis, Lophostemon confertus and Melaleuca quinquenervia may be present as minor associates (< 10%) or occasionally subsidiary (up to 30%). Understorey species include Acacia binervata, Baloghia inophylla, Cupaniopsis anacardioides, Gahnia clarkei, \*Lantana camara and Livistona australis.

Habitat and community relations: Generally occurs along sheltered hillslopes and gullies where the bedrock is sedimentary, although also extends onto sandy Quaternary sediments near the base of Booti Hill. Associates with *Lophostemon confertus* and *Eucalyptus microcorys* wet sclerophyll forests, and at one location also adjoins littoral rainforest. Commonly replaced by *Eucalyptus pilularis* dry sclerophyll forest on less sheltered aspects.

**Distribution in northern New South Wales:** Present in Broadwater NP, Bundjalung NP, Crowdy Bay NP, Moonee Beach NR, Limeburners Creek NR and Lake Innes NR, although generally as very limited stands.

**Equivalent vegetation types:** *Eucalyptus grandis* reaches its southern distribution limit in the Newcastle area on the lower North Coast (Chippendale 1988, Harden 1991). The community extends north from here along the NSW coast (Beadle 1981, Forestry Commission of NSW 1989, as forest type No. 48 'Flooded Gum'), and is also found in south-eastern Queensland (Elsol & Dowling 1978, McDonald & Whiteman 1979).

### *Eucalyptus pilularis* wet sclerophyll forest (map code 30061).

Area: 7 ha on Booti Hill in Booti Booti NP.

Structure: very tall open to closed forest.

**Floristic composition:** The tallest stratum is floristically variable, although *Eucalyptus pilularis* accounts for 50% or more of total crown cover.

Subsidiary or co-dominant species include Eucalyptus grandis, E. microcorys, E. propinqua and Lophostemon confertus. Understorey species include Citriobatus pauciflorus, Cryptocarya microneura, C. rigida, Doodia aspera and Lophostemon confertus. Vine species include Cissus hypoglauca and Smilax australis.

Habitat and community relations: Occurs along south to south-west facing hillslopes and gullies where the bedrock is sedimentary. Grades into *Eucalyptus pilularis* dry sclerophyll forest on less sheltered aspects, with boundaries between the two communities no doubt maintained by fire.

**Distribution in northern New South Wales:** Found in Bundjalung NP, Yuraygir NP, Hat Head NP, Dooragan NP, Crowdy Bay NP and Lake Innes NR. Also present in many state forests, and some conservation reserves away from the seaboard.

**Equivalent vegetation types:** *Eucalyptus pilularis* extends north from the Eden district (Harden 1991), although the community is more extensive further north in coastal NSW (Beadle 1981, Forestry Commission of NSW 1989, as forest type No. 36 'Moist Blackbutt'). *Eucalyptus pilularis* wet sclerophyll forest also occurs in south-eastern Queensland (Elsol 1991, McDonald & Elsol 1984, McDonald & Whiteman 1979).

### *Eucalyptus microcorys* wet sclerophyll forest (map code 30071).

**Area:** 5.5 ha in Booti Booti NP where restricted to Booti Hill and Elizabeth Beach.

Structure: very tall open to closed forest.

Floristic composition: Eucalyptus microcorys dominates the tallest stratum, although Lophostemon confertus may be a minor associate (< 10%) or subsidiary (up to 30%). Understorey species include Cryptocarya rigida, Diospyros pentamera, Doodia aspera, Gahnia melanocarpa and Livistona australis.

Habitat and community relations: The main stands occupy south to south-west facing hillslopes where the bedrock is sedimentary. At a single location with little or no aspect the community is found on sandy Quaternary sediments. On less sheltered aspects the community is replaced by *Eucalyptus pilularis* dry sclerophyll forest. At one location the community adjoins rainforest.

**Distribution in northern New South Wales:** *Eucalyptus microcorys* has a coastal distribution which extends north from the upper Central Coast of NSW into south-eastern Queensland (Chippendale 1988, Harden 1991). The only other coastal reserve on the North Coast of NSW in which the community appears to be present is Lake Innes NR. The equivalent forest type No. 45, 'Tallowwood' is considered to have a restricted distribution in state forests on the North Coast (Forestry Commission of NSW 1989).

**Equivalent vegetation types:** The Forestry Commission of NSW (1989) recognises a 'Tallowwood' forest type (No. 45).

# *Eucalyptus tereticornis* wet sclerophyll forest (map code 30111).

**Area:** 7 ha in Booti Booti NP where restricted to the northern section of Cape Hawke.

**Structure:** mid-high to very tall, open to closed forest.

Floristic composition: Eucalyptus tereticornis dominates. Understorey and vine species include Cassine australis var. australis, Choricarpia leptopetala, Drypetes deplanchei, Gahnia aspera, Jasminum volubile and Notelaea longifolia forma intermedia.

Habitat and community relations: Occurs on north and north-east facing hillslopes where the bedrock is sedimentary. Replaced by rainforest on increasingly sheltered aspects, and by Headland Complex vegetation on aspects which are more exposed to onshore winds.

**Distribution in northern New South Wales:** Not known from other coastal reserves in northern NSW, although the dry sclerophyll equivalent (code 35121) is present in Bundjalung NP, Yuraygir NP, Hat Head NP, Limeburners Creek NR and Lake Innes NR.

**Equivalent vegetation types:** *Eucalyptus tereticornis* forest and woodland extends along the NSW coast and onto the Central Western Slopes (Benson 1989, Forestry Commission of NSW 1989, as forest type No. 92 'Forest Red Gum'), although these occurrences would generally lack a mesophytic understorey. Similar forests and woodlands also occur in south-eastern Queensland (Durrington 1977, Elsol 1991, Elsol & Dowling 1978, Young & McDonald 1989).

### Eucalyptus fergusonii subsp. fergusonii wet sclerophyll forest (map code 30121).

**Area:** 4 ha in Booti Booti NP where restricted to the southern end of Cape Hawke.

Structure: tall to very tall, open to closed forest.

Floristic composition: Eucalyptus fergusonii subsp. fergusonii dominates the tallest stratum, although E. acmenoides may be a minor associate (< 10%) or subsidiary (up to 30%). Understorey species include Diospyros australis, Gahnia melanocarpa, \*Lantana camara, Lomandra longifolia, Macrozamia communis and Notelaea longifolia forma intermedia.

Habitat and community relations: Occurs on south and south-east facing hillslopes where the bedrock is sedimentary.

**Distribution in northern New South Wales:** No other occurrences of the community are known. *Eucalyptus fergusonii* subsp. *fergusonii* has a very sporadic distribution which was previously thought to extend from Morisset to Bulahdelah (Harden 1991).

**Equivalent vegetation types:** Possibly forms part of forest type No. 84, 'Ironbark' (Forestry Commission of NSW 1989).

#### Corymbia maculata-Eucalyptus fergusonii subsp. fergusonii-Eucalyptus acmenoides wet sclerophyll forest (map code 30131).

**Area:** 3 ha in Booti Booti NP where restricted to the southern end of Cape Hawke.

Structure: very tall open to closed forest.

Floristic composition: Corymbia maculata, Eucalyptus fergusonii subsp. fergusonii and Eucalyptus acmenoides dominate. Understorey species include Doodia aspera, Livistona australis, Lomandra longifolia, Notelaea longifolia forma intermedia, Poa labillardieri and Pittosporum undulatum.

Habitat and community relations: Occurs on a south facing hillslope where the bedrock is sedimentary. Grades into *Corymbia maculata-Eucalyptus fergusonii* subsp. *fergusonii*. *E. acmenoides* dry sclerophyll forest on less sheltered aspects, with boundaries between the two communities no doubt maintained by fire. Replaced by rainforest on increasingly sheltered aspects.

**Distribution in northern New South Wales:** No other occurrences of the community are known.

*Eucalyptus fergusonii* subsp. *fergusonii* has a very sporadic distribution which was previously thought to extend from Morisset to Bulahdelah (Harden 1991).

**Equivalent vegetation types:** Possibly forms part of forest type No. 74, 'Spotted Gum-Ironbark/Grey Gum' (Forestry Commission of NSW 1989).

#### Dry sclerophyll forest and woodland

Ten dry sclerophyll forest and woodland communities are recognised for the reserves, and these are found on both sedimentary bedrock and unconsolidated Quaternary sediments. The dry sclerophyll forest and woodland communities share many tallest stratum species in common with the wet sclerophyll forests (e.g. *Corymbia maculata, Eucalyptus pilularis, E. microcorys, E. tereticornis).* Understorey species which are common to the range of dry sclerophyll forests and woodlands include *Imperata cylindrica* var. *major, Lomandra longifolia* and *Themeda australis.* 

### *Eucalyptus pilularis* dry sclerophyll forest (map code 35041).

**Area:** 87 ha in Booti Booti NP where restricted to Booti Hill and Charlotte Head.

Structure: tall to very tall, open to closed forest.

Floristic composition: The tallest stratum is floristically variable, although *Eucalyptus pilularis* accounts for 50% or more of total crown cover (Fig. 5). Subsidiary or co-dominant species include *Angophora costata, Corymbia intermedia, C. maculata, Eucalyptus carnea, E. microcorys, E. propinqua, E. resinifera* subsp. *hemilampra* and *E. tereticornis.* Understorey species include *Acacia longifolia, Allocasuarina torulosa, Imperata cylindrica var. major, Poa labillardieri* and *Themeda australis.* 

**Habitat and community relations:** Largely restricted to south-westerly aspects on hillslopes where the bedrock is sedimentary. Grades into wet sclerophyll forests of *Eucalyptus grandis*, *E. microcorys* and *E. pilularis* on more sheltered aspects. Often replaced by dry sclerophyll forest dominated by *Eucalyptus microcorys* and/or *E. tereticornis* on seaward aspects.

**Distribution in northern New South Wales:** Occurs in Broadwater NP, Bundjalung NP, Yuraygir NP, Hat Head NP, Dooragan NP, Crowdy Bay NP, Limeburners Creek NR and Lake Innes NR.



**Fig. 5.** Dry sclerophyll forest (tall to very tall, open to closed forest) dominated by *Eucalyptus* pilularis (community 35041). Understorey species include *Acacia longifolia, Allocasuarina torulosa, Imperata cylindrica* var. *major, Poa labillardieri* and *Themeda australis.* 

**Equivalent vegetation types:** *Eucalyptus pilularis* extends north from the Eden district on the South Coast of NSW (Harden 1991), and the community is widespread throughout coastal NSW (Beadle 1981, Forestry Commission of NSW 1989, as forest type No. 37 'Dry Blackbutt'). The community also occurs in south-eastern Queensland (Elsol 1991, McDonald & Whiteman 1979).

### *Eucalyptus microcorys* dry sclerophyll forest (map code 35081).

**Area:** 15.5 ha in Booti Booti NP where restricted to Booti Hill.

Structure: mid-high to very tall, open to closed forest.

Floristic composition: Eucalyptus microcorys dominates the tallest stratum, although Angophora floribunda, Eucalyptus carnea, E. pilularis, E. resinifera subsp. hemilampra and E. tereticornis are minor associates (< 10%). Understorey species include Acacia maidenii, Imperata cylindrica var. major, Poa labillardieri and Themeda australis.

Habitat and community relations: Occurs on hillslopes across a range of aspects where the bedrock is sedimentary. Often grades into *Eucalyptus tereticornis* dry sclerophyll forest or *E. tereticornis-E. microcorys* dry sclerophyll forest (see comment under community 35601). Replaced by *Eucalyptus pilularis* dry sclerophyll forest on aspects facing away from the sea.

**Distribution in northern New South Wales:** Present in Bundjalung NP, Crowdy Bay NP and Lake Innes NR. The equivalent forest type No. 45, 'Tallowwood' is considered to have a restricted distribution in state forests on the North Coast (Forestry Commission of NSW 1989). **Equivalent vegetation types:** *Eucalyptus microcorys* has a coastal distribution which extends north from the upper Central Coast of NSW into south-eastern Queensland (Chippendale 1988, Harden 1991). The equivalent forest type No. 45 is typically a wet sclerophyll forest (Forestry Commission of NSW 1989).

# *Eucalyptus tereticornis* dry sclerophyll forest and woodland (map codes 35121, 35122).

**Area:** 16 ha in Booti Booti NP where largely restricted to Booti Hill and Charlotte Head.

**Structure:** mid-high to tall, open woodland to closed forest.

Floristic composition: Eucalyptus tereticornis dominates the tallest stratum, although Casuarina glauca, Eucalyptus microcorys, E. pilularis and E. propinqua may be present as minor associates (< 10%). Understorey species include Acacia maidenii, Imperata cylindrica var. major, Lomandra longifolia and Themeda australis.

Habitat and community relations: Generally occurs on north to north-easterly aspects of hillslopes where the bedrock is sedimentary, although at one location found on a flat formed from Quaternary sediments. Often grades into *Eucalyptus microcorys* or *E. tereticornis-E. microcorys* dry sclerophyll forest (see comment under community 35601). Replaced by *Eucalyptus pilularis* dry sclerophyll forest on aspects facing away from the sea.

**Distribution in northern New South Wales:** Present in Bundjalung NP, Yuraygir NP, Hat Head NP, Limeburners Creek NR and Lake Innes NR, although typically as limited stands.

**Equivalent vegetation types:** Extends along the coast of NSW, and onto the Central Western Slopes (Benson 1989, Forestry Commission of NSW 1989, as forest type No. 92 'Forest Red Gum'). Also occurs in south-eastern Queensland (Durrington 1977, Elsol 1991, Elsol & Dowling 1978, Young & McDonald 1989).

### Allocasuarina littoralis dry sclerophyll forest (map code 35131).

**Area:** Occupies 2.5 ha on Booti Hill and Charlotte Head in Booti Booti NP, with additional small areas included in a Headland Complex map unit.

Structure: low open to closed forest.

Floristic composition: Allocasuarina littoralis dominates the tallest stratum, although Angophora floribunda and Eucalyptus tereticornis may be minor associates (< 10%). Understorey species include \*Chrysanthemoides monilifera subsp. rotundata, Entolasia marginata and Lomandra longifolia.

Habitat and community relations: Occupies north-easterly to easterly hillslopes and low hillslopes close to the sea where the bedrock is sedimentary. Often grades into dry sclerophyll forest of *Eucalyptus pilularis*, *E. microcorys* or *E. tereticornis* on less exposed aspects.

**Distribution in northern New South Wales:** Present in Yuraygir NP, Hat Head NP, Crowdy Bay NP, Richmond River NR, Limeburners Creek NR, Lake Innes NR and Kattang NR.

**Equivalent vegetation types:** Has a scattered distribution along the North Coast of NSW, and extends to the Central Coast (Benson & Howell 1990). Benson (1989) also reports a community dominated by *Allocasuarina littoralis* for the Northern Tablelands of NSW, and an equivalent *A. littoralis* 'scrub' (Batianoff & Elsol 1989) or 'thicket' (Durrington 1977) occurs in south-eastern Queensland. *Allocasuarina littoralis* 'scrub' is also known for coastal situations in Victoria (Lunt 1998).

# Angophora costata dry sclerophyll forest and woodland (map codes 35221, 35222).

**Area:** 7 ha in Booti Booti NP where found on Charlotte Head and the southern end of Cape Hawke.

**Structure:** mid-high to very tall, open woodland to closed forest.

**Floristic composition:** Angophora costata dominates the tallest stratum, although *Eucalyptus pilularis* may be a minor associate (< 10%). Understorey species include *\*Lantana camara, Macrozamia communis, Pteridium esculentum* and *Xanthorrhoea macronema*.

Habitat and community relations: Occurs in podzolised sand which mantles the sedimentary bedrock of lower hillslopes. Grades into *Eucalyptus pilularis-Angophora costata* dry sclerophyll forest (code 35561), and also adjoins rainforest.

**Distribution in northern New South Wales:** *Angophora costata* is endemic to NSW where it has a predominantly coastal distribution south from the Evans River (Bale 1992, Harden 1991), although with some major range disjunctions on coastal sand masses (e.g. between the Hastings and Macleay Rivers). To the north of Booti Booti NP, the community occurs in Yuraygir NP and Crowdy Bay NP.

**Equivalent vegetation types:** Reported for the Myall Lakes area on the lower North Coast of NSW (Myerscough & Carolin 1986), and also for the Central Coast (Benson 1986). The Forestry Commission of NSW (1989) has a 'Smoothbarked Apple' forest type (No. 105) for stands dominated by *Angophora costata* or *A. leiocarpa* (the latter species was formerly included in *A. costata* s. lat.).

# *Eucalyptus pilularis-Angophora costata* dry sclerophyll forest and woodland (map codes 35561, 35562).

**Area:** 68.5 ha in Booti Booti NP where found on sand masses.

Structure: tall to very tall, woodland to closed forest.

Floristic composition: The tallest stratum is floristically variable, although *Eucalyptus pilularis* accounts for 50% or more of total crown cover. *Angophora costata* is either a minor associate (< 10%), or subsidiary to co-dominant. Understorey species include *Banksia serrata* (which may be more or less continuous in height with the tallest stratum), *Gonocarpus teucrioides, Persoonia levis, P. linearis, Pteridium esculentum, Themeda australis* and *Xanthorrhoea macronema*.

Habitat and community relations: Found on welldrained podzolised sands which usually occur as dunes or beach ridges, but occasionally as a mantle over hillslopes where the underlying bedrock is sedimentary. Replaced by swamp sclerophyll forest as soil drainage deteriorates, and by *Eucalyptus pilularis* dry sclerophyll forest (community 35041) on bedrock hills and low hills where a sand mantle is lacking. Adjoins rainforest at some locations.

**Distribution in northern New South Wales:** Not known for coastal reserves to the north of Booti Booti NP, although a related *Eucalyptus pilularis-Angophora costata/E. gummifera/E. planchoniana* community (code 35061) is found on sand masses in Bundjalung NP, Yuraygir NP and Crowdy Bay NP. To the south of Booti Booti NP, the community occurs in Myall Lakes NP (Myerscough & Carolin 1986).

**Equivalent vegetation types:** Falls within the broader forest type No. 41, which is commonly referred to as 'Sandhill Blackbutt' (Forestry

Commission of NSW 1989). *Eucalyptus pilularis* is ubiquitous in this forest type, with one or two of *Corymbia gummifera*, *C. intermedia*, *Angophora floribunda* and *A. costata* present as associates in varying combinations. Forms part of a *Eucalyptus pilularis-Angophora costata* suballiance circumscribed by Beadle (1981).

#### Corymbia maculata-Eucalyptus fergusonii subsp. fergusonii-Eucalyptus acmenoides dry sclerophyll forest (map code 35591).

**Area:** 25 ha in Booti Booti NP where restricted to the southern end of Cape Hawke.

Structure: mid-high to tall, open to closed forest.

**Floristic composition:** Corymbia maculata, Eucalyptus fergusonii subsp. fergusonii and Eucalyptus acmenoides dominate. Understorey species include Lomandra longifolia, Poa labillardieri and Themeda australis.

Habitat and community relations: Occurs on sedimentary bedrock of hillslopes and hillcrests with a predominantly north to north-westerly aspect. Grades into *Corymbia maculata-Eucalyptus fergusonii* subsp. *fergusonii-E. acmenoides* wet sclerophyll forest on more sheltered aspects, with boundaries between the two communities no doubt maintained by fire.

**Distribution in northern New South Wales:** No other occurrences of the community are known. *Eucalyptus fergusonii* subsp. *fergusonii* has a very sporadic distribution which was previously thought to extend from Morisset to Bulahdelah (Harden 1991).

**Equivalent vegetation types:** Possibly forms part of forest type No. 74, 'Spotted Gum-Ironbark/Grey Gum' (Forestry Commission of NSW 1989).

# *Eucalyptus tereticornis-Eucalyptus microcorys* dry sclerophyll forest (map code 35601).

**Area:** 29 ha in Booti Booti NP where restricted to Booti Hill.

Structure: mid-high to very tall, open to closed forest.

Floristic composition: Eucalyptus tereticornis and E. microcorys dominate the tallest stratum, although Angophora floribunda, Corymbia intermedia and E. grandis may be a minor associates (< 10%) or subsidiary (up to 30%). Understorey species include Acacia maidenii, Imperata cylindrica var. major, Lomandra longifolia, Poa labillardieri and Themeda australis. Habitat and community relations: Occurs on northerly, north-westerly and south-westerly aspects of hillslopes where the bedrock is sedimentary. The community might be considered transitional between dry sclerophyll forest dominated by *Eucalyptus microcorys* (code 35081), and that dominated by *Eucalyptus tereticornis* (code 35121). All three communities occur in close proximity to each other.

**Distribution in northern New South Wales:** Other occurrences of the community are not known.

**Equivalent vegetation types:** Not known, although comments made for dry sclerophyll forest in which *Eucalyptus microcorys* (code 35081) or *Eucalyptus tereticornis* (code 35121) is dominant have some relevance.

# Angophora floribunda dry sclerophyll forest (map code 35611).

**Area:** Only present as small stands on Booti Hill in Booti Booti NP, and here all occurrences are included in a Headland Complex map unit.

Structure: low to mid-high, open to closed forest.

Floristic composition: Angophora floribunda dominates the tallest stratum, although *Eucalyptus microcorys* may be a minor associate (< 10%). Understorey species include *Breynia oblongifolia*, *Imperata cylindrica* var. *major*, \**Lantana camara* and *Pratia purpurascens*.

Habitat and community relations: Occurs on relatively exposed hillslopes close to sea cliffs where the bedrock is sedimentary. Closely associates with other headland vegetation. Replaced by dry sclerophyll forests of *Eucalyptus microcorys*, *E. pilularis* and *E. tereticornis* on less exposed aspects.

**Distribution in northern New South Wales:** Angophora floribunda reaches the northern limit of its coastal distribution in the Hastings River valley (Leach 1986). The community is not known to be reserved elsewhere on the lower North Coast, although a related community (code 35251) in which Angophora floribunda associates with Corymbia intermedia and Banksia serrata is present as limited stands on Quaternary sand in Limeburners Creek NR, Lake Innes NR, Kattang NR and Crowdy Bay NP.

**Equivalent vegetation types:** Forms part of the broader 'Rough-barked Apples' forest type No. 129

(Forestry Commission of NSW 1989). Forest and woodland in which *Angophora floribunda* dominates has been reported for sedimentary bedrock in Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park on the Central Coast of NSW (Le Brocque & Buckney 1994).

### *Corymbia maculata* dry sclerophyll forest (map code 35621).

**Area:** 8.5 ha in Booti Booti NP where restricted to Booti Hill.

Structure: tall to very tall, open to closed forest.

Floristic composition: Corymbia maculata dominates the tallest stratum, although C. intermedia may be a minor associate (< 10%). Understorey species include \*Chrysanthemoides monilifera subsp. rotundata, Commelina cyanea, Imperata cylindrica var. major, Poa labillardieri and Themeda australis.

Habitat and community relations: Largely restricted to hillcrests and higher hillslopes, in shallow, stoney soil derived from sedimentary rock. Replaced by *Eucalyptus pilularis* dry sclerophyll forest on sheltered south-westerly hillslopes, and by *E. tereticornis* and *E. microcorys* dry sclerophyll forests on hillslopes with a more northerly aspect. Adjoins rainforest at one location.

**Distribution in northern New South Wales:** *Corymbia maculata* has a mainly coastal distribution which extends south from the Manning River valley on the mid North Coast (Hill & Johnson 1995), and the community is found in a number of state forests across this distribution (Forestry Commission of NSW 1989).

**Equivalent vegetation types:** Falls within the *Corymbia maculata* s. lat. alliance of Beadle (1981), and the 'Spotted Gum' (*C. variegata/C. maculata/ C. henryi*) forest type (No. 70) of the Forestry Commission of NSW (1989), both of which are described as widespread in coastal NSW.

#### Swamp sclerophyll forest and woodland

The swamp sclerophyll forest and woodland communities of Booti Booti NP and Yahoo NR are best developed on Quaternary sediments in areas with impeded drainage. Three species, *Casuarina glauca*, *Eucalyptus robusta* and *Melaleuca quinquenervia* characterise the tallest stratum, and the understorey supports various helophytes. Swamp sclerophyll forest and woodland occupies approximately 15% of the reserves, and supports about 11% of the total number of native vascular taxa.

#### Melaleuca quinquenervia swamp sclerophyll forest and woodland (map codes 40031, 40032).

**Area:** 156 ha in Booti Booti NP where the largest stands are found in the vicinity of Green Point.

**Structure:** mid-high to very tall, open woodland to closed forest.

Floristic composition: Melaleuca quinquenervia dominates the tallest stratum, although Casuarina glauca and Eucalyptus robusta may be present as minor associates (< 10%). Understorey species include Baloskion tetraphyllum subsp. meiostachyum and Blechnum indicum.

Habitat and community relations: Generally occupies broad swamps near sea level where the peaty soils overlie sandy Quaternary sediments. Occasionally extends onto seepage areas associated with low hillslopes and gullies over sedimentary bedrock. Commonly grades into swamp sclerophyll forest and woodland of *Eucalyptus robusta* or *Casuarina glauca* (see vegetation types 40981/2 and 40991/2). Also adjoins a range of other vegetation types including sedgeland, heathland and shrubland.

**Distribution in northern New South Wales:** Present in all major coastal reserves of northern NSW which sample vegetation on Quaternary sediments. Many additional areas outside the reserve system are designated as Coastal Wetland under SEPP 14.

**Equivalent vegetation types:** Melaleuca quinquenervia has a coastal distribution in NSW north from Botany Bay on the Central Coast (Harden 1991). The community is particularly widespread on the North Coast, although extensive areas have been cleared for agriculture and urban development (Forestry Commission of NSW (1989), as part of forest type No. 31 'Paperbark', Goodrick 1970, Pressey & Griffith 1992). The community is also found in south-eastern Queensland (Batianoff & Elsol 1989, Dowling & McDonald 1976, Durrington 1977, Elsol & Dowling 1978).

# Casuarina glauca swamp sclerophyll forest and woodland (map codes 40051, 40052).

**Area:** 46.5 ha in Booti Booti NP and Yahoo NR, with additional small areas included in a Headland Complex map unit.

**Structure:** mid-high to very tall, open woodland to closed forest.

Floristic composition: Casuarina glauca dominates the tallest stratum, although Melaleuca quinquenervia may be present as a minor associate (< 10%). Understorey and vine species include Baumea juncea, \*Ipomoea cairica and Juncus kraussii subsp. australiensis, although the immediate ground surface is often largely unvegetated due to shading and litter accumulation.

Habitat and community relations: Grows in muddy estuarine sediments of flats associated with the Wallis Lake estuary. Limited areas also occur on exposed aspects of coastal hills and headlands. Often forms a landward fringe to saltmarsh vegetation or, in the absence of the latter, lines the shores of Wallis Lake and its islands. Grades into *Melaleuca quinquenervia* swamp sclerophyll forest and woodland under less saline conditions.

**Distribution in northern New South Wales:** Found in Bundjalung NP, Yuraygir NP, Hat Head NP, Crowdy Bay NP, Ballina NR, Richmond River NR, Moonee Beach NR, Limeburners Creek NR, Lake Innes NR, Kattang NR and Khappinghat NR. Additional areas outside of the reserve system are designated as Coastal Wetland under SEPP 14.

**Equivalent vegetation types:** Extends along coastal NSW, although floodplain occurrences have been extensively cleared (Adam et al. 1985, Forestry Commission of NSW (1989), as forest type No. 32 'Swamp Oak', Goodrick 1970). Also present in south-eastern Queensland (Batianoff & Elsol 1989, Dowling & McDonald 1976, Elsol & Dowling 1978, McDonald & Whiteman 1979).

#### *Eucalyptus robusta-Melaleuca quinquenervia* swamp sclerophyll forest and woodland (map codes 40981, 40982).

Area: 28.5 ha in Booti Booti NP.

**Structure:** mid-high to very tall, open woodland to closed forest.

Floristic composition: Eucalyptus robusta and Melaleuca quinquenervia dominate the tallest

stratum (Fig. 6). Understorey species include Baloskion tetraphyllum subsp. meiostachyum, Blechnum indicum and Gahnia clarkei.

Habitat and community relations: Occupies broad swamps near sea level where the peaty soils are formed over sandy Quaternary sediments. Often grades into *Melaleuca quinquenervia* swamp forest and woodland, or *Eucalyptus robusta* swamp mallee woodland. Also adjoins *Livistona australis* rainforest.

**Equivalent vegetation types:** This vegetation type category is used for stands of swamp sclerophyll forest and woodland in which the shift in dominance from *Eucalyptus robusta* to *Melaleuca quinquenervia* occurs over areas which are too small to separate at the mapping scale employed. Such shifts in dominance may be a response to subtle changes in microtopography or drainage, although in some situations *Eucalyptus robusta* and *Melaleuca quinquenervia* seemingly co-occur. This mixing of the two species has also been noted for the Myall Lakes area (Myerscough & Carolin 1986). The vegetation type could be considered a composite of forest type No. 30 'Swamp Mahogany' and forest type No. 31 'Paperbark' (Forestry Commission of NSW 1989).

Distribution in northern New South Wales: Occurs in Broadwater NP, Bundjalung NP, Yuraygir NP, Hat Head NP, Myall Lakes NP (Myerscough & Carolin 1986), Moonee Beach NR, Limeburners Creek NR and Lake Innes NR. Also found on areas of crown or freehold land (e.g. Evans Head, the Newrybar sand plain near Lennox Head, Frogalla Swamp north of Tuncurry).



**Fig. 6.** Swamp sclerophyll forest (tall open forest) dominated by *Melaleuca quinquenervia* and *Eucalyptus robusta* (map code 40981), recovering from a crown fire in late January 1997. *Blechnum indicum* is conspicuous in the ground stratum.

Melaleuca quinquenervia-Casuarina glauca swamp sclerophyll forest and woodland (map codes 40991, 40992).

Area: 18 ha in Booti Booti NP and Yahoo NR.

**Structure:** mid-high to very tall, open woodland to closed forest.

Floristic composition: Melaleuca quinquenervia and Casuarina glauca dominate the tallest stratum. Understorey species include Baumea juncea, Eriochloa procera, Hemarthria uncinata, Lobelia alata and Zoysia macrantha.

Habitat and community relations: Occurs on flats associated with the Wallis Lake estuary where the soils are derived from Quaternary sediments. Limited areas also occur on hillslopes close to the sea where the bedrock is sedimentary. Often associates with other swamp forest and woodland communites, as well as *Livistona australis* rainforest.

**Equivalent vegetation types:** This vegetation type category is used for stands of swamp sclerophyll forest and woodland in which the shift in dominance from *Melaleuca quinquenervia* to *Casuarina glauca* occurs over areas which are too small to separate at the mapping scale employed. Such shifts in dominance may be a response to subtle changes in microtopography or hydrology, although in some situations *Melaleuca quinquenervia* and *Casuarina glauca* seemingly co-occur. This mixing of the two species has also been noted for the Myall Lakes area (Myerscough & Carolin 1986). The vegetation type could be considered a composite of forest type No. 31 'Paperbark' and forest type No. 32 'Swamp Oak' (Forestry Commission of NSW 1989).

**Distribution in northern New South Wales:** Present in Bundjalung NP, Yuraygir NP, Hat Head NP, Myall Lakes NP (Myerscough & Carolin 1986), Ballina NR, Moonee Beach NR, Limeburners Creek NR, Lake Innes NR and Kattang NR. Also present at numerous locations outside the reserve system, and many of these occurrences are designated as Coastal Wetland under SEPP 14.

#### Mallee woodland

Limited stands of mallee woodland are found in Booti Booti NP where two communities have been recognised. One community dominated by *Eucalyptus robusta* is found in poorly drained depressions. *Eucalyptus pilularis* dominates the second community, and this is found in a well-drained situation.

# *Eucalyptus pilularis* dry sclerophyll mallee woodland (map code 50022).

Area: 4 ha along The Lakes Way in Booti Booti NP.

**Structure:** very tall to extremely tall, mallee woodland and open mallee woodland.

Floristic composition: Eucalyptus pilularis dominates the tallest stratum, although Angophora costata may be a minor associate (< 10%). Understorey species include Banksia aemula, Coleocarya gracilis, Hypolaena fastigiata and Lomandra glauca.

Habitat and community relations: Found in a well-drained sand podzol, on the lower slope of a dune where partly sheltered from onshore winds. Replaced by *Banksia aemula-Allocasuarina simulans* dry heathland on more exposed aspects.

**Distribution in northern New South Wales:** Appears to have a scattered distribution on sand masses of the NSW North Coast, with other occurrences in Broadwater NP, Bundjalung NP, Yuraygir NP, Crowdy Bay NP and Lake Innes NR.

**Equivalent vegetation types:** None known, although in some respects the community could be considered a structural variant of *Eucalyptus pilularis-Angophora costata* dry sclerophyll forest and woodland (codes 35561/2).

# *Eucalyptus robusta* swamp sclerophyll mallee woodland (map code 51022).

Area: 30.5 ha in Booti Booti NP.

**Structure:** very tall to extremely tall, mallee woodland and open mallee woodland.

Floristic composition: Eucalyptus robusta dominates. Understorey species include Baloskion tetraphyllum subsp. meiostachyum, Dianella caerulea, Imperata cylindrica var. major and Leptospermum polygalifolium.

Habitat and community relations: Found in peaty soils along open depressions associated with beach ridges and dunes. Often grades upslope into *Banksia aemula* dry sclerophyll shrubland or *B. aemula-Allocasuarina simulans* dry heathland.

**Distribution in northern New South Wales:** Limited areas occur in Broadwater NP, Crowdy Bay NP, Moonee Beach NR and Lake Innes NR. Small stands also occur on areas of crown or freehold land (e.g. Evans Head, and the Newrybar sand plain near Lennox Head).

**Equivalent vegetation types:** Although the range of *Eucalyptus robusta* extends along much of the NSW coast (Harden 1991), this mallee community appears to have a very scattered distribution (e.g. Murray 1989, Pressey & Griffith 1992).

#### Shrubland

Shrubland vegetation is typically greater than 2 m in height, and supports a tallest stratum dominated by woody plants which are multistemmed at or near the base. Occasionally shrublands are less than 2 m high (cf. heathland) where dominated by species which are better classified as shrubs rather than heath shrubs using the criteria of Walker and Hopkins (1984). Shrublands are found in a range of habitats throughout Booti Booti NP, and the following six communities have been recognised for rain-shrubland, dry sclerophyll shrubland and swamp sclerophyll shrubland subformations.

### Choricarpia leptopetala rain-shrubland (map code 52031).

**Area:** 3 ha in Booti Booti NP where restricted to the northern section of Cape Hawke.

**Structure:** simple, notophyll, tall to very tall closed shrubland.

Floristic composition: Choricarpia leptopetala is more or less mono-dominant. Understorey species include Gahnia aspera and Gymnostachys anceps, although the immediate ground surface is largely unvegetated due to shading and the presence of extensive rock outcrops.

Habitat and community relations: Occupies east and north-east facing hillslopes where exposed to onshore winds. The substrate is sedimentary rock, and this outcrops extensively as boulders. Grades into the forest equivalent, *Choricarpia leptopetala* dry rainforest, on less exposed aspects.

**Equivalent vegetation types:** A structural variant of the *Choricarpia leptopetala* dry rainforest suballiance circumscribed by Floyd (1990), which extends to the Central Coast of NSW. The suballiance forms part of forest type No. 23, 'Myrtle' (Forestry Commission of NSW 1989).

**Distribution in northern New South Wales:** The *Choricarpia leptopetala* suballiance of Floyd (1990) extends disjunctly along the North Coast of NSW, although it is not present in other coastal reserves to the north of Booti Booti NP.

# Banksia aemula dry sclerophyll shrubland (map code 54021).

Area: 72 ha in Booti Booti NP.

Structure: tall to very tall, open to closed shrubland.

Floristic composition: Banksia aemula is the characteristic dominant of the tallest stratum. Boronia pinnata, Leptospermum polygalifolium, L. trinervium, Melaleuca nodosa, Pteridium esculentum and other species form a somewhat continuous understorey, certain of which (e.g. L. polygalifolium, L. trinervium) may merge and associate with B. aemula in the absence of fire for long periods. At some locations Eucalyptus robusta is present as a scattered tree mallee emergent (< 5%).

Habitat and community relations: Grows in sand podzol soils of beach ridges and dunes. Replaced by *Banksia aemula-Allocasuarina simulans* dry heathland on more exposed aspects. Often replaced downslope by wet heathland, swamp sclerophyll forest, or *Eucalyptus robusta* swamp sclerophyll mallee woodland.

**Distribution in northern New South Wales:** Occurs in Broadwater NP, Bundjalung NP, Yuraygir NP, Hat Head NP, Crowdy Bay NP, Moonee Beach NR and Limeburners Creek NR. Also present on areas of freehold or crown land (e.g. the Newrybar sand plain near Lennox Head).

**Equivalent vegetation types:** Widespread on the North Coast of NSW, and extends to the Central Coast (Benson & Howell 1990). Also occurs in south-eastern Queensland (Batianoff & Elsol 1989, Dowling & McDonald 1976, Durrington 1977).

#### Melaleuca armillaris dry sclerophyll shrubland (map code 54041).

**Area:** 6.5 ha on headlands in Booti Booti NP, with additional small areas included in a Headland Complex map unit.

Structure: very tall closed shrubland.

Floristic composition: Melaleuca armillaris is more or less mono-dominant in the tallest stratum. Understorey species include \**Chrysanthemoides monilifera* subsp. *rotundata*, *Gahnia aspera* and *Oplismenus imbecillis*, although the immediate ground surface may be largely unvegetated due to heavy shading and the presence of extensive rock outcrops.

Habitat and community relations: Found on relatively steep, south to south-east facing aspects of hillslopes close to the sea. The bedrock is sedimentary, and this outcrops extensively. Associates with several other Headland Complex communities.

**Distribution in northern New South Wales:** Although *Melaleuca armillaris* has a range which extends into Queensland (Harden 1991), it is not known from coastal headlands of NSW any further north than the Forster area.

**Equivalent vegetation types:** To the south of Booti Booti NP, the community has been reported for Seal Rocks (Clough 1979). It is also likely to occur elsewhere on the lower North Coast of NSW, as in Myall Lakes NP (Myerscough & Carolin 1986, as part of a 'headland thicket' map unit) and Tomaree NP (Benson 1981, as part of a 'closed-scrub' map unit).

# Leptospermum laevigatum dry sclerophyll shrubland (map code 54101).

**Area:** 26 ha in Booti Booti NP, with additional areas included in Foredune Complex and Headland Complex map units.

Structure: tall to very tall closed shrubland.

Floristic composition: Leptospermum laevigatum is more or less mono-dominant in the tallest stratum. Understorey species include \*Chrysanthemoides monilifera subsp. rotundata, Dianella caerulea, Lepidosperma concavum and Lomandra longifolia, although the immediate ground surface may be largely unvegetated due to heavy shading.

Habitat and community relations: Grows in well drained siliceous sand of foredunes close to the sea, with limited occurrences also extending onto exposed aspects of bedrock headlands. Associates with a number of other Foredune Complex and Headland Complex communities, although generally replaced by *\*Chrysanthemoides monilifera* subsp. *rotundata-Acacia sophorae* shrubland on more exposed aspects along beach fronts. **Distribution in northern New South Wales:** Shrubland or forest stands of *Leptospermum laevigatum* occur in Hat Head NP, Crowdy Bay NP, Limeburners Creek NR and Kattang NR. *Leptospermum laevigatum* reaches its natural northern limit of distribution in the Nambucca Heads area (Harden 1991), although it has been planted further north following sand mining.

**Equivalent vegetation types:** *Leptospermum laevigatum* is a characteristic species of foredune shrublands (and low forests) along parts of southern Australia, including the Central and South Coasts of NSW (Beadle 1981, Bennett 1994).

#### \*Chrysanthemoides monilifera subsp. rotundata-Acacia sophorae dry sclerophyll shrubland (map code 54111).

**Area:** Occurs in Booti Booti NP where only mapped as part of a Foredune Complex map unit.

Structure: mid-high to tall closed shrubland.

**Floristic composition:** \**Chrysanthemoides monilifera* subsp. *rotundata* dominates the community, with *Acacia sophorae* present as a subsidiary to minor species (from 30% to < 10%). The immediate ground surface is largely unvegetated due to shading.

Habitat and community relations: Grows in welldrained siliceous sand of Holocene foredunes just above the general zone of influence of high seas. Replaced by *Spinifex sericeus* tussock grassland at lower elevations approaching mean high water level. Often replaced landward by *Leptospermum laevigatum* dry sclerophyll shrubland.

**Distribution in northern New South Wales:** This community, or the variant *Acacia sophorae* shrubland (code 54081), occurs in all coastal reserves of northern NSW where foredune vegetation is represented.

**Equivalent vegetation types:** A variant of Acacia sophorae shrubland, and only differs in the degree of displacement of A. sophorae by the exotic shrub \*Chrysanthemoides monilifera subsp. rotundata. Acacia sophorae is widespread as a shrubland dominant along the NSW coast (Beadle 1981). Acacia sophorae shrubland is also found in south-eastern Queensland (W. McDonald, Queensland Herbarium pers. comm.), although A. sophorae reaches its northern distribution limit at Point Arkwright near Coolum (Batianoff & Elsol 1989).

### *Melaleuca quinquenervia* swamp sclerophyll shrubland (map code 55062).

**Area:** 2.5 ha in Booti Booti NP near the shore of Wallis Lake.

Structure: tall to very tall, sparse to open shrubland.

Floristic composition: Melaleuca quinquenervia dominates. Understorey species include Baumea articulata, B. juncea, Fimbristylis ferruginea, Juncus kraussii subsp. australiensis and Schoenoplectus litoralis.

Habitat and community relations: Grows in small swamps near the shore of Wallis Lake where the soil consists of peat over Quaternary sediments. Grades into swamp sclerophyll forest, presumably where drainage improves.

**Distribution in northern New South Wales:** Occurs in Broadwater NP, Bundjalung NP, Yuraygir NP, Hat Head NP and Kattang NR, and also present on areas of freehold or crown land (e.g. the Newrybar sand plain near Lennox Head). Most occurrences are of limited extent.

**Equivalent vegetation types:** Appears to have a limited distribution in NSW, although heathlands in which *Melaleuca quinquenervia* is dominant or co-dominant are recognised for south-eastern Queensland (Batianoff & Elsol 1989, Dowling & McDonald 1976, Durrington 1977).

#### Heathland

Heathland vegetation is less than 2 m in height, and supports a range of woody species, particularly from the families Proteaceae, Myrtaceae, Epacridaceae, Fabaceae and Rutaceae. Heath shrubs often, but not always, have ericoid leaves. Heathland vegetation is widespread in Booti Booti NP but absent from Yahoo NR. Most of the heathlands in Booti Booti NP are found on podzolised Quaternary sands, although a small area of graminoid clay heathland on Charlotte Head is growing in shallow soil derived from sedimentary rock. Approximately 23% of the total number of native vascular taxa recorded for the reserves are found in heathland.

# Banksia aemula-Allocasuarina simulans dry heathland (map code 58041).

Area: 89 ha along The Lakes Way in Booti Booti NP.

Structure: mid-high to tall closed heathland.

Floristic composition: Banksia aemula and Allocasuarina simulans are the characteristic dominants, although other species which may be subsidiary or co-dominant include Acacia ulicifolia, Isopogon anemonifolius, Monotoca scoparia and Ricinocarpus pinifolius (Fig. 7).

Habitat and community relations: Grows in sand podzol soils of dunes, on aspects exposed to prevailing onshore winds. Replaced by *Banksia aemula* dry sclerophyll shrubland on more sheltered aspects, and by wet heathland or sedgeland where soil drainage deteriorates.

**Distribution in northern New South Wales:** *Allocasuarina simulans* is endemic to the Forster-Nabiac area (Harden 1990), and the community is only known for Booti Booti NP.

Equivalent vegetation types: None known, although a related *Banksia aemula-Allocasuarina littoralis* dry heathland community (code 58031) occurs on the NSW North Coast (e.g. in Broadwater NP, Yuraygir NP, Hat Head NP, Crowdy Bay NP and Kattang NR), as well as in south-eastern Queensland (Batianoff & Elsol 1989). For the Central Coast of NSW, McRae (1990) reports *Allocasuarina distyla* as common in *Banksia aemula* heathland of Bouddi Peninsula. *Allocasuarina simulans* was formerly included in *A. distyla* (*Casuarina distyla*) s. lat.

# Intermediate dry heathland (map code 58991).

Area: 26.5 ha in Booti Booti NP.

Structure: mid-high to tall closed heathland.

Floristic composition: Intermediate dry heathland supports a mixture of both dry heathland (58041) and wet heathland (60021) species, for example Banksia aemula, B. oblongifolia, Dillwynia floribunda var. floribunda, Hypolaena fastigiata, Leptospermum polygalifolium, Sporadanthus interruptus, Lomandra glauca and Melaleuca nodosa.

Habitat and community relations: Occurs on podzolised sands of deflated dunes where a shallow watertable is present following periods of high rainfall. Intermediate dry heathland is a feature of very deflated sand masses on the NSW North Coast which display little or no slope and aspect. Where the topography becomes more pronounced, intermediate dry heathland is replaced by dry heathland upslope on dunes and beach ridges, and by wet heathland downslope in swales.



Fig. 7. *Banksia aemula-Allocasuarina simulans* dry heathland (mid-high to tall closed heathland; community 58041) recovering from a severe fire in late January 1997.

**Distribution in northern New South Wales:** Present in Crowdy Bay NP, Moonee Beach NR and Lake Innes NR. Also found on some areas of freehold or crown land (e.g. the Newrybar sand plain near Lennox Head).

**Equivalent vegetation types:** For the Myall Lakes area on the lower North Coast of NSW, Myerscough and Carolin (1986) found the boundaries between dry heathland and wet heathland to be somewhat obscure also. Furthermore, for the far North Coast and south-eastern Queensland there are reports of *Banksia aemula* shrubland supporting a ground stratum of 'wet heathland' species in low-lying areas rather than the more typical suite of 'dry heathland' species (Batianoff & Elsol 1989, Griffith 1983).

Banksia spinulosa var. collina-Allocasuarina littoralis-Hakea teretifolia-Ptilothrix deusta-Themeda australis graminoid clay heathland (map code 59051).

**Area:** 2 ha in Booti Booti NP where restricted to the southern section of Charlotte Head.

Structure: low to mid-high closed heathland.

Floristic composition: Banksia spinulosa var. collina, Allocasuarina littoralis, Hakea teretifolia, Ptilothrix deusta and Themeda australis are the characteristic dominants. Other subsidiary to co-dominant species include *Epacris pulchella* and *Gonocarpus tetragynus*. Grasses and sedges form a large component of the above-ground biomass, hence the use of the term 'graminoid'.

Habitat and community relations: Restricted to a steep, south-facing hillslope close to the ocean where exposed to high levels of salt accession. The stoney soil is formed over sedimentary rock. Replaced by forest and woodland on northerly aspects, and also on lower slopes where sand mantles the bedrock. Also adjoins stands of *Melaleuca armillaris* shrubland.

**Distribution in northern New South Wales:** Not known to occur elsewhere, although closely related communities are discussed below.

**Equivalent vegetation types:** Forms part of the *Allocasuarina littoralis-Banksia oblongifolia* (syn. *Casuarina littoralis-Banksia aspleniifolia*) 'headland heath' alliance of Beadle (1981). Similar graminoid clay heathland communities are found on headlands

and exposed coastal hills elsewhere on the North Coast of NSW. These include a Banksia oblongifolia-Allocasuarina littoralis-Hakea teretifolia-Aristida warburgii-Ptilothrix deusta community (code 59031) on rhyolite in Crowdy Bay NP. a B. oblongifolia-A. littoralis-H. teretifolia-A. warburgii-Themeda australis community (code 59041) on adamellite in Hat Head NP and Arakoon SRA, and a B. oblongifolia-A. littoralis-A. warburgii-P. deusta community (code 59021) on sedimentary rock in Yuraygir NP. Related communities in which Allocasuarina littoralis is replaced by A. distyla also occur on the lower North Coast (Benson 1981) and Central Coast (McRae 1990). Similar heathland vegetation is found on trachyte and rhyolite in south-eastern Queensland (Batianoff & Elsol 1989), for example on Mount Coolum (S.J.G. pers.observ. 1999).

#### Banksia oblongifolia-Leptospermum liversidgei-Sporadanthus interruptus-Sprengelia sprengelioides-Xanthorrhoea fulva wet heathland (map code 60021).

Area: 34.5 ha in Booti Booti NP.

Structure: mid-high to tall closed heathland.

Floristic composition: Floristically variable. although three or more of Banksia oblongifolia, Leptospermum liversidgei, Sporadanthus interruptus, Sprengelia sprengelioides and Xanthorrhoea fulva usually co-dominate. Other subsidiary or co-dominant species are Callistemon citrinus, Dillwynia floribunda var. floribunda, Lepidosperma neesii, Lepyrodia scariosa and Melaleuca nodosa. The incidence of fire may explain some of the variation in floristic composition, as certain species are obligate seeders (e.g. Sprengelia sprengelioides, Dillwynia floribunda var. floribunda). Under a suitable fire regime, the serotinous obligate seeder Banksia ericifolia var. macrantha may overtop lower heath shrub species to form a closed shrubland

Habitat and community relations: Grows in humus podzol and peaty podzol soils of dune swales where humic groundwater remains close to the ground surface for extended periods. Often replaced by *Banksia aemula-Allocasuarina simulans* dry heathland or *Banksia aemula* dry sclerophyll shrubland upslope as soil drainage improves. Replaced by sedgeland downslope where standing water accumulates. **Distribution in northern New South Wales:** Found in Broadwater NP, Bundjalung NP, Yuraygir NP, Hat Head NP, Crowdy Bay NP, Myall Lakes NP (Myerscough & Carolin 1986), Moonee Beach NR, Limeburners Creek NR, Lake Innes NR and Khappinghat NR. Also present on some areas of freehold or crown land (e.g. Evans Head, and the Newrybar sand plain near Lennox Head).

**Equivalent vegetation types:** Widespread over much of the NSW North Coast, extending south to the Myall Lakes area (Myerscough & Carolin 1986). Equivalent communities are also recognised for south-eastern Queensland (Batianoff & Elsol 1989, Clifford & Specht 1979, Durrington 1977, Elsol & Dowling 1978). *Leptospermum liversidgei* reaches its southern distribution limit on the lower North Coast at Port Stephens (McNair 1992), as does *Sporadanthus interruptus* (Harden 1993). The remaining three species after which the community is named extend further south (Harden 1991, 1992).

# Chenopod shrubland, tussock grassland and sod grassland

Chenopod shrubland, tussock grassland and sod grassland communities are found in what could be considered extreme habitats along estuaries, sea cliffs and beaches. The following three communities have been recognised for Booti Booti NP, and one is also found in Yahoo NR.

#### Sarcocornia quinqueflora subsp. quinqueflora-Sporobolus virginicus chenopod shrubland/tussock grassland (map code 61021).

**Area:** 19.5 ha in Booti Booti NP and Yahoo NR, with additional small areas included in a Saltmarsh Complex map unit. Occurrences of the community in Yahoo NR are too small to map discretely at a scale of 1: 25 000.

**Structure:** dwarf to low, open to closed chenopod shrubland/tussock grassland.

Floristic composition: Sarcocornia quinqueflora subsp. quinqueflora (a chenopod shrub) and Sporobolus virginicus (a tussock grass) can co-exist in mixed stands, or alternatively zonation may occur over short distances (with boundaries gradational, and generally unmappable at the scale employed). Occasionally one or other of the two species is mono-dominant over larger areas. Casuarina glauca may be present as a scattered emergent (< 5%). Habitat and community relations: Found on interbedded Quaternary sediments of tidal flats associated with the Wallis Lake estuary (Fig. 8). Often replaced by *Juncus kraussii* subsp. *kraussii* rushland upslope, and may be replaced by *Avicennia marina* subsp. *australasica* mangrove woodland downslope closer to mean high tide level.

**Distribution in northern New South Wales:** Present in Bundjalung NP, Yuraygir NP, Hat Head NP, Crowdy Bay NP, Moonee Beach NR, Limeburners Creek NR and Lake Innes NR. Additional areas outside of the reserve system are designated as Coastal Wetland under SEPP 14.

**Equivalent vegetation types:** This variable community, which could be further subdivided on the basis of relative dominance by the characteristic species (Adam et al. 1988), or else treated as a community complex (Zedler et al. 1995), extends along the NSW coast and into southern Queensland (Adam et al. 1988, Beadle 1981, Dowling & McDonald 1976, Elsol & Dowling 1978).

# Spinifex sericeus tussock grassland (map codes 62021, 62022).

**Area:** Occurs in Booti Booti NP where only mapped as part of a Foredune Complex map unit.

**Structure:** low to mid-high, sparse to closed tussock grassland.

Floristic composition: Spinifex sericeus dominates, although species which may be subsidiary to minor associates (30% to < 10%) include \*Cakile maritima, Carpobrotus glaucescens, \*Chrysanthemoides monilifera subsp. rotundata, \*Conyza bilbaoana, Scaevola calendulacea and Zoysia macrantha.

Habitat and community relations: Grows in relatively unstable sands of foredunes just above high water level. Often replaced by *\*Chrysanthemoides monilifera* subsp. *rotundata-Acacia sophorae* shrubland at slightly higher elevations.

**Distribution in northern New South Wales:** Occurs in all reserves of northern NSW which sample foredune vegetation.



**Fig. 8.** *Sarcocornia quinqueflora* subsp. *quinqueflora-Sporobolus virginicus* dwarf to low, open to closed chenopod shrubland/tussock grassland (community 61021) on tidal flats associated with the Wallis Lake estuary.

**Equivalent vegetation types:** Widespread along the NSW coast (Benson 1989), and also extends into south-eastern Queensland (Batianoff & Elsol 1989, Durrington 1977).

## Themeda australis sod grassland (map code 63021).

**Area:** Occurs in Booti Booti NP where only mapped as part of a Headland Complex map unit.

Structure: low to tall closed sod grassland.

Floristic composition: Themeda australis is the characteristic dominant, although closely intertwined heath shrubs, sedges and rushes such as Abildgaardia ovata, Lomandra longifolia and Pimelea linifolia may be subsidiary or minor associates (generally < 10%). Species such as Banksia integrifolia subsp. integrifolia, Casuarina glauca, Isolepis nodosa and Westringia fruticosa may be present as scattered emergents (< 5%).

Habitat and community relations: Occupies very exposed seaward slopes of headlands, in black headland soils (after Parbery 1947) formed from sedimentary rock under high levels of cyclic salt accession. Replaced by a range of other headland forest and shrubland communities on less exposed aspects.

**Distribution in northern New South Wales:** Found in Bundjalung NP, Yuraygir NP, Hat Head NP, Crowdy Bay NP, Moonee Beach NR, Limeburners Creek NR and Kattang NR. Also present on a number of headlands outside the reserve system (e.g. Evans Head).

**Equivalent vegetation types:** Widespread on the North Coast of NSW (Griffith 1992, Quint 1982), and extends further south (Adam et al. 1989, Beadle 1981, Benson 1986, Benson & Howell 1990, McRae 1990). Also occurs in south-eastern Queensland (Batianoff & Elsol 1989).

#### Sedgeland and rushland

The sedgelands of Booti Booti NP and Yahoo NR are dominated by species from the families Cyperaceae and Restionaceae, whereas the rushlands are dominated by either *Juncus kraussii* subsp. *australiensis* or *Phragmites australis*. Two sedgeland communities and two rushland communities are recognised for the reserves. Collectively these communities support approximately 6% of the native vascular taxa known for the reserves.

#### Baumea juncea sedgeland (map code 64021).

**Area:** 24 ha in Booti Booti NP and Yahoo NR, with additional small areas included in a Saltmarsh Complex map unit.

Structure: mid-high to tall closed sedgeland.

Floristic composition: Baumea juncea dominates. Sporobolus virginicus may be present as a shorter but continuous species beneath B. juncea. At some locations Melaleuca quinquenervia is present as a scattered emergent (< 5%).

Habitat and community relations: Found in solonchak soils of supratidal flats associated with the Wallis Lake estuary. Grades into Juncus kraussii subsp. kraussii rushland or Sarcocornia quinqueflora subsp. quinqueflora-Sporobolus virginicus chenopod shrubland/tussock grassland downslope closer to mean high tide level. Often grades landward into swamp forest or woodland dominated by Casuarina glauca and/or Melaleuca quinquenervia.

**Distribution in northern New South Wales:** Present in Broadwater NP, Bundjalung NP, Yuraygir NP, Hat Head NP, Crowdy Bay NP, Moonee Beach NR, Limeburners Creek NR and Lake Innes NR. Additional areas outside of the reserve system are designated as Coastal Wetland under SEPP 14.

**Equivalent vegetation types:** Extends along the Central Coast of NSW (Adam et al. 1988, Kratochvil et al. 1973), and also occurs in Victoria (Head 1988) and south-eastern Queensland (Beadle 1981).

#### Leptocarpus tenax-Baloskion pallens-Schoenus brevifolius sedgeland (map code 64031).

**Area:** 36.5 ha in Booti Booti NP, predominantly in the vicinity of Green Point.

Structure: tall to very tall closed sedgeland.

Floristic composition: A floristically variable community. *Leptocarpus tenax, Baloskion pallens* and *Schoenus brevifolius* are characteristic dominants, although one (occasionally two) of these may be replaced by such species as *Baumea arthrophylla* and *B. teretifolia*. Certain heath shrubs (e.g. *Callistemon pachyphyllus, Melaleuca thymifolia*) can also make a significant contribution to crown cover.

Habitat and community relations: Found in acid peat soils of dunal swamps where standing water is

present for extended periods. Replaced by wet

heathland and dry heathland upslope as soil drainage improves.

**Distribution in northern New South Wales:** Present in Bundjalung NP, Yuraygir NP, Hat Head NP, Crowdy Bay NP, Limeburners Creek NR and Lake Innes NR. Additional areas outside of the reserve system are designated as Coastal Wetland under SEPP 14.

Equivalent vegetation types: The community shares many species in common with a somewhat broader Empodisma minus (syn. Calorophus minor)-Leptocarpus tenax alliance described for southeastern Queensland and NSW by Beadle (1981). Leptocarpus tenax, Baloskion pallens, Schoenus brevifolius and Baumea teretifolia are characteristic of a sedgeland community delineated for Tomaree NP on the lower North Coast of NSW by Bell (1997). A related sedgeland of *Leptocarpus tenax*, *Schoenus* brevifolius and other species has been described for the Gosford-Lake Macquarie area on the Central Coast of NSW (Benson 1986). Similar communities also occur in south-eastern Oueensland (Batianoff & Elsol 1989, Dowling & McDonald 1976, Elsol & Dowling 1978).

### Juncus kraussii subsp. australiensis rushland (map code 65021).

**Area:** 2.5 ha in Booti Booti NP and Yahoo NR, with additional small areas included in a Saltmarsh Complex map unit.

Structure: tall to very tall closed rushland.

Floristic composition: Juncus kraussii subsp. australiensis dominates. Sporobolus virginicus may be present as a shorter but continuous species beneath J. kraussii subsp. australiensis. Casuarina glauca is sometimes present as a scattered emergent (< 5%).

Habitat and community relations: Found on interbedded Quaternary sediments of supratidal flats associated with the Wallis Lake estuary. Often grades into Baumea juncea sedgeland upslope, and into Sarcocornia quinqueflora subsp. quinqueflora-Sporobolus virginicus chenopod shrubland/tussock grassland downslope closer to mean high tide level.

**Distribution in northern New South Wales:** Found in Broadwater NP, Bundjalung NP, Yuraygir NP, Hat Head NP, Crowdy Bay NP, Moonee Beach NR, Limeburners Creek NR and Lake Innes NR. Additional areas outside of the reserve system are designated as Coastal Wetland under SEPP 14.

**Equivalent vegetation types:** Widespread on the North Coast of NSW, and extends to the Central and South Coasts (Adam et al. 1988, Beadle 1981, Benson 1986, Goodrick 1970, Kratochvil et al. 1973). Also present in south-eastern Queensland (Batianoff & Elsol 1989, Durrington 1977).

# Phragmites australis rushland (map code 65031).

**Area:** 2 ha in Booti Booti NP and Yahoo NR, with additional small areas included in a Saltmarsh Complex map unit.

Structure: very tall closed rushland.

**Floristic composition:** *Phragmites australis* dominates. *Baumea juncea, Fimbristylis ferruginea* and *Juncus kraussii* subsp. *australiensis* may be present as shorter but continuous species beneath *Phragmites australis. Casuarina glauca* can be present as a scattered emergent (< 5%).

Habitat and community relations: Found in solonchak soils of supratidal flats associated with the Wallis Lake estuary. Often grades into *Baumea juncea* sedgeland, and also adjoins swamp sclerophyll forest and woodland.

**Distribution in northern New South Wales:** Present elsewhere on the mid North Coast in Hat Head NP, Limeburners Creek NR, Lake Innes NR and Khappinghat NR, although generally as very limited stands. Also reported for Myall Lakes NP on the lower North Coast (Myerscough & Carolin 1986). Additional areas outside of the reserve system are designated as Coastal Wetland under SEPP 14.

**Equivalent vegetation types:** *Phragmites australis* rushland is found on a number of coastal floodplains in northern NSW (Pressey 1981, 1987a,b; Pressey & Griffith 1987), and estuarine occurrences of the community are also reported for NSW by others (e.g. Adam et al. 1988, Brockhoff 1988). A *Phragmites australis* suballiance is recognised by Beadle (1981) for the coast of eastern and south-eastern Australia, and also for some inland rivers and lakes.

#### Vegetation complexes

Complex map units have been used to delineate groups of plant communities where the individual

communities are too small or intermixed to map separately at a scale of 1: 25 000. The following three complex map units have been applied to foredune, saltmarsh and headland vegetation in Booti Booti NP.

#### Foredune Complex (map code 90100).

The main constituent communities of the Foredune Complex are *Leptospermum laevigatum* dry sclerophyll shrubland (code 54101), \**Chrysanthemoides monilifera* subsp. *rotundata-Acacia sophorae* dry sclerophyll shrubland (code 54111) and *Spinifex sericeus* tussock grassland (codes 62021/2), although limited areas of *Cupaniopsis anacardioides* littoral rainforest (code 05021) and *Melaleuca quinquenervia* swamp sclerophyll forest (code 40031) are also likely.

Other species may also dominate in the Foredune Complex over small areas, for example *Banksia integrifolia* subsp. *integrifolia*, *Carex pumila*, *Lomandra longifolia*, *Scaevola calendulacea* and *Zoysia macrantha*. \**Chrysanthemoides monilifera* subsp. *rotundata* is prevalent in the complex, and \**Casuarina equisetifolia* subsp. *incana* has been planted at some locations. Much of the complex is regeneration following sand mining.

#### Saltmarsh Complex (map code 90200).

The main constituent communities of the Saltmarsh Complex are *Sarcocornia quinqueflora* subsp. *quinqueflora-Sporobolus virginicus* chenopod shrubland/tussock grassland (code 61021), *Baumea juncea* sedgeland (code 64021) and *Juncus kraussii* subsp. *australiensis* rushland (code 65021), with small areas of *Avicennia marina* subsp. *australasica* mangrove woodland (code 25022), *Phragmites australis* rushland (code 65031) and unvegetated mudflat also likely.

Other species may dominate in the Saltmarsh Complex over minor localised areas, for example *Paspalum vaginatum* or *Schoenoplectus litoralis*.

### Headland Complex (map code 90300).

The main constituent communities of the Headland Complex are *Allocasuarina littoralis* dry sclerophyll forest (code 35131), *Angophora floribunda* dry sclerophyll forest (code 35611), *Casuarina glauca* swamp sclerophyll forest (code 40051), *Melaleuca armillaris* dry sclerophyll shrubland (code 54041) and *Themeda australis* sod grassland (code 63021). Other communities which are likely to be present in the complex as limited stands are *Livistona australis* subtropical rainforest (code 00031), *Cupaniopsis anacardioides* littoral rainforest (code 05021), *Drypetes deplanchei-Sarcomelicope simplicifolia* subsp. *simplicifolia-Cassine australis* var. *australis*-*Podocarpus elatus* littoral rainforest (code 05051), *Choricarpia leptopetala* dry rainforest (code 10041), *Melaleuca quinquenervia* swamp sclerophyll forest (code 40031), *Choricarpia leptopetala* rainshrubland (code 52031) and *Leptospermum laevigatum* dry sclerophyll shrubland (code 54101). On very exposed aspects, forest communities may grade into shrublands.

Other species can dominate in the Headland Complex over small localised areas, for example *Banksia integrifolia* subsp. *integrifolia* or *Westringia fruticosa*. \**Chrysanthemoides monilifera* subsp. *rotundata* is prevalent in the complex, and exotic grasses such as \**Pennisetum clandestinum* occur as localised infestations.

### **Miscellaneous map units**

Miscellaneous map units are used to identify artificial, disturbed or predominantly unvegetated areas, for example clearings (code 92030), urban development (code 92090) and open water (code 91040). Yahoo NR is in a relatively natural state, although approximately 7% of Booti Booti NP is in a cleared or otherwise disturbed condition (road easements and regenerated mine paths excluded), particularly on the Cape Hawke hill complex.

# **Numerical analysis**

The numerical analysis using PATN (Belbin 1993) produced a hierarchical, agglomerative polythetic classification of the 48 plot-based sites. The results are presented as a dendrogram (Fig. 9).

In the interpretation of hierarchical classifications such as the one produced here, any decision as to the selection of the most meaningful number of final floristic groups is still subjective and largely rests on the current level of ecological understanding (see Kent & Coker 1992). This dilemma is further compounded by a lack of sample site replication, as is the case in the present study other than for *Drypetes deplanchei-Sarcomelicope simplicifolia* subsp. *simplicifolia-Cassine australis* var. *australis-Podocarpus elatus* littoral rainforest (Sites 13 and 25) and *Choricarpia leptopetala* dry rainforest (Sites 20 and 24).

If, for arguments sake, the number of floristic groups were to be constrained at the level for which the replicate rainforest sites combine (dissimilarity coefficient of approximately 0.55 on Fig. 9), a number of other sites also merge. These groups of merging sites include:

- Sites 32, 34 and 36: *Eucalyptus tereticornis* dry sclerophyll forest/woodland (DSF/W), *E. microcorys* DSF and *E. tereticornis-E. microcorys* DSF, all of which have obvious tallest stratum affinities, and many understorey species in common;
- Sites 11 and 14: *Corymbia maculata-Eucalyptus fergusonii* subsp. *fergusonii-E. acmenoides* wet sclerophyll forest (WSF) and *E. fergusonii* subsp. *fergusonii* WSF, which have tallest stratum affinities, and many understorey species in common;
- Sites 37, 39 and 40: *Eucalyptus pilularis* WSF, *E. microcorys* WSF and *Lophostemon confertus* WSF, all of which share many common understorey species, with the tallest stratum species also interchanging as subsidiary or minor associates rather than dominants (e.g. *E. microcorys* as a subsidiary or minor tallest stratum species in *E. pilularis* WSF and *L. confertus* WSF);
- Sites 19 and 41: *Banksia oblongifolia-Leptospermum liversidgei-Sporadanthus interruptus-Sprengelia sprengelioides-Xanthorrhoea fulva* wet heathland and intermediate dry heathland, which are topographically contiguous, and have many species in common;
- Sites 10 and 18: *Banksia aemula-Allocasuarina simulans* dry heathland and *Eucalyptus pilularis* dry sclerophyll mallee woodland, with the latter having an understorey of typical 'dry heathland' species;
- Sites 23 and 43: *Melaleuca quinquenervia* swamp sclerophyll forest/woodland (SSF/W) and *Eucalyptus robusta-M. quinquenervia* SSF/W, which have tallest stratum affinities, and many understorey species in common;
- Sites 3 and 4: *Juncus kraussii* subsp. *australiensis* rushland and *Sarcocornia quinqueflora* subsp. *quinqueflora-Sporobolus virginicus* chenopod shrubland/tussock grassland, which are often topographically contiguous, with *S. virginicus* extending beneath *J. kraussii* subsp. *australiensis;*

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**Fig. 9.** Dendrogram showing the relationships between 48 sites in Booti Booti NP and Yahoo NR on the basis of full-floristics and foliage cover class scores using the Bray-Curtis dissimilarity measure.

• Sites 26 and 45: *Phragmites australis* rushland and *Melaleuca quinquenervia* swamp sclerophyll shrubland, which occupy similar habitats and share several species in common.

Based on the above illustration, it would be possible to amalgamate some of the plant communities delineated by means of air photo interpretation. For example, Eucalyptus tereticornis DSF/W, E. microcorys DSF and E. tereticornis-E. microcorys DSF could all be amalgamated into a single map unit. However, it would be unwise to do so given the limited extent of the data set used for analysis, especially where other workers have recognised a difference between, for example Juncus kraussii subsp. australiensis rushland and Sarcocornia quinqueflora subsp. quinqueflora-Sporobolus virginicus chenopod shrubland/tussock grassland (Adam et al. 1988, Beadle 1981), or Eucalyptus pilularis WSF and Lophostemon confertus WSF (Elsol 1991, Forestry Commission of NSW 1989, McDonald & Whiteman 1979), or forests and woodlands of Eucalyptus tereticornis and E. microcorys (Forestry Commission of NSW 1989). More utilitarian reasons relating to reserve management are also likely to exist for not amalgamating some of the communities derived from air photo interpretation, for example maintaining the distinction between Melaleuca quinquenervia SSF/W and Eucalyptus robusta-*M. quinquenervia* SSF/W for the purpose of linking the movement of koalas with the distribution of *Eucalyptus robusta*, a favoured food tree.

Issues of vegetation classification aside, the hierarchical analysis provides some insight into the ecological relationships of the various plant communities defined by air photo interpretation. Some of these relationships are discussed below.

The group of sites comprising Site 3 through to Site 48 (denoted Group A on Fig. 9) are all associated with the Wallis Lake estuary, either as saltmarsh and mangrove vegetation or as fringing swamp forests, swamp woodlands and swamp shrubland.

The group of sites comprising Site 2 through to Site 44 (denoted Group B) are all associated with the older sand mass areas of Booti Booti NP. These sites remain floristically distinct from the foredune communities of Sites 1, 7 and 8 (denoted Group C).

*Banksia spinulosa* var. *collina-Allocasuarina littoralis-Hakea teretifolia-Ptilothrix deusta-Themeda australis* graminoid clay heathland (Site 49) appears to be floristically more similar to *Themeda australis* sod grassland (Site 9) than it is to other heathland communities associated with the old sand masses (Group B). These graminoid clay heathland and sod grassland communities are restricted to exposed aspects of headlands where the soils have formed from sedimentary bedrock.

Despite an obvious overlap in floristic composition for the tallest stratum, the dry sclerophyll forest and woodland communities from Site 17 through to Site 47 (denoted Group D) are more alike with each other than they are with the wet sclerophyll forest (and rainforest) communities in Group E. The one exception is *Corymbia maculata-Eucalyptus fergusonii* subsp. *fergusonii-E. acmenoides* DSF (Site 12), which links with the wet sclerophyll forest equivalent (Site 11), and another wet sclerophyll community in which *E. fergusonii* subsp. *fergusonii* dominates in the absence of *Corymbia maculata* (Site 14). This outcome presumably reflects the exclusive fidelity of *E. fergusonii* subsp. *fergusonii* subsp. *fergus* 

restricted distribution in the reserves where it is confined to Cape Hawke, and it was not recorded in any other communities.

During the field survey for vegetation map preparation, it became apparent that three of the rainforest communities recognised for the reserves using the suballiance typology of Floyd (1990) share many species in common. These three floristically related suballiances are *Cupaniopsis anacardioides* littoral rainforest (Site 29), *Drypetes deplanchei-Sarcomelicope simplicifolia* subsp. *simplicifolia-Cassine australis* var. *australis-Podocarpus elatus* littoral rainforest (Sites 13 and 25), and *Ficus* spp.-*Streblus brunonianus-Dendrocnide* spp.-*Cassine australis* var. *australis* dry rainforest (Site 27). The present hierarchical analysis, superficial though it is, would suggest that the aforementioned rainforest suballiances are floristically similar, yet collectively distinct from *Livistona australis* subtropical rainforest (Site 30) and *Choricarpia leptopetala* dry rainforest (Sites 20 and 24).

# Significant plant species

Forty four (6.7%) of the 654 native vascular plant taxa recorded for Booti NP and Yahoo NR in the present and earlier surveys are considered to be of conservation significance (Table 2). Five of the taxa, *Allocasuarina defungens, A. simulans, Chamaesyce psammogeton, Cynanchum elegans* and *Senna acclinis,* are listed under the *NSW Threatened Species Conservation (TSC) Act 1995*. A sixth taxon, *Eucalyptus fergusonii* subsp. *fergusonii*, is listed on the Rare or Threatened Australian Plants (ROTAP) schedule (after Briggs & Leigh 1996). The remaining 38 taxa either approach or reach their distribution limit in the reserves, or are in some way restricted.

A further five taxa of Booti NP, although widespread on coastal sand masses in northern NSW nonetheless reach their southern distribution limit in the Port Stephens area of the lower North Coast, approximately 60 km to the SSW. These taxa are: *Aotus lanigera* (Bell 1997), which was previously thought to extend northwards from Taree (Harden 1991); *Leptospermum liversidgei* (McNair 1992), previously known as far south as Myall Lakes (Harden 1991); *Sporadanthus interruptus* (Harden 1993); *Leucopogon lanceolatus* var. *gracilis* (Harden 1992); and *Leucopogon leptospermoides* (Harden 1992).

## Management issues

# Fire

Fire management in Booti Booti NP and Yahoo NR will largely be a matter of fire exclusion in the short term, in view of the extent and severity of fires in the last 5–10 years. For the longer term there is a relative paucity of habitat-specific information about the fire behaviour of individual plant species in the reserves other than general post-fire regeneration responses (e.g. Griffith & Williams 1997). Little is also known about the impact of season of burn, the extent to which post-fire weather patterns influence recruitment, and the significance of fire heterogeneity and micro-site variation. Nonetheless, in the absence of further research it is possible to apply

generalised fire interval classes to the different plant communities of the reserves using guidelines developed by the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (refer NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service 1997, 1998a,b). Mitigating factors which relate to the generalised fire interval classes are discussed at length in Griffith et al. (1999). These mitigating factors include post-fire weed encroachment, the proximity of 'fire-tolerant' vegetation to 'fire-sensitive' vegetation, the likely impact of peat fires, the severity of a recent unplanned crown fire, anecdotal evidence for already depleted seed pools in certain obligate seed regenerator species, the fire behaviour of significant plant species, and likely shifts in floristic composition where fire is excluded.

# **Exotic species**

Several particularly aggressive weeds are present in Booti Booti NP and Yahoo NR, and some of these pose a serious threat to the long-term viability of native vegetation. \*Chrysanthemoides monilifera subsp. rotundata (Bitou Bush) is present as extensive infestations along foredunes and sea cliffs where it is actively displacing native vegetation. \*Lantana camara (Lantana) is also widespread, particularly in former clearings on the Cape Hawke hill complex and along gullies and moist hillslopes elsewhere. \*Anredera cordifolia (Madeira Vine) is present in dry rainforest on Booti Island and Earps Island in Wallis Lake where it blankets the canopy and ground surface. \*Anredera cordifolia was first reported for Booti Island in 1980 (de Castro Lopo 1980). Another vine, \*Ipomoea cairica (Five-leaf Morning Glory), has the potential to degrade areas of swamp sclerophyll forest and woodland associated with the Wallis Lake estuary. \*Ipomoea cairica forms vine towers on saplings, especially those of *Casuarina glauca*, and this can lead to the death of saplings through competition for sunlight. This may be the case in Yahoo NR where many *Casuarina glauca* stems lie on the ground covered in what appear to be the remains of *\*Ipomoea cairica*. The shrub \*Baccharis halimifolia (Groundsel Bush) is also considered a threat to the estuarine vegetation of Wallis Lake. Only two plants of this species were observed during the present survey, and both were found in Yahoo NR (and subsequently removed). \*Baccharis halimifolia dominates the understorey of some swamp sclerophyll forests along estuaries on the far North Coast of NSW (e.g. Ballina NR and the Iluka Peninsula), and it has the potential to behave in a similar manner on the lower North Coast. Exotic grasses such as \*Pennisetum clandestinum (Kikuyu) persist in former clearings on headlands close to the sea. Exotic grasses have also invaded severely trampled vegetation, e.g. where 4WD vehicles have damaged Themeda australis sod grassland.

# Unrestricted access

Unrestricted 4WD vehicle, trail bike and pedestrian access has the potential to further degrade native vegetation, particularly in saltmarsh areas, along foredunes, and in *Themeda australis* sod grassland and graminoid clay heathland on headlands. Rubbish dumping is also a problem along tracks and fire trails where public access is unrestricted.

### Table 2. Significant vascular plants of Booti Booti National Park and Yahoo Nature Reserve.

The source of each record is given thus: <sup>1</sup> = recorded during the present survey; <sup>2</sup> = recorded in de Castro Lopo (1980), which includes rainforest data by Clough (1979); <sup>3</sup> = recorded by Floyd (1990, undated); <sup>4</sup> = recorded in Dodkin (1978), <sup>5</sup> = recorded by M. Matthes and A. Bofeldt (in Muggeridge 1999). The general fire response of each taxon (rainforest taxa excluded) is given where known.

ROTAP = Rare or Threatened Australian Plants schedule (after Briggs & Leigh 1996); TSC = NSW Threatened Species Conservation Act (1995).

Species	Significance	Fire Response
Allocasuarina defungens (Casuarinaceae) <sup>1</sup>	Occurs at southern distribution limit in Forster area. Endangered (Schedule 1 of TSC Act; ROTAP 2E).	Resprouts (Griffith & Williams 1997)
Allocasuarina simulans (Casuarinaceae) <sup>1,2</sup>	Endemic to Forster and Nabiac areas in vicinity of Wallis Lake (Harden 1990). Vulnerable (Schedule 2 of TSC Act; ROTAP 2VCa).	Resprouts (Griffith & Williams 1997)
<i>Banksia ericifolia</i> var. <i>macrantha</i> (Proteaceae) <sup>1,2</sup>	Restricted to coastal habitats of NSW north from Forster area (Harden 1991).	Adults killed (Griffith & Williams 1997)
Callistemon citrinus (Myrtaceae) <sup>1,2</sup>	<sup>2</sup> Although distribution extends from Victoria to Queensland (Harden 1991), not known to occur on coastal sand masses of NSW to north of Forster area.	Resprouts (Griffith & Williams 1997)
Cassinia aculeata (Asteraceae) <sup>1</sup>	Forster is northern distribution limit (Harden 1992).	Adults killed (Benson & McDougall 1994)
Centratherum punctatum subsp. australianum (Asteraceae) <sup>1</sup>	Occurrence in Booti Booti NP represents a southern extension of previously known distribution limit at Wingham, approximately 45 km to NW (Harden 1992).	Not known
Chamaesyce psammogeton (formerly Chamaesyce sparrmanii) (Euphorbiaceae) <sup>1</sup>	Uncommon species of sand dunes near the sea, and endemic to Qld, NSW and Lord Howe Island (Harden 1990, Heyligers 1998). Endangered (Schedule 1 of TSC Act).	Not known, but habitat not fire-prone
Cleistanthus cunninghamii (Euphorbiaceae) <sup>1,2,3</sup>	Reaches southern limit of coastal distribution in Booti Booti NP (Floyd 1990).	Rainforest taxon
Coleocarya gracilis (Restionaceae)1	Reaches southern distribution limit in Myall Lakes area, approximately 20 km to SSW (Harden 1993, Myerscough & Carolin 1986).	Resprouts (Griffith & Williams 1997)
Cryptandra ericoides (Rhamnaceae) <sup>1</sup>	Previously only known to occur south from Sydney area (Harden 1990).	Adults killed (S.J.G. pers. observ. 1998)
Cynanchum carnosum (Asclepiadaceae) <sup>1,2,4</sup>	Records for Wallis Lake area represent a` southern extension of previously known distribution limit (Harden 1992).	Not known, but possibly resprouts from rootstock
Cynanchum elegans (Asclepiadaceae) <sup>1</sup>	Endangered (Schedule 1 of TSC Act).	Not known, but possibly resprouts from rootstock
Desmodium nemorosum (Fabaceae) <sup>1,2</sup>	Reaches southern distribution limit in Booti Booti NP (refer Harden 1991).	Not known
Durringtonia paludosa (Rubiaceae) <sup>1</sup>	A monotypic species, endemic to coastal lowlands of northern NSW and south-eastern Qld where restricted to swampy habitats (Harden 1992, Henderson & Guymer 1984).	Resprouts (Griffith & Williams 1997)
Eucalyptus fergusonii subsp. fergusonii (Myrtaceae) <sup>1,2,3</sup>	A very sporadic distribution, previously thought to extend from Bulahdelah to Morisset on lower North Coast and upper Central Coast of NSW (Harden 1991). Poorly known (ROTAP 3KC-).	Probably resprouts
Galactia species A (Fabaceae) <sup>1</sup>	Apparently uncommon on North Coast of NSW.	Not known
<i>Ixora beckleri</i> (Rubiaceae) <sup>2,3</sup>	Reaches southern distribution limit in Forster area (Harden 1992).	Rainforest taxon

Species	Significance	Fire Response
Jagera pseudorhus var. pseudorhus f. pseudorhus (Sapindaceae) <sup>1</sup>	Reaches southern distribution limit in Myall Lakes NP, approximately 20 km to SSW (M. Dodkin, NPWS pers. comm.). Previously known as far south as Black Head, approximately 16 km to the NNW (Floyd 1989).	Rainforest taxon
Kennedia prostrata (Fabaceae) <sup>2</sup>	Occurrence in Booti Booti NP represents a range extension northwards from Port Stephens (Harden 1991) and Myall Lakes (McNair 1992, Myerscough & Carolin 1986) areas of lower North Coast of NSW.	Not known
<i>Keraudrenia hillii</i> var. <i>hillii</i> (Sterculiaceae) <sup>2</sup>	Occurrence in Booti Booti NP represents a range extension northwards from Port Stephens (Harden 1990) and Myall Lakes (McNair 1992) on lower North Coast of NSW. Considered rare.	Not known
Leptospermum semibaccatum (Myrtaceae) <sup>1</sup>	Harden (1991) has Forster as southern distribution limit.	Resprouts (Griffith & Williams 1997)
Macrozamia communis (Zamiaceae) <sup>1,2,3</sup>	Has a near-coastal distribution in north of range (Hill 1998). Reaches northern limit at Hallidays Point, approximately 16 km to NNW.	Resprouts (French & Westoby 1996)
Marsdenia lloydii (Asclepiadaceae) <sup>2</sup>	Reaches southern distribution limit in Wang Wauk State Forest, approximately 30 km to WSW (S. Griffith in NPWS database, Northern Zone).	Rainforest taxon
Melaleuca armillaris (Myrtaceae) <sup>1,2</sup>	Although range extends into Queensland (Harden 1991), not known from coastal headlands of NSW any further north than Forster area.	Adults killed (Griffith & Williams 1997)
Monococcus echinophorus (Phytolaccaceae) <sup>2,4</sup>	Reaches southern distribution limit in Forster area, and considered uncommon in NSW (Harden 1990).	Rainforest taxon
<i>Morinda acutifolia</i> (Rubiaceae) <sup>4</sup>	Reaches southern distribution limit in Dungog area, approximately 80 km to WSW (A.G. Floyd in NPWS database, Northern Zone). Considered uncommon in NSW (Harden 1992).	Rainforest taxon
Ochrosperma lineare (Myrtaceae) <sup>1,2</sup>	Harden (1991) has Forster as southern distribution limit.	Adults killed (Griffith & Williams 1997)
Opercularia varia (Rubiaceae) <sup>1</sup>	Records for Booti Booti NP represent a range extension from previously known northern limit in vicinity of Karuah (Harden 1992) and Myall Lakes (Myerscough & Carolin 1986) on lower North Coast of NSW.	Adults killed (Griffith & Williams 1997)
Parietaria debilis (Urticaceae)²	Apparently uncommon on North Coast of NSW (refer Harden 1990).	Not known, but an annual species
Parsonsia induplicata (Apocynaceae) <sup>1</sup>	Reaches southern distribution limit at Stroud, approximately 55 km WSW of Booti Booti NP (Harden 1992).	Not known, but possibly resprouts from rootstock
Persoonia katerae (Proteaceae) <sup>1</sup>	Endemic to NSW where found on coastal sands between Hastings River on mid North Coast and Myall Lakes on lower North Coast (Harden 1991).	Not known
<i>Pisonia umbellifera</i> (Nyctaginaceae) <sup>1,2,3</sup>	Considered widespread but not common in coastal NSW (Harden 1990).	Rainforest taxon
Planchonella myrsinoides (Sapotaceae) <sup>1,2,3</sup>	Reaches southern distribution limit in Forster area (Harden 1990).	Rainforest taxon
Poa poiformis (Poaceae) <sup>1</sup>	Records for Yahoo NR and also Kattang NR south of Port Macquarie (S.J.G. pers. observ.) represent a range extension northwards from Port Stephens on lower North Coast of NSW (Harden 1993).	Not known, but possibly resprouts

Species	Significance	Fire Response
Pterostylis concinna (Orchidaceae)²	Occurrence in Booti Booti NP represents a range extension north from Mudgee area on Central Western Slopes of NSW (Harden 1993).	Resprouts
Pultenaea blakelyi (Fabaceae) <sup>1,2</sup>	Records for Booti Booti NP represent a range extension northwards from Myall Lakes, approximately 20 km to the SSW (Harden 1991).	Adults killed (Benson & McDougall 1996)
<i>Randia benthamiana</i> (Rubiaceae) <sup>2,3</sup>	Reaches southern distribution limit in Forster area (Harden 1992).	Rainforest taxon
<i>Ripogonum discolor</i> (Ripogonaceae) <sup>2,3,4</sup>	Reaches southern distribution limit in Myall Lakes area, approximately 20 km to the SSW (Harden 1993).	Rainforest taxon
Senna acclinis (Fabaceae)⁵	Rare (ROTAP 3RC-). Endangered (Schedule 1 of TSC Act).	Rainforest taxon
<i>Tetratheca ericifolia</i> (Tremandraceae) <sup>2</sup>	Distribution extends south from Nabiac area on NW side of Wallis Lake (Harden 1992).	Not known, but possibly resprouts
Tripladenia cunninghamii (Uvulariaceae) <sup>1,2</sup>	Distribution extends north from Myall Lakes area, approximately 20 km to the SSW (Harden 1993).	Not known, but possibly resprouts from a rhizome
Tylophora paniculata (Asclepiadaceae) <sup>1</sup>	Apart from an apparent outlier in Sydney region (A. Bofeldt in NPWS database, Northern Zone), reaches southern distribution limit at Williams River on lower North Coast of NSW (Harden 1992).	Not known, but possibly resprouts from rootstock
<i>Westringia fruticosa</i> (Lamiaceae) <sup>1,2</sup>	Apart from small remnant populations in vicinity of Wallabi Point, approximately 25 km north of Booti Booti NP (S.J.G. pers. observ.), reaches northern distribution limit in Forster area (Harden 1992).	Resprouts (Griffith & Williams 1997)
Xanthosia tridentata (Apiaceae) <sup>1</sup>	Records for Booti Booti NP, Old Bar near Taree (Greater Taree City Council 1996), and Tomaree NP on lower North Coast (Bell 1997) appear to represent a range disjunction northwards from Mount White on Central Coast of NSW (Harden 1992).	Adults killed (Griffith & Williams 1997)

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### Appendix 1. Vascular plants of Booti Booti National Park and Yahoo Nature Reserve.

Taxa are listed alphabetically by family and genus within classes. The nomencalture is consistent with current usage at the Royal Botanic Gardens Sydney, and most authorities are given in Harden (1990–93).

The checklist is a compilation of records from the following sources.

- <sup>1</sup> = Recorded during the present survey (plot-based sampling and incidental records along foot traverses), or an earlier investigation by Griffith (1987).
- <sup>2</sup> = Recorded in a detailed study of the former Booti Booti State Recreation Area by de Castro Lopo (1980). The work of de Castro Lopo also includes rainforest data by Clough (1979).
- $^{3}$  = Recorded by Floyd (1990, undated).
- <sup>4</sup> = Recorded in Dodkin (1978).
- <sup>5</sup> = Record of Senna acclinis by M. Matthes and A. Bofeldt (in Muggeridge 1999).

A small number of records from sources other than the present survey have not been included in the checklist because they seem doubtful. Any voucher specimens for these records will need to be located and further examined.

Although the checklist is considered comprehensive, further fieldwork is likely to produce additional records for cryptic taxa such as terrestrial orchids. It is also probable that a closer examination of disturbed sites (e.g. roadsides and rest areas) will yield additional records for exotics. Exotic taxa are prefixed with an asterisk.

### Index of codes:

The plant communities are named after dominant indicator species of the tallest (dominant) stratum. Each community (or other map unit) has a unique five-digit numeric code. The fifth digit of each code (highlighted in brackets in the index) is used for mapping purposes to signify the crown cover range of the tallest stratum in each polygon: 1 = mid-dense to dense (e.g. open to closed forest); 2 = very sparse to sparse (e.g. open woodland to woodland); 0 = crown cover variable, or else not determined. The '0' code is only used for 'complex' map units (e.g. Foredune Complex) and 'miscellaneous' map units (e.g. cleared land). Missing codes apply to plant communities or other map units not found in Booti Booti NP or Yahoo NR.

Map Code	Plant community or other map unit
	FOREST AND WOODLAND
0003(1)	Subtropical rainforest Livistona australis
0502(1) 0505(1)	Littoral rainforest Cupaniopsis anacardioides Drypetes deplanchei-Sarcomelicope simplicifolia subsp. simplicifolia-Cassine australis var. australis-Podocarpus elatus
1003(1) 1004(1)	<b>Dry rainforest</b> Ficus sppStreblus brunonianus-Dendrocnide sppCassine australis var. australis Choricarpia leptopetala
2502(2)	Mangrove forest and woodland Avicennia marina subsp. australasica
3002(1) 3004(1) 3006(1) 3007(1) 3011(1) 3012(1) 3013(1)	Wet sclerophyll forestLophostemon confertusEucalyptus grandisEucalyptus pilularisEucalyptus microcorysEucalyptus tereticornisEucalyptus fergusonii subsp. fergusoniiCorymbia maculata-Eucalyptus fergusonii subsp. fergusonii-E. acmenoides
3504(1) 3508(1) 3512(1) 3512(2) 3513(1)	Dry sclerophyll forest and woodland Eucalyptus pilularis Eucalyptus microcorys Eucalyptus tereticornis Allocasuarina littoralis

Map Code	Plant community or other map unit
3556(1) 3556(2) 3559(1) 3560(1)	Angophora costata Eucalyptus pilularis-Angophora costata Corymbia maculata-Eucalyptus fergusonii subsp. fergusonii-E. acmenoides Eucalyptus tereticornis-E. microcorys
3561(1) 3562(1)	Angophora floribunda Corymbia maculata
4003(1) 4003(2) 4005(1) 4005(2) 4098(1) 4098(2) 4099(1) 4099(2)	Swamp sclerophyll forest and woodland Melaleuca quinquenervia Casuarina glauca Eucalyptus robusta-Melaleuca quinquenervia Melaleuca quinquenervia-Casuarina glauca
	MALLEE FOREST AND WOODLAND
5002(2)	Dry sclerophyll mallee forest and woodland Eucalyptus pilularis
5102(2)	Swamp sclerophyll mallee forest and woodland Eucalyptus robusta
	SHRUBLAND (SCRUB)
5203(1)	<b>Rain-shrubland</b> Choricarpia leptopetala
5402(1) 5404(1) 5410(1) 5411(1)	Dry sclerophyll shrubland Banksia aemula Melaleuca armillaris Leptospermum laevigatum *Chrysanthemoides monilifera subsp. rotundata-Acacia sophorae
5506(2)	Swamp sclerophyll shrubland Melaleuca quinquenervia
	HEATHLAND
5804(1) 5899(1)	Dry heathland Banksia aemula-Allocasuarina simulans Intermediate dry heathland
5905(1)	<b>Graminoid clay heathland</b> Banksia spinulosa var. collina-Allocasuarina littoralis-Hakea teretifolia-Ptilothrix deusta- Themeda australis
6002(1)	Wet heathland Banksia oblongifolia-Leptospermum liversidgei-Sporadanthus interruptus-Sprengelia sprengelioides-Xanthorrhoea fulva
6102(1)	CHENOPOD SHRUBLAND Sarcocornia quinqueflora subsp. quinqueflora-Sporobolus virginicus
6202(1) 6202(2)	TUSSOCK GRASSLAND Spinifex sericeus
6302(1)	<b>SOD GRASSLAND</b> Themeda australis
6402(1) 6403(1)	<b>SEDGELAND</b> Baumea juncea Leptocarpus tenax-Baloskion pallens-Schoenus brevifolius
6502(1) 6503(1)	RUSHLAND Juncus kraussii subsp. australiensis Phragmites australis

Map Code	Plant community or other ma	ıp unit	
9010(0) 9020(0) 9030(0)	VEGETATION COMPLEXES Foredune Complex Saltmarsh Complex Headland Complex		
9102(0) 9103(0) 9104(0) 9202(0) 9203(0) 9204(0) 9206(0) 9207(0) 9208(0) 9209(0)	Headland Complex MISCELLANEOUS MAP UNITS Beach sand, mobile sand (occasionally sandy tidal flats) Rock Open water Partially cleared Cleared Disturbance associated with past mining (includes quarries) Picnic or camping area Disturbance associated with roads Disturbance associated with transmission line Urban or residential development and associated infrastructure (includes housing,		
	public works etc.)	Plant community or other map unit in which found	
CLASS LYCOPSI Lycopodiaceae	<b>A</b>		
Lycopodiella cern Selaginellaceae Selaginella uligine		05021 58991 60021	
CLASS FILICOPS Adiantaceae Adiantum aethio Adiantum formo: Adiantum hispidu Adiantum silvatic Cheilanthes austr Pellaea falcata <sup>1,2,</sup> Pellaea paradoxa	oicum <sup>1,2</sup> sum <sup>2</sup> ılum <sup>1,2,4</sup> um <sup>2,3</sup> otenuifolia <sup>1,2</sup> 3,4	35041 00031 10031 30131 05051 35131 00031 05021 05051 10031 35121 35122 35621 05051 30131 35591	
<b>Aspleniaceae</b> Asplenium attent Asplenium austra Asplenium diffor	lasicum <sup>2,3,4</sup>	05051 05051 10031 91030	
Blechnaceae Blechnum camfie Blechnum cartilag Blechnum indicum Blechnum paters Doodia aspera <sup>1,2,</sup>	gineum <sup>1,2</sup> m <sup>1,2</sup> onli <sup>2</sup>	30021 30061 30071 35041 30041 40031 40032 40981 40982 51022 64031 05051 10031 30021 30061 30071 30121 30131	
Culcitaceae Calochlaena dub Cyatheaceae Cyathea australis Cyathea leichhard	2	00031 30021 30041 30071 35041 35561 35562	
Davalliaceae Arthropteris tene	lla <sup>1,2,3</sup>	05051	

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Davallia solida var. pyxidata<sup>2,3,4</sup>

\*Nephrolepis cordifolia1

<b>Dennstaedtiaceae</b> Histiopteris incisa <sup>2</sup>	
Hypolepis muelleri <sup>1,2,4</sup>	00031 30071 35081 40051 40052
Pteridium esculentum <sup>1,2,3,4</sup>	00031 30021 30061 30121 35041 35081 35131
	35221 35222 35561 35562 35591 35611 35621
	40031 40032 40981 40982 51022 54021
Dryopteridaceae	
Arachniodes aristata <sup>2</sup>	
Lastreopsis acuminata <sup>2</sup>	05021 05051 20021
Lastreopsis decomposita <sup>1,2,3</sup> Lastreopsis microsora subsp. microsora <sup>1,2</sup>	05021 05051 30021 05051
Lindsaeaceae	05051
Lindsaea linearis <sup>1,2</sup>	59051
	15965
Polypodiaceae	05021 05051 10031 30061 30121 30131
Platycerium bifurcatum <sup>1,2,3</sup> Pyrrosia confluens var. confluens <sup>1,2,4</sup>	05051 10031
	05051 10051
Pteridaceae Pteris tremula <sup>2,3</sup>	05051
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Schizaeaceae Schizaea bifida <sup>1</sup>	58041
	58041
Thelypteridaceae	00021
Christella dentata <sup>1,2,4</sup>	00031
CLASS CYCADOPSIDA	
Zamiaceae	
Macrozamia communis <sup>1,2,3</sup>	30121 30131 35221 35222 35561 35562 35591
CLASS CONIFEROPSIDA	
Araucariaceae	
*Araucaria heterophylla <sup>1</sup>	92060
Cuppressaceae	
Callitris rhomboidea <sup>1</sup>	10041
Podocarpaceae	
Podocarpus elatus <sup>1,2,3</sup>	05021 05051 30121
CLASS MAGNOLIOPSIDA-LILIIDAE	
Amaryllidaceae	
Crinum pedunculatum <sup>1,2,3,4</sup>	00031 05021 05051 10031 40991 40992
Anthericaceae	
Arthropodium minus <sup>1,2</sup>	35591
Sowerbaea juncea <sup>1,2</sup>	60021
Thysanotus juncifolius <sup>1,2</sup>	59051
Tricoryne elatior <sup>1,2</sup>	35601 59051
Araceae	
Alocasia brisbanensis <sup>3</sup>	05051
Gymnostachys anceps <sup>1,2,3,4</sup>	05051 10031 10041 30021 30041 30061 30071
Typhonium brownii <sup>1,3</sup>	30111 30121 30131 35591 35621 52031 00031 05051
Arecaceae	
Livistona australis <sup>1,2,3,4</sup>	00031 05021 05051 10031 30021 30041 30061 30071 30121 30131 35041 35221 35222 35561 35562 40051 40052 40981 40982 54041

Asparagaceae \*Protasparagus aethiopicus1 05021 35041 \*Protasparagus plumosus<sup>1,2</sup> 05021 10031 Asteliaceae Cordyline stricta<sup>2</sup> Blandfordiaceae Blandfordia grandiflora<sup>1,2</sup> 58991 60021 Centrolepidaceae Centrolepis fascicularis<sup>2</sup> Centrolepis strigosa subsp. strigosa<sup>1</sup> 58991 Colchicaceae Burchardia umbellata<sup>1,2</sup> 58991 59051 60021 Wurmbea biglandulosa<sup>1</sup> 59051 Commelinaceae Aneilema acuminatum<sup>1,3,4</sup> 00031 05051 30021 05021 00031 10031 10041 30021 30061 30071 35041 35081 35121 35122 35131 35221 35222 Commelina cyanea<sup>1,2,4</sup> 35601 35611 35621 40051 40052 40991 40992 \*Tradescantia albiflora<sup>1</sup> 10031 35621 Cyperaceae Abildgaardia ovata<sup>1</sup> 63021 Baumea acuta1 58991 60021 Baumea arthrophylla<sup>1</sup> 64031 Baumea articulata<sup>1,2</sup> 40031 40032 55062 Baumea juncea1,2,4 40051 40052 40991 40992 51022 55062 59051 64021 65031 Baumea muelleri<sup>1</sup> 60021 Baumea rubiginosa<sup>1,2</sup> 55062 65031 Baumea teretifolia1,2 64031 Carex appressa<sup>1,2</sup> 00031 30021 Carex breviculmis1 35611 Carex brunnea<sup>2</sup> Carex pumila1 90100 58041 58991 Caustis pentandra<sup>1</sup> Caustis recurvata var. recurvata<sup>1,2</sup> 50022 54021 58041 \*Cyperus brevifolius<sup>2</sup> Cyperus enervis1 35591 35601 Cyperus flaccidus<sup>2</sup> Cyperus laevis<sup>2</sup> Cyperus lucidus<sup>2,4</sup> 00031 Cyperus polystachyos<sup>1,2,4</sup> 40991 40992 63021 Cyperus tetraphyllus<sup>1,2</sup> 30061 Cyperus trinervis1,2 00031 Fimbristylis dichotoma<sup>1</sup> 63021 Fimbristylis ferruginea<sup>1,2,4</sup> 40051 40052 40991 40992 55062 61021 64021 65021 65031 Gahnia aspera1,2,3,4 05051 10031 10041 30061 30111 30131 35131 52031 54041 Gahnia clarkei1 30041 35561 35562 40031 40032 40051 40052 40981 40982 51022 54041 Gahnia melanocarpa<sup>1,2</sup> 00031 05051 10041 30021 30061 30071 30111 30121 30131 35611 Gahnia sieberiana<sup>1,2</sup> 60021 Gymnoschoenus sphaerocephalus<sup>1,2</sup> 60021 Isolepis cernua<sup>2</sup>

Lomandraceae cont. Lomandra multiflora subsp. multiflora<sup>1</sup> 30071 30131 35041 35081 35591 59051 05021 05051 30041 Lomandra spicata<sup>1</sup> Orchidaceae Acianthus exsertus<sup>2</sup> Caladenia catenata<sup>2</sup> Calanthe triplicata1,3 05051 Cymbidium suave<sup>2</sup> Dendrobium aemulum<sup>3</sup> 05051 Dendrobium gracilicaule<sup>3</sup> 05051 Dendrobium speciosum<sup>3</sup> 05051 Dendrobium tetragonum<sup>1,3</sup> 05021 05051 Dipodium variegatum<sup>1</sup> 35561 35562 Erythrorchis cassythoides1 90300 Microtis parviflora<sup>1</sup> 92060 Pterostylis concinna<sup>2</sup> Pterostylis nutans<sup>1,2</sup> 35041 Sarcochilus falcatus<sup>3</sup> 05051 Philydraceae Philydrum lanuginosum<sup>1,2</sup> 64031 Phormiaceae 00031 30021 30061 30071 30121 30131 35041 35081 35121 35122 35131 35221 35222 35561 Dianella caerulea<sup>1,2,3,4</sup> 35562 35591 35601 35611 35621 40051 40052 40981 40982 51022 54021 54041 54101 Dianella congesta<sup>1</sup> 54111 62021 62022 40991 40992 Dianella longifolia<sup>1</sup> Dianella longifolia var. longifolia<sup>4</sup> 00031 35041 35591 50022 Dianella revoluta1 Stypandra glauca<sup>2</sup> Thelionema caespitosum<sup>2</sup> Poaceae \*Ammophila arenaria1 54111 35041 51022 64031 92030 \*Andropogon virginicus<sup>1</sup> 35621 Aristida ramosa<sup>1</sup> Aristida warburgii1 59051 \*Axonopus affinis<sup>1,2</sup> 92030 \*Axonopus compressus<sup>2</sup> \*Briza maxima<sup>1,2</sup> 92030 92070 \*Briza minor<sup>1,2</sup> 92070 \*Bromus cartharticus1 92030 Capillipedium parviflorum<sup>1</sup> 35041 Cenchrus caliculatus<sup>2</sup> Chloris divaricata var. divaricata<sup>2</sup> \*Chloris gayana<sup>1,2</sup> 92030 92070 Cymbopogon refractus<sup>1,2</sup> 35041 35131 35591 63021 Cynodon dactylon1,2 35131 92030 Dichelachne micrantha<sup>1</sup> 35041 \*Digitaria ciliaris1 92070 Digitaria didactyla1 63021 Digitaria parviflora<sup>1,2</sup> 35041 35591 35611 Echinopogon ovatus<sup>2</sup> \*Ehrharta erecta1,2 10031 40051 40052 54101 54111 \*Eleusine indica1,2 92070

Poaceae cont.

Restionaceae cont. 58991 60021 Lepvrodia scariosa<sup>1</sup> Lepyrodia species A<sup>1</sup> 64031 Sporadanthus interruptus<sup>1,2</sup> 51022 58991 60021 Ripogonaceae Ripogonum album<sup>1,2</sup> 05051 Ripogonum discolor<sup>2,3,4</sup> 05051 10031 Ripogonum fawcettianum<sup>1,2,3,4</sup> 05051 10031 30021 30131 Smilacaceae Smilax australis<sup>1,2,3,4</sup> 05021 05051 10031 10041 30021 30041 30061 30071 30111 30121 30131 35621 52031 Smilax glyciphylla<sup>1,2,3</sup> 05021 30061 30071 35561 35562 54041 Uvulariaceae Tripladenia cunninghamii<sup>1,2</sup> 05021 30021 30121 Xanthorrhoeaceae Xanthorrhoea fulva<sup>1,2</sup> 40031 40032 51022 54021 60021 30121 30131 35041 35121 35122 35221 35222 35561 35562 35591 Xanthorrhoea macronema<sup>1,2,3</sup> **Xyridaceae** Xyris gracilis subsp. gracilis<sup>1</sup> 58991 Xyris juncea<sup>2</sup> Xyris operculata<sup>1,2</sup> 64031 Zingiberaceae Alpinia arundelliana<sup>1</sup> 30021 Alpinia caerulea<sup>1</sup> 05051 30021 30061 30071 05051 Alpinia caerulea s. lat.2,3 CLASS MAGNOLIOPSIDA-MAGNOLIIDAE Acanthaceae 00031 05021 05051 10031 30021 30041 30061 30071 30121 30131 35041 35081 35561 35562 Pseuderanthemum variabile<sup>1</sup> 35601 35621 Aizoaceae Carpobrotus glaucescens<sup>1,2,4</sup> 54101 54111 62021 62022 63021 Macarthuria neocambrica1 58041 Sesuvium portulacastrum<sup>1,2,4</sup> 64021 Tetragonia tetragonoides1,2,4 62021 62022 Alangiaceae Alangium villosum subsp. polyosmoides<sup>1,2,3</sup> 05051 10031 Amaranthaceae Alternanthera denticulata<sup>1,2,4</sup> 40051 40052 40991 40992 Deeringia amaranthoides<sup>1,2</sup> 05051 Anacardiaceae Euroschinus falcata var. falcata<sup>1,2,3,4</sup> 05051 10031 30021 30111 30121 Apiaceae Actinotus helianthi<sup>1,2</sup> 50022 54021 58041 Apium prostratum subsp. prostratum<sup>1,2</sup> 40051 40052 40991 40992 65031 91030 Centella asiatica1,2 35081 35621 63021 \*Ciclospermum leptophyllum<sup>2</sup> Daucus glochidiatus<sup>2</sup> Hydrocotyle acutiloba1,2 35611 \*Hydrocotyle bonariensis<sup>1,2</sup> 54111 62021 62022 90100 Hydrocotyle geraniifolia1 30061

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Apiaceae cont. Hvdrocotvle peduncularis<sup>1</sup> 00031 30131 35041 35081 35591 Hydrocotyle verticillata<sup>2</sup> 50022 58041 59051 Platysace ericoides1,2 Platysace lanceolata<sup>1,2</sup> 50022 51022 58041 58991 60021 Trachymene incisa subsp. incisa<sup>1,2</sup> 35561 35562 58041 Xanthosia pilosa<sup>1,2</sup> 35561 35562 50022 54021 54101 58041 59051 60021 Xanthosia tridentata<sup>1</sup> 59051 Apocynaceae Melodinus australis<sup>2</sup> Parsonsia induplicata<sup>1</sup> 30111 Parsonsia straminea<sup>1,2,3,4</sup> 05021 05051 10031 10041 30041 30111 30131 40051 40052 52031 54041 Parsonsia velutina<sup>2,3</sup> 05051 Araliaceae Astrotricha longifolia<sup>1,2</sup> 30061 Polyscias elegans<sup>1,2,3,4</sup> 00031 05021 05051 10031 30111 35221 35222 35591 Polyscias sambucifolia<sup>1,2</sup> 35041 35561 35562 Asclepiadaceae Cynanchum carnosum<sup>1,2,4</sup> 40051 40052 40991 40992 65021 Cynanchum elegans<sup>1</sup> 30111 \*Gomphocarpus fruticosus<sup>1,2</sup> 35121 35122 35591 35611 35621 40991 40992 Marsdenia flavescens<sup>2,4</sup> 10031 Marsdenia rostrata<sup>1,2</sup> 10031 35041 35221 35222 35561 35562 Marsdenia Iloydii<sup>2</sup> 30041 30121 30131 52031 Tylophora paniculata<sup>1</sup> Asteraceae \*Ageratina adenophora<sup>1,2,4</sup> 00031 35611 92030 \*Ageratina riparia1 92070 \*Arctotheca calendula1 92060 62021 62022 \*Arctotheca populifolia1 \*Aster subulatus<sup>1</sup> 40991 40992 64021 65031 92030 \*Baccharis halimifolia1 40051 40052 65031 \*Bidens pilosa1 92030 \*Bidens tripartita<sup>2</sup> Brachycome angustifolia var. heterophylla<sup>2</sup> 54101 Cassinia aculeata<sup>1</sup> Cassinia uncata<sup>1,2</sup> 90100 Centratherum punctatum subsp. australianum<sup>1</sup> 35601 30021 30061 30071 35041 35081 35121 35122 35131 35561 35562 35601 35611 35621 40051 \*Chrysanthemoides monilifera subsp. rotundata<sup>1,2</sup> 40052 40991 40992 54041 54101 54111 59051 62021 62022 63021 \*Cirsium vulgare<sup>1,2</sup> 40051 40052 92070 \*Conyza albida1 40051 40052 40991 40992 92030 \*Conyza bilbaoana1 54111 62021 62022 \*Conyza bonariensis<sup>2</sup> \*Conyza canadensis var. canadensis<sup>2,4</sup> 40991 40992 \*Conyza parva1 40031 40032 \*Cotula coronopifolia<sup>1,2</sup> 40051 40052 Craspedia variabilis1,2 59051 \*Delairea odorata1,2 05021 40051 40052 Eclipta platyglossa<sup>1,2</sup> 40991 40992

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Envdra fluctuans<sup>2</sup> Epaltes australis<sup>2</sup> \*Erechtites valerianifolia<sup>2</sup> \*Gazania rigens<sup>1</sup> 92070 Gnaphalium sphaericum<sup>1</sup> 35591 Helichrysum scorpioides1,2 59051 \*Hypochaeris glabra<sup>1,2</sup> 92060 \*Hypochaeris radicata<sup>1,2</sup> 40991 40992 63021 92030 \*Lactuca serriola<sup>2</sup> Lagenifera gracilis<sup>1</sup> 35041 59051 Leptinella longipes<sup>2,4</sup> 90200 Melanthera biflora<sup>1,2</sup> 9130 Olearia nernstii<sup>1,2,3</sup> 30061 35131 35561 35562 Ozothamnus diosmifolius<sup>1,2</sup> 35121 35122 92030 Pseudognaphalium luteoalbum<sup>1,2</sup> 40991 40992 Senecio hispidulus var. dissectus<sup>2</sup> Senecio hispidulus var. hispidulus<sup>1,2</sup> 35121 35122 35621 40991 40992 Senecio lautus subsp. maritimus<sup>1</sup> 62021 62022 63021 91030 Senecio linearifolius<sup>1</sup> 05051 \*Senecio madagascariensis<sup>1,2</sup> 40991 40992 92030 54101 Senecio vagus<sup>1</sup> 30021 \*Senecio vulgaris<sup>2</sup> Sigesbeckia orientalis subsp. orientalis<sup>1,2</sup> 35121 35122 35591 35621 \*Soliva anthemifolia<sup>2</sup> \*Sonchus asper subsp. glaucescens<sup>1</sup> 40051 40052 40991 40992 \*Sonchus oleraceus<sup>1,2</sup> 10031 63021 \*Tagetes minuta<sup>1</sup> 92070 Vernonia cinerea var. cinerea<sup>1,2</sup> 35041 35081 35621 65031 \*Xanthium italicum<sup>1</sup> 92070 Avicenniaceae Avicennia marina subsp. australasica<sup>1,2,4</sup> 25022 Basellaceae \*Anredera cordifolia<sup>1,2</sup> 10031 Baueraceae 60021 Bauera capitata<sup>1,2</sup> **Bignoniaceae** 05021 05051 10031 10041 30041 30111 30121 Pandorea pandorana<sup>1,2,3</sup> 30131 35221 35222 50022 54101 Brassicaceae \*Cakile edentula<sup>2</sup> \*Cakile maritima1 62021 62022 Buddlejaceae \*Buddleja madagascariensis1 40051 40052 Campanulaceae Wahlenbergia communis<sup>2</sup> Wahlenbergia stricta1 35041 Capparaceae Capparis arborea1,2,3,4 05021 05051 10031 10041 30111 Caprifoliaceae 35621 \*Lonicera japonica1

Caryophyllaceae \*Petrorhagia velutina<sup>1</sup> 92070 40051 40052 \*Spergularia marina<sup>1</sup> Stellaria flaccida<sup>2</sup> Casuarinaceae Allocasuarina defundens<sup>1</sup> 58991 Allocasuarina littoralis<sup>1,2</sup> 35081 35131 35591 59051 Allocasuarina simulans<sup>1,2</sup> 58041 Allocasuarina torulosa<sup>1,2,3</sup> 30131 35041 35121 35122 35591 35601 \*Casuarina equisetifolia subsp. incana<sup>1,2</sup> 90100 00031 10031 30111 35121 35122 40031 40032 40051 40052 40991 40992 54041 55062 61021 Casuarina glauca1,2,4 63021 64021 65021 65031 Celastraceae Cassine australis var. australis<sup>1,2,3,4</sup> 05021 05051 10031 10041 30111 30121 30131 52031 Celastrus australis<sup>1,2,4</sup> 10031 Celastrus subspicata<sup>1,2</sup> 30071 30111 35041 Chenopodiaceae Atriplex australasica2,4 40991 40992 \*Atriplex prostrata1 40051 40052 Chenopodium glaucum<sup>1,2</sup> 40051 40052 Enchylaena tomentosa<sup>1</sup> 91030 Einadia hastata<sup>1,2</sup> 54111 Einadia nutans<sup>2</sup> Einadia nutans subsp. linifolia1 91030 Rhagodia candolleana subsp. candolleana<sup>2</sup> 10031 Sarcocornia guingueflora subsp. guingueflora<sup>1,2,4</sup> 25022 61021 64021 65021 Suaeda australis<sup>1,2,4</sup> 40051 40052 Chloanthaceae Chloanthes stoechadis<sup>1,2</sup> 50022 54021 58041 Clusiaceae 35041 59051 Hypericum gramineum<sup>1</sup> Convolvulaceae 00031 Calystegia marginata<sup>1</sup> Calystegia soldanella<sup>1</sup> 62021 62022 Dichondra repens<sup>1,2</sup> 30071 30111 30121 35081 35121 35122 35131 35591 35601 35621 63021 \*Ipomoea cairica<sup>1,2,4</sup> 10031 40051 40052 40991 40992 54111 65021 Ipomoea pes-caprae subsp. brasiliensis1 62021 62022 Polymeria calycina<sup>1,2</sup> 35041 63021 Crassulaceae Crassula sieberiana<sup>1</sup> 91030 Cunoniaceae Aphanopetalum resinosum<sup>1,2,3,4</sup> 05051 10031 Schizomeria ovata<sup>1,2</sup> 30021 Dilleniaceae Adrastaea salicifolia<sup>1,2</sup> 60021 Hibbertia aspera<sup>1,2</sup> 35041 35081 35221 35222 35561 35562 Hibbertia dentata<sup>1,2</sup> 30021 30061 30071 30121 30131 35221 35222 35561 35562 35601 35611 40031 40032 40981 40982 59051 Hibbertia diffusa<sup>1,2</sup> 54021 Hibbertia empetrifolia<sup>1</sup> 59051

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Dilleniaceae cont.
Hibbertia fasciculata<sup>1,2</sup>
                                                             54021 58041 58991 60021
Hibbertia linearis<sup>1,2</sup>
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Hibbertia obtusifolia<sup>1,2,3</sup>
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Hibbertia riparia s. lat.<sup>1,2</sup>
                                                             58991
Hibbertia rufa s. lat.<sup>1</sup>
                                                             54021
Hibbertia scandens<sup>1,2,4</sup>
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                                                             35561 35562 35591 35611 35621 54101 63021
Droseraceae
Drosera auriculata<sup>1,2</sup>
                                                             60021
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Drosera peltata<sup>1</sup>
                                                             58991
Drosera pygmaea<sup>1</sup>
Drosera spatulata<sup>1,2</sup>
                                                             64031
Ebenaceae
Diospyros australis<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>
                                                             05021 05051 10031 10041 30041 30111 30121
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Diospyros pentamera<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>
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Elaeocarpaceae
Elaeocarpus obovatus<sup>1,2,3</sup>
                                                             00031 05021 05051 10031 30061
Elaeocarpus reticulatus<sup>1,2</sup>
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Epacridaceae
Astroloma pinifolium<sup>1,2</sup>
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Brachyloma daphnoides1
                                                             50022 58041
Epacris microphylla var. microphylla<sup>2</sup>
Epacris obtusifolia1,2
                                                             60021
Epacris pulchella<sup>1,2</sup>
                                                             58991 59051
Leucopogon ericoides1,2
                                                             50022 54021
Leucopogon juniperinus<sup>1,2</sup>
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Leucopogon lanceolatus var. gracilis<sup>1,2</sup>
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Leucopogon lanceolatus var. lanceolatus<sup>2</sup>
Leucopogon leptospermoides<sup>1</sup>
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Leucopogon parviflorus<sup>1,2</sup>
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Leucopogon virgatus<sup>1,2</sup>
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Monotoca elliptica<sup>1,2</sup>
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Monotoca scoparia<sup>1,2</sup>
Sprengelia incarnata<sup>1,2</sup>
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Sprengelia sprengelioides<sup>1</sup>
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Styphelia viridis<sup>2</sup>
Trochocarpa laurina<sup>1,2</sup>
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Woollsia pungens<sup>1,2</sup>
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Escalloniaceae
Abrophyllum ornans<sup>2</sup>
Euphorbiaceae
Actephila lindleyi1,2,3
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Alchornea ilicifolia<sup>1,2,3</sup>
                                                             05021 05051 10031
Amperea xiphoclada<sup>1,2</sup>
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Baloghia inophylla<sup>1,2,3</sup>
Brevnia oblongifolia<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>
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35561 35562 35591 35611 52031 54101
Chamaesyce psammogeton<sup>1</sup>
                                                             62021 62022
Claoxylon australe<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>
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Cleistanthus cunninghamii<sup>1,2,3</sup>
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Euphorbiaceae cont. Croton insularis<sup>1,2,3</sup> 05051 90300 Croton verreauxii<sup>1,2</sup> 30071 Drvpetes deplanchei<sup>1,2,3,4</sup> 05021 05051 10031 10041 30021 30041 30071 30111 52031 Glochidion ferdinandi var. ferdinandi<sup>1,2,3,4</sup> 00031 05021 05051 10031 10041 30041 35041 35561 35562 Mallotus philippensis<sup>1,2,3,4</sup> 05051 10031 30021 30071 30111 Omalanthus nutans<sup>1,2</sup> 40051 40052 Phyllanthus gunnii<sup>1,2</sup> 30071 30131 Poranthera corymbosa<sup>1</sup> 90100 Poranthera microphylla<sup>1,2</sup> 35041 Pseudanthus orientalis<sup>1,2</sup> 58991 Ricinocarpus pinifolius<sup>1,2</sup> 50022 58041 58991 Eupomatiaceae Eupomatia laurina<sup>1,2</sup> 05051 30021 30061 Fabaceae-Caesalpinioideae Senna acclinis⁵ \*Senna X floribunda<sup>1,2,3</sup> 05021 92030 \*Senna pendula var. glabrata<sup>1,2,3</sup> 00031 05051 35081 35131 40051 40052 Fabaceae-Faboideae Aotus ericoides1,2 54021 58991 Aotus lanigera<sup>2</sup> Austrosteenisia blackii var. blackii1 10031 Bossiaea ensata<sup>1,2</sup> 50022 58041 35561 35562 50022 54021 54101 58041 Bossiaea heterophylla<sup>1,2</sup> Bossiaea prostrata<sup>1,2</sup> 59051 Canavalia rosea1,2 63021 91030 Chorizema parviflorum<sup>2</sup> \*Crotalaria semperflorens<sup>1</sup> 92070 Daviesia ulicifolia<sup>1</sup> 35041 35561 35562 Desmodium brachypodum<sup>1,2</sup> 30131 35081 35121 35122 35591 35601 35621 40031 40032 Desmodium nemorosum<sup>1,2</sup> 35221 35222 35041 35081 35131 35561 35562 35591 35601 Desmodium rhytidophyllum<sup>1,2</sup> 35621 Desmodium varians<sup>1,2</sup> 30061 30071 30121 30131 35041 35081 35121 35122 35561 35562 35591 35601 35611 35621 Dillwynia floribunda var. floribunda<sup>1,2</sup> 58991 60021 Dillwynia glaberrima<sup>1,2</sup> 58041 Dillwynia retorta1,2 35561 35562 50022 54021 58041 \*Erythrina X sykesii<sup>1,2</sup> 92060 Galactia species A<sup>1</sup> 63021 Glycine clandestina s. lat.<sup>1,2</sup> 30061 35621 Glycine microphylla1 30131 35041 35081 35121 35122 35131 35561 35562 35591 Glycine tabacina s. lat.<sup>1,2</sup> 35121 35122 35601 Gompholobium glabratum<sup>1</sup> 58041 Gompholobium latifolium<sup>1,2</sup> 35221 35222 35561 35562 Gompholobium pinnatum<sup>1</sup> 60021 Gompholobium virgatum var. virgatum<sup>1,2</sup> 50022 58041 30131 35041 35081 35131 35561 35562 35591 35601 35611 35621 50022 58041 Hardenbergia violacea<sup>1,2</sup> Indigofera australis<sup>1,2</sup> 35591 Jacksonia scoparia<sup>1</sup> 35041 Kennedia prostrata<sup>2</sup>

# Fabaceae-Faboideae cont.

Kennedia rubicunda<sup>1,2,4</sup>

Mirbelia rubiifolia<sup>2</sup> Oxylobium ilicifolium<sup>1,2</sup> Phyllota phylicoides<sup>1,2</sup> Platylobium formosum<sup>1,2,3</sup> Pultenaea blakelyi<sup>1,2</sup> Pultenaea retusa<sup>1,2</sup> Pultenaea villosa<sup>1,2</sup> Sphaerolobium vimineum<sup>1</sup> \*Trifolium repens<sup>1,2</sup> \*Vicia sativa<sup>1</sup> Viminaria juncea<sup>1,2</sup>

### Fabaceae-Mimosoideae

Acacia baueri subsp. baueri<sup>1</sup> Acacia binervata<sup>1,2</sup> Acacia brownii<sup>1</sup> Acacia elongata<sup>1,2</sup> Acacia falcata<sup>1,2</sup> Acacia floribunda<sup>3</sup> Acacia irrorata subsp. irrorata<sup>1,2</sup> Acacia longifolia<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>

Acacia maidenii<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>

Acacia melanoxylon<sup>1,2</sup> Acacia myrtifolia<sup>1,2</sup> Acacia quadrilateralis<sup>1</sup> \*Acacia saligna<sup>1</sup> Acacia sophorae<sup>1,2,4</sup>

Acacia stricta<sup>1,2</sup> Acacia suaveolens<sup>1,2</sup> Acacia terminalis<sup>1,2</sup> Acacia ulicifolia<sup>1,2</sup> Pararchidendron pruinosum var. pruinosum<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>

# Flacourtiaceae

Scolopia braunii<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>

Fumariaceae \*Fumaria capreolata subsp. capreolata<sup>2</sup>

**Gentianaceae** Centaurium spicatum<sup>1</sup> \*Centaurium tenuiflorum<sup>2</sup>

Geraniaceae Geranium homeanum<sup>1</sup> Geranium solanderi var. solanderi<sup>1,2</sup>

### Goodeniaceae

Dampiera stricta<sup>1,2</sup> Goodenia heterophylla subsp. eglandulosa<sup>1,2</sup> Goodenia ovata<sup>1,2</sup> Goodenia paniculata<sup>1,2</sup> Goodenia stelligera<sup>1,2</sup> Scaevola calendulacea<sup>1,2</sup>

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Synoum glandulosum<sup>1,2</sup>

Codonocarpus attenuatus<sup>2</sup> Haloragaceae Gonocarpus micranthus<sup>1,2</sup> 58991 Gonocarpus tetragynus<sup>1,3</sup> 35041 35131 35561 35562 35601 59051 35561 35562 50022 51022 54101 58041 Gonocarpus teucrioides1,2 Lamiaceae Mentha diemenica<sup>1</sup> 35561 35562 35601 Mentha satureioides<sup>2</sup> Plectranthus parviflorus<sup>1,2,4</sup> 10031 35081 35121 35122 35591 35621 Westringia fruticosa<sup>1,2</sup> 54041 59051 63021 91030 Lauraceae Beilschmiedia elliptica<sup>1,2,3</sup> 05051 Cassytha filiformis1,2 58041 63021 Cassytha glabella forma glabella<sup>1,2</sup> 40991 40992 54021 58991 59051 60021 Cassytha pubescens<sup>1,2</sup> 54101 Cinnamomum oliveri<sup>2</sup> Cryptocarya glaucescens<sup>1</sup> 05021 30041 Cryptocarya microneura<sup>1</sup> 30021 30061 30071 30131 35561 35562 Cryptocarya obovata<sup>1,2,3</sup> 05051 Cryptocarya rigida<sup>1,2</sup> 05021 05051 30021 30061 30071 30121 35561 35562 Endiandra discolor<sup>1,2</sup> 05051 10041 30111 Endiandra sieberi<sup>1,2,3</sup> 05021 35561 35562 Litsea reticulata<sup>1,2,3,4</sup> 00031 05021 10031 35591 Neolitsea dealbata<sup>1,2,3</sup> 05051 Lentibulariaceae Utricularia dichotoma<sup>1</sup> 35561 Lobeliaceae Lobelia alata<sup>1,2</sup> 40991 40992 63021 64021 91030 30061 30071 30121 30131 35041 35081 35121 35122 35131 35591 35601 35611 35621 54041 Pratia purpurascens<sup>1,2</sup> Loganiaceae Logania albiflora1,2 35041 54041 63021 Mitrasacme paludosa<sup>2</sup> Mitrasacme polymorpha<sup>1,2</sup> 58041 60021 Loranthaceae Amyema congener subsp. congener<sup>1,2</sup> 30111 Amyema congener subsp. rotundifolia<sup>2</sup> Dendrophthoe vitellina<sup>1</sup> 35561 35562 Muellerina eucalyptoides1 30121 35591 Malvaceae Hibiscus heterophyllus subsp. heterophyllus<sup>2,3</sup> 05051 Hibiscus trionum<sup>2</sup> \*Modiola caroliniana<sup>1</sup> 92060 \*Sida rhombifolia<sup>1,2,4</sup> 35611 40991 40992 92030 92060 Meliaceae Dysoxylum fraserianum<sup>1,2,3</sup> 05021 05051 10031 Melia azedarach<sup>2</sup>

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Menispermaceae

Legnephora moorei<sup>1,2</sup> Sarcopetalum harveyanum<sup>1,2,3</sup> Stephania japonica var. discolor<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>

Menyanthaceae

Villarsia exaltata<sup>1,2</sup>

# Monimiaceae

Daphnandra micrantha<sup>1,3</sup> Wilkiea huegeliana<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>

### Moraceae

Ficus coronata<sup>1,2,3</sup> Ficus fraseri<sup>1,2,3,4</sup> Ficus obliqua<sup>2,3</sup> Ficus rubiginosa<sup>1,2,3,4</sup> Ficus superba var. henneana<sup>1,2,3</sup> Ficus watkinsiana<sup>1,2,3</sup> Maclura cochinchinensis<sup>1,2,3,4</sup> Malaisia scandens subsp. scandens<sup>1,2,3,4</sup> Streblus brunonianus<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>

### Myoporaceae

Myoporum acuminatum s. str.<sup>1,2,4</sup> Myoporum boninense subsp. australe<sup>1,2</sup>

### Myrsinaceae

Aegiceras corniculatum<sup>1,2</sup> Embelia australiana<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>

Rapanea howittiana<sup>1</sup> Rapanea variabilis<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>

#### Myrtaceae

Acmena smithii<sup>1,2,3,4</sup> Angophora costata<sup>1,2,3</sup> Angophora floribunda<sup>1,2</sup> Austromyrtus acmenoides<sup>2,3</sup> Austromyrtus bidwillii<sup>1,2,3,4</sup> Backhousia myrtifolia<sup>1,2</sup> Baeckea diosmifolia1 Baeckea imbricata<sup>1,2</sup> Callistemon citrinus<sup>1,2</sup> Callistemon pachyphyllus<sup>1,2</sup> Callistemon salignus<sup>1,2,4</sup> Calytrix tetragona<sup>1,2</sup> Choricarpia leptopetala1 Corymbia intermedia1 Corymbia maculata<sup>1,2,3</sup> Darwinia leptantha<sup>1,2</sup> Eucalyptus acmenoides1,2,3 Eucalyptus carnea<sup>1</sup> Eucalyptus fergusonii subsp. fergusonii<sup>1,2,3</sup> Eucalyptus grandis<sup>1,2</sup> Eucalyptus microcorys1,2

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Myrtaceae cont.

Eucalyptus pilularis<sup>1,2,3</sup>

Eucalyptus propingua<sup>1,2</sup> Eucalyptus resinifera subsp. hemilampra<sup>1</sup> Eucalyptus robusta<sup>1,2</sup>

Eucalyptus tereticornis<sup>1,2</sup> Leptospermum juniperinum<sup>1,2</sup> Leptospermum laevigatum<sup>1,2</sup> Leptospermum liversidgei<sup>1,2</sup> Leptospermum polygalifolium<sup>1,2</sup>

Leptospermum semibaccatum<sup>1</sup> Leptospermum trinervium<sup>1,2</sup> Lophostemon confertus<sup>1,2</sup> Melaleuca armillaris<sup>1,2</sup> Melaleuca ericifolia<sup>1,2</sup> Melaleuca linariifolia<sup>1,2</sup> Melaleuca nodosa<sup>1,2</sup> Melaleuca guinguenervia<sup>1,2,4</sup>

Melaleuca sieberi<sup>1,2</sup> Melaleuca thymifolia<sup>1,2</sup> Ochrosperma lineare<sup>1,2</sup> Rhodamnia rubescens<sup>1,2,3</sup> Rhodomyrtus psidioides<sup>1,2,3,4</sup> Syncarpia glomulifera<sup>1,2</sup> Syzygium australe<sup>2,3</sup> Syzygium francisi<sup>2,3</sup> Syzygium oleosum<sup>1,2,3</sup> Tristaniopsis laurina<sup>2,3</sup>

### Nyctaginaceae

Pisonia umbellifera<sup>1,2,3</sup>

### Olacaceae Olax stricta<sup>1,2</sup>

Oleaceae Jasminum volubile<sup>1,2,3,4</sup> Notelaea longifolia forma intermedia<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>

Olea paniculata<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>

### Onagraceae

\*Oenothera affinis<sup>2</sup> \*Oenothera mollissima<sup>1</sup>

# Oxalidaceae

Oxalis chnoodes<sup>1</sup> Oxalis exilis<sup>1</sup> Oxalis rubens<sup>1</sup>

# Passifloraceae

\*Passiflora edulis<sup>1,2</sup> Passiflora herbertiana subsp. herbertiana<sup>1,2</sup> \*Passiflora subpeltata<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>

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Verbenaceae	
Clerodendrum tomentosum <sup>1,2,3,4</sup>	05021 10031 10041 30021 30041 30111 30131 52031
Gmelina leichhardtii <sup>1,2</sup>	05051
*Lantana camara <sup>1,2,3,4</sup>	00031 05021 05051 10031 10041 30041 30061 30071 30111 30121 30131 35121 35122 35131 35221 35222 35561 35562 35591 35601 35611 35621 40051 40052 54041 54101 54111
*Verbena incompta <sup>1,2</sup>	92030
*Verbena rigida1	92030
<b>Violaceae</b> Hybanthus monopetalus <sup>2</sup>	
Viola betonicifolia <sup>1,2</sup>	35041
Viola hederacea <sup>1,2,4</sup>	00031 05021 30121 35081 35221 35222 35601 35611 35621 54041 63021
Viscaceae	
Notothixos cornifolius <sup>1</sup>	05051
Vitaceae	
Cayratia clematidea <sup>1,2,3,4</sup>	00031 05021 05051 10031 10041 30021 30041 30061 30071 30111 35121 35122 35591 35601 35611 35621 40051 40052 54041
Cissus antarctica <sup>1,2,3,4</sup>	00031 05021 05051 10031 10041 30021 30061 30071 30111 30121 40031 40032
Cissus hypoglauca <sup>1,2</sup>	00031 05051 10041 30021 30041 30061 30071
Tetrastigma nitens <sup>1,2,3,4</sup>	05051 10031 30021 30041 30111