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STUDY OF VEGETATION AND FLORA AS RELATED
TO LANDFORM.

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INTRODUCTION

Field work for the study was done by Ken Newbey (KRN) in August 1984. Data was recorded from seventeen sites. A site location map is provided, with a key to alternative site numbers used in the report. Landforms are described briefly; sixteen vegetation sites are described in detail. A flora list which includes frequency and abundance estimates, completes the report.

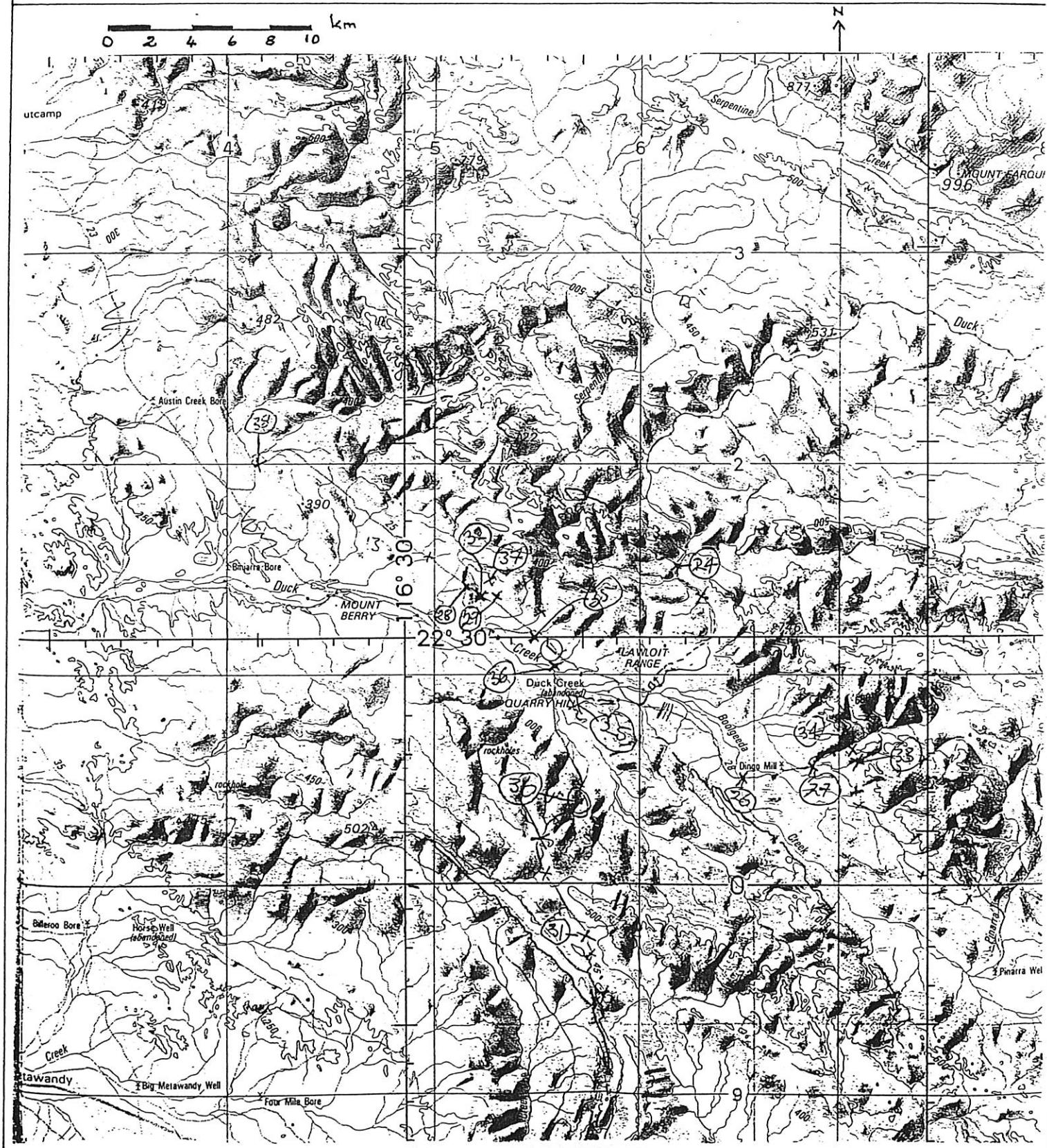
Prior to his death KRN had written up most of the landform data and much of the flora list. Working from the data sheets, B.Newbey, who had accompanied KRN in the field, completed those sections and compiled the site descriptions. The landform diagrams are from sketches by KRN. B.Newbey took the photos.

The Pilbara flora is not well known. As a consequence some of the names are uncertain.

SITE LOCATIONS:

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SITE NUMBERING:

On the location map sites have their original numbers, elsewhere a number system according to landform is used.

EQUIVALENTS

ORIGINAL NUMBER.	LANDFORM NUMBER.	ABBREVIATION.
24	River 1.	(R1)
25a	Robe 2.	(T2)
25b	Robe 3.	(T3)
26	River 2.	(R2)
27	Robe 1.	(T1)
28	Boolgeeda 2.	(B2)
29	Capricorn 2.	(C2)
30	Newman 1.	(N1)
31	Newman 5.	(N5)
32	Boolgeeda 1.	(B1)
33	Newman 2.	(N2)
34	Newman 3.	(N3)
35	Boolgeeda 3.	(B3)
36	River 3.	(R3)
37	Newman 4.	(N4)
38	Capricorn 1.	(C1)
.	Newman 6.	(N6)

LANDFORMS

Payne et al (1982) have described the landforms of the Ashburton River catchment, which includes the Study Area, by land systems. Each land system is divided into one or more units. Six land systems occur within the Study Area.

The Study Area consists of three relatively distinct levels. Highest in the landscape are the plateau of Brockman Ironstone Formation (BIF) or basalt. Lowest in the landscape are the creeks (Duck & Boolgeeda) with narrow colluvial flats. Intermediate are the remnants of Robe deposits in valleys that remain as mesas and undulating plain. In some places, resistant ridges of quartzite and dolomite protrude from the valley floor.

Plateaux were the dominant landform with an altitude range of 300-400m. Occasionally higher areas reached 700m. The Newman Land System had developed over both BIF and basalt. Some areas of basalt were less resistant to weathering and formed valleys within the plateau (Rocklea Land System). The Robe Land System has developed over Robe pisolite. The Boolgeeda Land System consists of colluvial valley bottoms where Robe pisolite was never deposited, or has been completely removed by erosion. Quartzite ridges and dolomite exposures are the only elements of Capricorn Land System noted. The creeks, and their associated floodplains constitute the River Land System.

One land system (Rocklea) was neither traversed or sampled. Not all of the units of the other five land systems were sighted within the Study Area.

Described below are the units as they were observed within the Study Area.

BOOLGEEDA Land System (4 units)

Occurs on the valley bottom between the higher Newman Land System, and grading downslope into River Land System. Most of the run-off moving over the Boolgeeda Land System originates on the extensive plateau of the Newman Land System. Landform development is only slightly controlled in a few places by small residuals of harder quartzite or dolomite.

Unit 1 (Low hills and rises): Absent or too small to sample (rises 15-20 m across).

Unit 2 (Stony upper plains): Absent.

Unit 3 (Lower plains): 0.5-1.0 km wide, general slope of 1-2 degrees, slightly concave, planar to gentle undulated, overall relief of 5-20 m, covered with a mantle of colluvium derived mainly from the upland. Local slopes rarely exceed 2 degrees, and their internal relief < 5 m. drainage pattern mainly dendritic having originated on the plateau.

Sites: Boolgeeda 2,3.

Unit 4 (Narrow drainage floors and channels): Drainage lines (20-40 m wide) traverse the plains. They are incised to 1 m, parallel banks, width variability moderate, curved, sinuosity low, 1-3 channels. Channels are 2-8 m wide and braided. Floodplains rarely exceed a few metres in width. Permanent pools not seen. Flows appear to be strong but of short duration following the heavier falls of rain. Casual observations suggest that alluvial deposits may only be 60-100 cm thick. Lateral drainage into these

well-defined drainage lines are only faint without channel formation.

Site: Boolgeeda 1.

CAPRICORN Land System (5 units)

Areas of the land system occurs as either (a) large linear sections about 1 km wide and 2-4 km long, or (b) small exposures within Boolgeeda Land System.

Unit 1 (Sandstone, greywacke, minor schist ridges and hills): Steep ridges 60-70 m above colluvial flats of Boolgeeda Land System. Morphology is controlled by quartzite dipping SW at 40-45 degrees with strong bedding planes. The upper 20-30 m of the crest on the SW slope of the less-steep ridges consists of bare rock with soil restricted to cracks. The middle and lower slope are slightly concave. Sketelal stony soils have accumulated. The steepest ridges were bare rock apart from the lower 20-15 m. The NE slope of 50-60 degrees overlies dolomite, apart from the upper 10-12 m (quartzite). Quartzite is more resistent to weathering than dolomite and controls the degree of slope. Drainage was restricted to faint and vertical drainage lines on some middle and lower slopes.

Stability of regolith is low due to their steep slopes with high colluvial action during heavy rains - either by sheet erosion or possibly soil slip.

Site: Capricorn 1.

Unit 2 (Dolomite hills): Sampling was restricted to two small exposures on the valley bottom of Boolgeeda Land System. The exposures consisted of well-bedded dolomite dipping at 80-85 degrees to SW. The general slope of the NE face was 30-35 degrees. The exposures were 5-10 m high and ca 80 m x 45 m. Soil was restricted to cracks and basal colluvium. The dolomite

have weathered into micro-karst morphology and cracking associated bedding controlled the morphology of the exposures. The exposures were too small to have developed drainage lines. Most of the soil formed on the upper three quarters of the exposure was washed down onto the basal colluvial slope.

Site: Capricorn 2.

Unit 3 (Low slopes and stony interfluves): Absent.

Unit 4 (Alluvial fans): Absent.

Unit 5 (Narrow drainage floors and channels): Absent.

NEWMAN Land System (5 units)

Morphology of the extensive plateau are controlled by bedding of BIF and fracturing of basalt. In zones of weakness, creeks have cut flat-bottomed valleys. Lateral drainage is incised and has resulted in sharp V-shaped drainage lines, or steep sided gorges.

This system has been divided into 5 units on a slightly different basis to that of Payne et al (1982). The morphology within the Study Area did not fit comfortably within their classification. Their units 1 and 2 have been combined into unit 1 below. My units 2, 3 and 4 are additional while their unit 3 now becomes my unit 5.

Unit 1 (Incised plateau and marginal slopes): Much of the plateau has been incised by V-shaped drainage lines resulting in slightly concave slopes of 5-25 degrees. General relief is 30-60 m with a few resistant and

rounded areas 100-200 m above this general level. Bedrock exposures and skeletal stony soils are common. Drainage is dendritic and of moderate density. The surface is strongly erosional due to steep slopes and high run-off. A change in bedrock from BIF to basalt did not appear to affect the gross morphology of this unit.

Sites: Newman 1,3,4.

Unit 2 (Gentle undulating plateau): A few small areas (5-20 ha) on flatter sections of the plateau had developed gentle undulating surface with a deeper mantle of soil and few bedrock exposures. The reason for the underlying strata (BIF) has less influence than in unit 1 was not obvious. Overall slopes were ca 2 degrees and overall relief less than 20 m. Local slopes were generally less than 3 degrees and local relief less than 12 m. Density of drainage lines is similar to Unit 1. The soil had greater stability than Unit 1.

Site: Newman 5.

Unit 3 (Gorges): Their width ranges from 20-50 m downstream, and their depth from 20-70 m. The upper 0.3-0.5 of the gorge walls is close to perpendicular with local irregularities. Lower slopes are colluvial and 20-30 degrees. Angular tumble blocks, up to 6 m across, are present along or in the narrow drainage line. Some small caverns have eroded into the lower bedrock exposures - possibly due to weathering and erosion from water seeping thru the bedrock from the plateau surface. Base level of drainage lines is strongly related to those on adjoining colluvial flats (or vice versa). The single channel is 3-5 m wide with a floor of rounded BIF. During floods, up to 5 m of water flows down the gorge. Vertical walls and channel floors appear stable but the colluvial lower slopes

appear unstable due to sheet erosion and soil creep.

Site: Newman 2.

Unit 4 (Spring): A permanent spring was located in basalt. The spring was at the base of a waterfall, ca 35 m high, that only flowed following heavy rains. However, water appeared to seep all the year out of vertical cracks in the columnar basalt. The pool at waterfall base was ca 10 m across and ca 70 cm deep when full. Also, the spring was being almost always in the shade as it faced SW. Seepage and shade made this habitat most unusual.

Site: Newman 6. Flora recorded in the floristic list, but the data sheet was missing. So there is no site data.

Unit 5 (Narrow drainage floors with channels): The nearest to this unit was a major drainage line sampled on the dissected plateau over basalt. None were seen on BIF. The sinuous drainage floor was 25-40 m wide, mainly with a single channel 50-70 cm deep and up to 2 m wide. Sometimes the channel divided into 2 for up to 100 m. Flows were only for short periods following heavy falls of rain and appeared not to exceed 1 m in depth.

RIVER Land System (4 units)

The main creeks of the Study Area are either deeply incised into the Newman Land System, or traverse the valley bottoms of the Boolgeeda Land System. Width varies from 100 m to 300 m. Following very heavy falls of rain, the flows are up to 5 m deep, strong and may last for 1-5 days.

Unit 1 (Flood plains): They are 1-2 m above channel level, up to 250 m wide and almost continuous on the Boolgeeda Land System. Within the Newman Land System their width varies from a few metres to 150 m. Their internal

relief is usually less than 1 m but undulate from strong flows between the trees when in flood. Denser vegetation of tall shrubs slows the floods more than trees resulting in finer sediments being deposited forming a more subdued soil surface. Dense stands of both perennial and annual grasses follow floods. They are well-suited to trapping sediments.

Sites: River 2,3.

Unit 2 (Sandy margins): Absent.

Unit 3 (Stony plains): Absent.

Unit 4 (Channels and banks): Channels are 1.0-1.3 m deep and 30-150 m wide, parallel, high width variability, curved, low to moderate sinuosity, with 1-3 channels. Channel floors consist of coarse material, mainly from 1-250 mm across. Pools are common with a few being permanent. They are sinuous, 10-20 m wide, up to 200 m long and up to 1 m deep. The coarse alluvium also forms reservoirs with some throughflow for several weeks after floods. Within and between the channels are sinuous banks up to 1.5 m high and up to 150 m long. They are associated with lines of trees, or dense shrubs which can tolerate the force of floods.

Site: River 1.

ROBE Land System (3 units)

The system consists of remnants of previous colluvial valley fill of material from the higher Newman Land System, followed by laterization. The system is linear and usually divided in two by the lower River or Boolgeeda Land Systems. Each section is 100-600 m wide. Plateau and mesa surfaces are 70-80 m above the major creek channels. Morphology is

controlled by the laterized duricrust which weathers more slowly than the underlying ferruginous material.

Unit 1 (Low plateaux, mesas and buttes): They are formed of duricrust now 3-5 m thick. Summits of plateaux and mesas are almost planar with slopes <1 degree and internal relief of less than 5 m. Exposures of the duricrust are common. The remained is covered with skeletal to shallow, in situ weathered gravelly sand. Faint drainage lines are present on surfaces more than 2 ha. in size. They are acentric, with small flows for short periods after floods. Some contain shallow alluvium in some places. Most of the surfaces are moderately stable due to their flatness. Margins are more prone to water erosion. Most plateaux and mesas are defined by a free face 3-5 high and tending vertical. The face usually contains caverns up to 2 m high and 6 m deep, at the interface between duricrust and underlying ferruginous material. Micro-caverns may be present in the duricrust. They have been formed mainly from solution channels.

Site: Robe 2.

Unit 2 (Lower slopes): Apart from near the base, they tend to be flat with slopes of 25-35 degrees, 100-150 (-200 m) long, and their morphology is strongly controlled by the upslope duricrust. Covering the slopes is a shallow to skeletal mantle of stony soil of both colluvial and in situ weathering origin. Tumble blocks of duricrust, 80-200 cm across frequently cover 1-5% of the lower slope. The surface is barely stable and, during and after heavy rains, subject to some sheet erosion and soil creep.

Site: Robe 3.

Unit 3 (Drainage floors and channels): Valley floors were linear and up

to 500 m wide. The general slope was usually less than 2 degrees with internal relief rarely exceeding 5 m. Most sections consisted of colluvium and their morphology was more subdued than where the section consisted of mesa stumps or laterized colluvium. These sections had a more rounded landform with slopes up to 10 degrees and internal relief of up to 10 m. Drainage was dendritic but strongly influenced by any mesa stumps. Surface stability decreased as the degree of slope increased. Mesa stumps consisted largely of bedrock exposure with some areas of skeletal soils. Colluvial soils were shallow to deep.

Site: Robe 1.

S I T E D E S C R I P T I O N S

Listed below are descriptions of typical vegetation sites including data on landform and soil. Vegetation types are separated by structure and life form after Muir, (1977), as is the structure notation. The height range of each stratum is given as well as the dominant plant species at that height.

"Misc. plants" means miscellaneous plants and includes annuals, climbers, ferns perennial grasses, sedges and sedgelike plants. Figures in brackets following plant names are the estimated per cent canopy cover; "(+)" indicates less than one per cent canopy cover. KRN numbers are Ken Newbey collecting numbers. A "P" number is a field herbarium number, of value only to indicate an additional taxon differentiated at the time. Some specimens were lost to mould, hence there were a few gaps in the collection.

"Bedrock" refers to the major rock type, "unit" to a landform unit, "element" to a component of that unit. The per cent cover of rock, stone and pavement was visually estimated. For litter, see Muir, (1977). To sample the soil profile, a hole 62mm in diameter was augered to a depth of one metre where possible.

cc = Canopy cover

N/R = Not recorded.

BOOLGEEDA 1

REGION: PILBARA AREA: DUCK CREEK DATE: 8-8-1984.

LOCATION: 6.2km NW abandoned homestead. Lat. 22° 28'56" S, Long. 116° 31'38" E.

SIZE: 1 ha.

VEGETATION TYPE: *Acacia citrinoviridis* Tall Scrub. MUIR: Si.SAr.GLi

STRATUM 1 Shrubs 2-5m cc=28%

Acacia citrinoviridis (25), *A. pyrifolia* (1), *Porana sericea* (2).

STRATUM 2 Shrubs 1.4-2.0m cc=3%

Abutilon muticum (2), *Grevillea ?stenobotrya* (5), *Indigofera monophylla* (1), *Solanum sturtianum* (+).

STRATUM 3 Misc. plants 0.1-1.0m cc=30

Acacia coriaceae (+), *Amaranthus pallidiflorus* (0.5), *Argemone mexicana* (2), *Boerhavia repleta* (+), *Calocephalus* sp. KRN 10575 (1), *Cenchrus ciliaris* (5), *Bulbostylis barbata* (+), *Cleome viscosa* (+), *Convolvulus erubescens* (+), *Corchorus walcottii* (2), *Cymbopogon bombycinus* (+), *Dysphania raphinostachum* (3), *Eriachne* sp. KRN 10627, *Enchlaeana tomentosa* (+), *Euphorbia australis* (2), *E. coghlanii* (+), *Helipterum margaretha* (+), *Hybanthus enneaspermus* (+), *Lepidium oxytrichum* (2), *Mukia maderaspantana* (+), *Nicotiana obliqua* (+), *Polycarpha longiflora* (+), *Rhynchosia minima* (+), *Solanum cleistogamum* (+), *S. lasiophyllum* (+), *Tephrosia rosea* (2), *Triodia basedowii* (10), *Trachymene glaucifolia* (+), *T. olearacea* (+), *Trichodesma zeylandicum* (+).

No. of TAXA: 38 LAST BURNT: ca. 50 years

MODIFICATION: Moderate grazing by cattle.

LANDFORM

BEDROCK: Duck Creek syncline complex.

UNIT: Colluvial flat

ELEMENT: Drainage line

SOIL

ORIGIN: Alluvial

PRIMARY FORM: Uniform
longer than flat.

PROFILE ATTRIBUTES: Stony
ROCK: Nil

STONE: 10-35% cover, patchy distribution, subangular, 2-16cm.

PAVEMENT: 0-90% cover, patchy distribution, main size range 5-16mm.

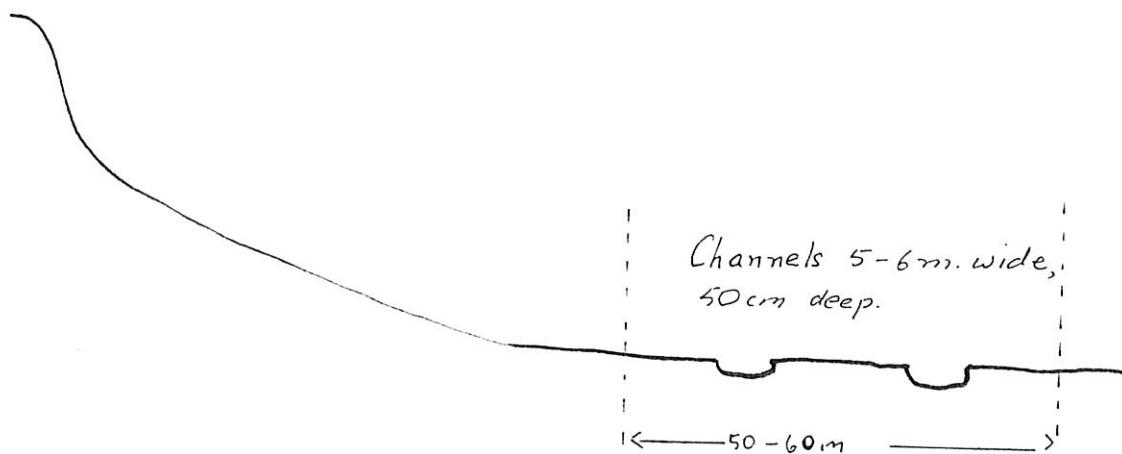
LITTER: 15% cover, mostly broad leaves and a few branches.

PROFILE: A 0-100cm. Friable to loose, 30-60% stone. Boundary unknown.

DEPTH: Shallow

DRAINAGE: Holds water

SURFACE: Hardsetting

BOOLGEEDA 1FIG. 2

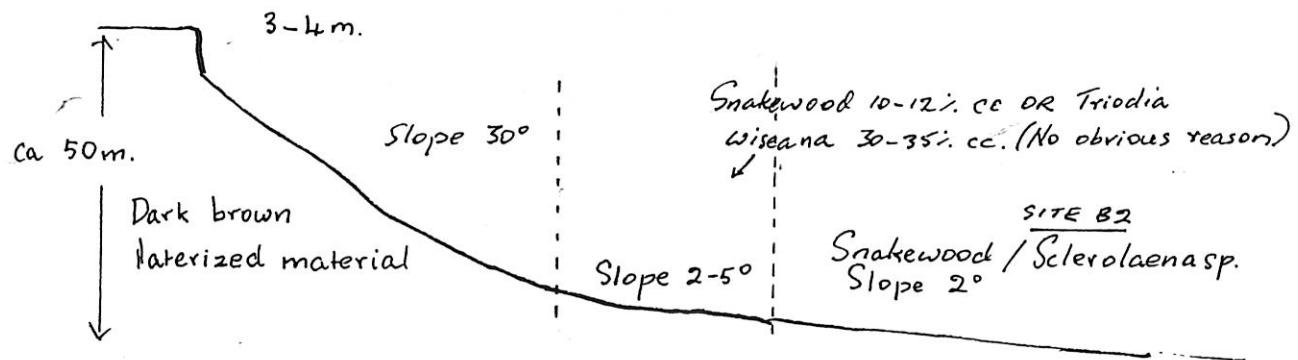
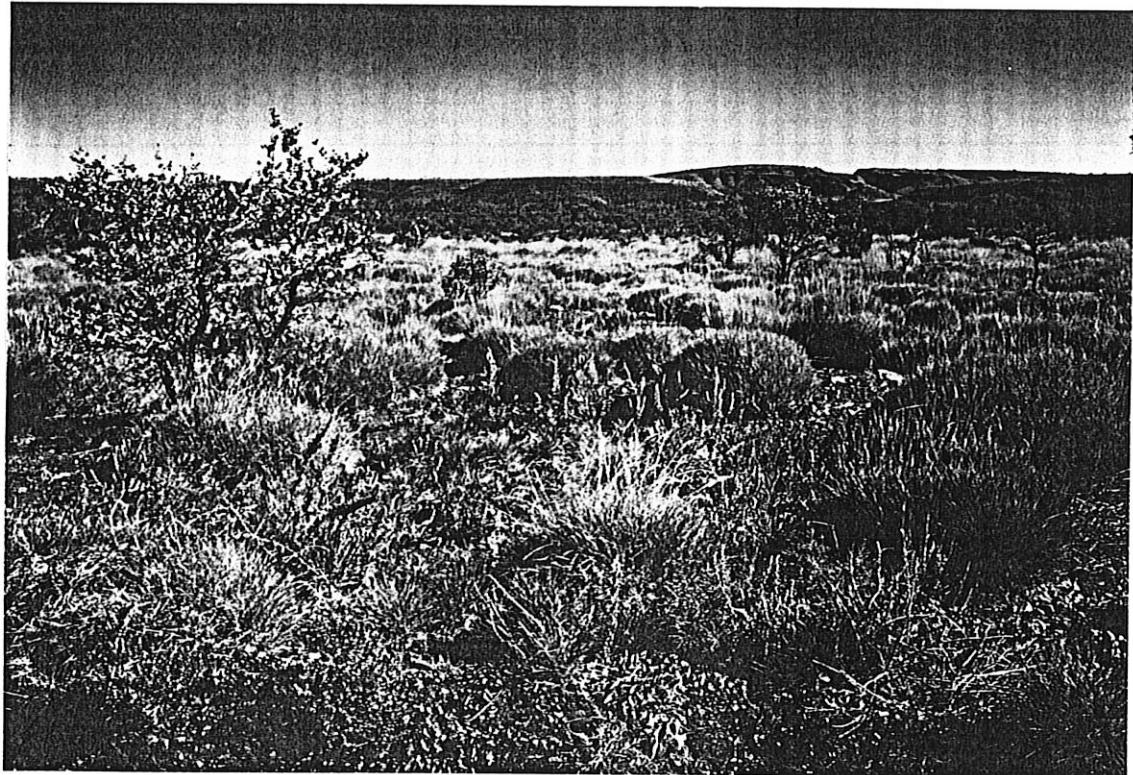
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FIG.3

BOOLGEEDA 2

REGION: PILBARA AREA: DUCK CREEK DATE: 6-8-1984

LOCATION: 8km NW Quarry Hill. Lat. $22^{\circ} 28' 44''$ S, Long. $116^{\circ} 31' 47''$ E.
SIZE: 0.6 ha.

VEGETATION TYPE: Acacia xiphophylla (Snakewood) scrub.
MUIR: Si.SBr.SDi.

STRATUM 1 Shrubs 2.2-3.0m cc=15
Acacia xiphophylla (15), A. victoriae (+).

STRATUM 2 Shrubs 1.4m cc=1

Cassia leurssenii (1).

STRATUM 3 Misc. plants 0.1-0.9m cc=17

Brachyachne prostrata (2), *Cassia helmsii* (+), *Cymbopogon bombycinus* (+), *Enchleana tomentosa* (+), *Eremophila cuneifolia* (+), *Euphorbia australis* (+), *Gnephosis* sp. KRN 10780 (+), *Heliotropium heteranthii* (+), *Maireana tomentosa* (+), *Ptilotus exultatus* (+), *P. obovatus* (+), *Salsola kali* (+), *Sclerolaena eriacantha* (15), *Sida echinocarpa* (+), *Solanum cleistogamum* (+), *Triodia pungens* (+).

No. of TAXA: 19 LAST BURNT: unknown

MODIFICATION: N/R

LANDFORM

BEDROCK: Robe pisolite

UNIT: Colluvial flat part).

ELEMENT: Narrow drainage line, no channel (in

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SOIL.

ORIGIN: Colluvial

PRIMARY FORM: N/R

PROFILE ATTRIBUTES: N/R

DEPTH: Unknown

DRAINAGE: Normal

SURFACE: Hardsetting

ROCK: nil STONE: 0-5% Patchy SURFACE: hardset subangular 2-8cm

ROCK: 10% STONE: 0-5% Patchy,
PAVEMENT: 90-99% cover even distrib 5-16m

PROFILE: A 0-15+ Friable, 20-30% inclusions flat or irregular, 1-4cm long. Too dry and stony to sample.

BOOLGEEDA 3.

REGION: PILBARA AREA: DUCK CREEK DATE: 8-8-84

LOCATION: 4km NW Quarry Hill. Lat. 22° 30' 0" S, Long. 116° 33' 40" E

SIZE: 0.6 ha.

VEGETATION TYPE: *Acacia inaequilatera* Open scrub

MUIR: Sr.SDr.Hi

STRATUM 1 Shrubs 2.2-2.7m cc=1.7

Acacia inaequilatera (1), *A. citrinoviridis* (+), *A. victoriae* (+).

STRATUM 2 Shrubs 1.3-2.0m cc=0.5

Acacia ancistrocarpa (+), *A. Bivenosa* (+), *A. Xiphophylla* (0.5), *Cassia glutinosa* (+), *C. pruinosa* (+).

STRATUM 3 Misc. plants 0.1-0.9m cc=31

Amaranthus pallidiflorus (1), *Boerhavia gardneri* (+), *Bulbostylis barbata* (+), *Calandrinia* sp. KRN 10754 (+), *Calocephalus* sp. KRN 10575 (+), *Calotis hispidula* (+), *C. multicaulis* (+), *Cenchrus ciliaris* (+), *Corchorus walcottii* (+), *Dysphania rhadinophylla* (2), *Euphorbia australis* (+), *Eremophila cuneifolia* (+), *Eragrostis dielsii* (+), *Flaveria australasica* (+), *Heliotropium cunninghamii* (+), *Indigofera colutea* (4), *Maireana georgei* (+), *Mukia maderaspantana* (+), *Nicotiana occidentalis* (+), *Phyllanthus lacunellus* (+), *Polycarpea longiflora* (+), *Pomaderris muelleri* (+), *Ptilotus Atiliflorus* (+), *P. clementii* (+), *P. exultatus* (+), *P. obovatus* (+), *Pterocaulon sphaeranthoides* (+), *Salsola kali* (+), *Sclerolaena muricata* var. *villosa* (1), *Sida echinocarpa* (+), *Solanum cleistogamum* (+), *S. lasiophyllum* (+), *Swainsona maccullochiana* (+), *Trachymene glaucifolia* (+), *Trichodesma zeylanicum* (+), *Triodia basedowii* (20), *Zaleya gaberculata* (+).

No. of TAXA: 46

LAST BURNT: unknown

MODIFICATION: N/R

LANDFORM

BEDROCK: Unknown, Duck Creek SYNCLINE.

UNIT: Colluvial plain

ELEMENT: N/R

SOIL

ORIGIN: Colluvial

DEPTH: Shallow

PRIMARY FORM: Uniform

DRAINAGE: Normal

PROFILE ATTRIBUTES:

SURFACE:

ROCK: nil STONE: 5%, patchy, subangular, 2-5 cm

PAVEMENT: 90%, even, 8-20mm, flat to subangular BIF, subrounded basalt.

LITTER: nil

PROFILE: A 0-22+ Friable, 20-40% angular BIF and subrounded basalt 1-5cm long. Too dry to auger deeper.

CAPRICORN I

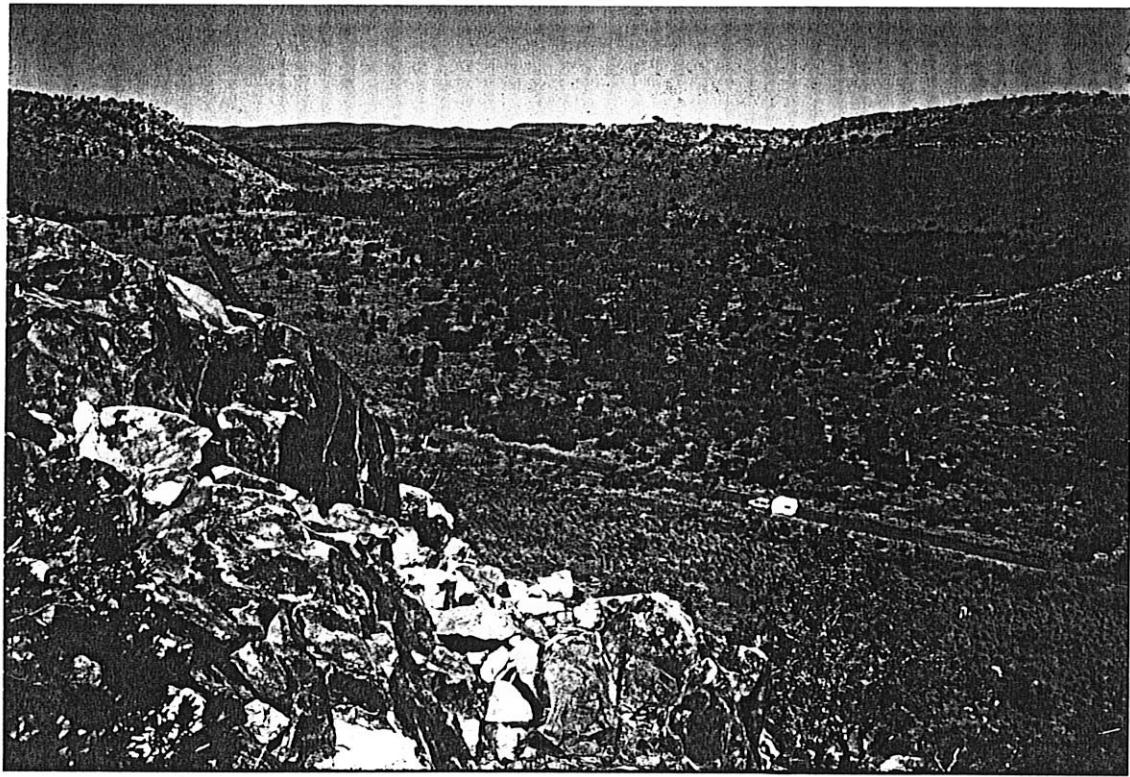
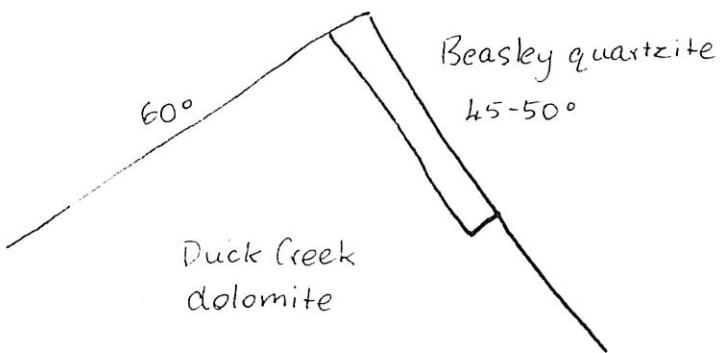


FIG. 4

CAPRICORN 1.

REGION: PILBARA AREA: DUCK CREEK DATE: 9-8-84

LOCATION: 19km NW Quarry Hill. Lat. 22° 25' 32" S, Long. 116° 25' 53"

SIZE: 1 ha.

VEGETATION TYPE: *Eucalyptus leucophloia* Open low woodland

MUIR: LAr. Sr.Hi

STRATUM 1 Trees 5-6m cc=4

Eucalyptus leucophloia (3), *E. sp.* (1),

STRATUM 2 Shrubs 2-4m cc=3.6

Acacia Xiphophylla (1), *A. inaequilatera* (+), *Eremophila latrobei* ssp. *latrobei* (2), *Porana sericea* (+).

STRATUM 3 Shrubs 1.1-1.3m cc=1.1

Cassia glutinosa (1), *Jasminum lineare* (+).

STRATUM 4 Misc. plants cc=34

Abutilon marum (+), *Amaranthus pallidiflorus* (+), *Calotis hispidula* (+),
Cassia oligophylla (+), *Cheilanthes lasiophylla* (+), *C. sp.* KRN 10798,
Cymbopogon bombycinus (+), *Dysphania rhadinophylla* (+), *Eriachne dominii*
(+), *Gomphrena cunninghamii* (+), *Helipterum margarethae* (1), *Hibiscus*
aff. *coatesii* (+), *Maireana georgei* (+), *Minuria sp.* KRN 10791 (+),
Momordica balsmina (+), *Mukia maderaspantana* (+), *Nicotiana sp.* KRN
10700 (+), *Ptilotus clementii* (+), *P. obovatus* var. *obovatus* (+),
Solanum cleistogamum (+), *S. lasiophyllum* (+), *Trichodesma zeylanium*
(+), *Triodia basedowii* (25), *T. pungens* (5).

No. of TAXA: 39 LAST BURNT: unknown

MODIFICATION: N/R

LANDFORM

BEDROCK: Beasley Quartzite

UNIT: High ridge

ELEMENT: Slope

SOIL

ORIGIN: Alluvial

DEPTH: Shallow

PRIMARY FORM: Uniform

DRAINAGE: Dry

PROFILE ATTRIBUTES: Stony

SURFACE: Hardsetting

ROCK: 30-70%, upper 40%, even

STONE: 30-50%, even, angular 5-40cm, quartzite (upper)

PAVEMENT: N/R

LITTER: nil

PROFILE: A 0-10+ Friable 50-70% subrounded quartzite 1-8cm long.

Boundary not seen but believed to be sharp, irregular, with no obvious weathering zone, and at a depth of approximately 20cm.

CAPRICORN 2.

REGION: PILBARA AREA: DUCK CREEK DATE: 6-8-84

LOCATION: 6 km NW Quarry Hill. Lat. $22^{\circ}28' 56''$ S, Long. $116^{\circ}32' 40''$ E
SIZE: 0.2 ha.

VEGETATION TYPE: Scrub (Mixed shrubs) MUIR: Si.SCr.Hi

STRATUM 1 Shrubs 2.0-4.0m cc=11

Acacia xiphophylla (+), A. inaequilatera (1), Brachychiton australis (+), Clerodendron lanceolatum (+), Eremophila longifolia (+), Ficus platypoda (5), Gossypium robinsonii (3), Jasminum lineare (+), Stylobasium spathulatum (1), Tinospora smilacina (+).

STRATUM 2 Shrubs 1.3-1.6m cc=0.3

Acacia bivenosa (+), A. farnesiana (+), Cassia glutinosa (+), C. pruinosa (+), Hakea suberosa (+), Tephrosia uniovulata (+).

STRATUM 3 Misc. plants 0.1-0.9m cc=23

Amaranthus pallidiflorus (+), Aristida exserta (+), Boerhavia gardneri (+), Calotis hispidula (+), Caparris spinosa (+), Cassia oligophylla (3), Cleome viscosa (+), Corchorus walcottii (2), Cymbopogon bombycinus (+), Daucus glochiatus (+), Dysphania rhadinostachya (+), Enneapogon cearulescens (+), Eriachne mucronata (+), Eriachne sp. KRN 10627 (+), Euphorbia australis (+), Lepidium oxytrichum (+), Leptopus decaisnei (+), Mukia maderaspantana (+), Nicotiana occidentalis (+), N. sp. KRN 10700 (+), Oldenlandia crouchiana (+), Parietaria debilis (1), Ptilotus obovatus (+), Sida echinocarpa (+), Solanum lasiophyllum (+), Trichodesma zeylanicum (+), Triodia basedowii (15).

No. of TAXA: 43 LAST BURNT: ca 25 years

MODIFICATION: Grazing. No evidence of damage.

LANDFORM

BEDROCK: Duck Creek Dolomite

UNIT: Small hill

ELEMENT: Entirity

SOIL

ORIGIN: Colluvial

DEPTH: Skeletal

PRIMARY FORM: Uniform

DRAINAGE: Dry

PROFILE ATTRIBUTES: Stony

SURFACE: Hardsetting

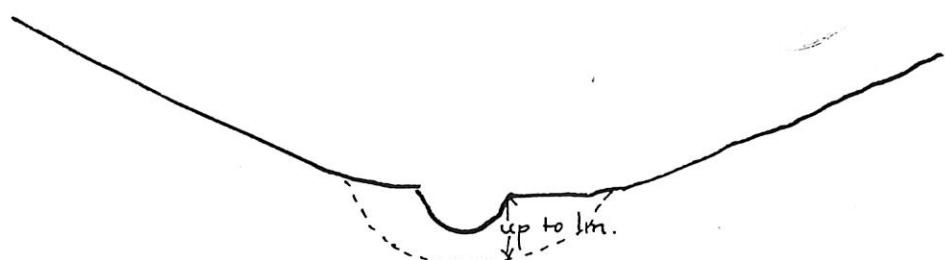
ROCK: 20-30%, Patchy STONE: 40-80%, even, flat, 6-15cm.

PAVEMENT: 15-30%, patchy, 8-20mm.

LITTER: nil

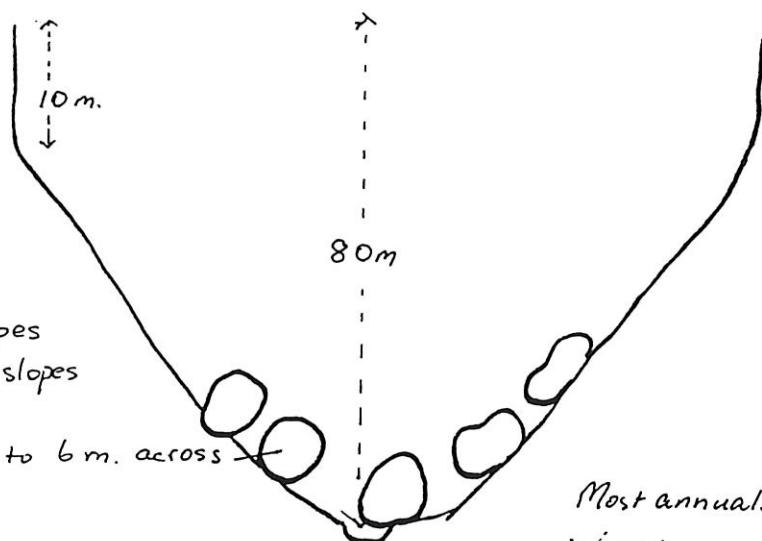
PROFILE: A 0-7cm Friable, 20-40% inclusions of flat dolomite 1-3cm, boundary sharp, irregular, no obvious weathering zone.

NEWMAN 1



Channel 4-6 m. wide
50-70 cm deep

NEWMAN 2



Triodia on slopes
Shrubs lower slopes
Boulders up to 6 m. across
Channel 3-5 m. wide. River gums along channel or close by.

Most annuals in shade - W side, or overhanging rock

FIG. 5

NEWMAN 1.

REGION: PILBARA AREA: DUCK CREEK DATE: 7-8-84

LOCATION: 7 km SSW Quarry Hill. Lat. $22^{\circ} 35' 14''$ S, Long. $116^{\circ} 33' 45''$ E
SIZE: 0.3 ha.

VEGETATION TYPE: Eucalyptus leucophloia Low woodland

MUIR: LAi.Si.SAr.Hi

STRATUM 1 Trees 6m cc=12

Eucalyptus leucophloia (12).

STRATUM 2 Shrubs 2.1-4m cc=13

Acacia citrinoviridis (10), *A. bivenosa* (1), *A. victoriae* (+), *Gossypium robinsonii* (1), *Jasminum lineare* (+), *Pentalostylis labicheoides* (+).

STRATUM 3 Shrubs 1.0-1.9m $n=8$

Acacia arida (3), *A. pyrifolia* (+), *Cassia glutinosa* (+), *C. leurssenii* (1), *C. oligophylla* (+), *Hibiscus* sp. KRN 10390 (1), *Stylobasium spathulatum* (2), *Tephrosia uniovulata* (+).

STRATUM 4 Misc. plants 0.1-0.9m cc=32

Acacia monticola (+), *A. tetragonaphylla* (+), *Amyema preissii* (+),
Aristida obscura(+), *Cassia helmsii* (+), *Cymbopogon bombycinus* (+),
Indigofera monophylla (1), *Mollugo molluginoides* (+), *Pluchea rubelliflora*
(+), *Polycarpea longiflora* (+), *Sida aff. virgata* KRN 10692 (+),
Trichodesma zeylanicum (+). *Triodia basedowii* (30).

No. of TAXA: 28 LAST BURNT: ca 40 years

MODIFICATION: None

LANDFORM

BEDROCK: Basalt

UNIT: Undulating upland

ELEMENT: Creek line

SOIL

ORIGIN: Aeolian

DEPTH: Shallow

PRIMARY FORM: Uniform DRAINAGE: Normal DEPTH: Shallow

PROFILE ATTRIBUTES: Steep **SUBSURFACE:** Loess

PROFILE ATTRIBUTES: Stony SURFACE: Loose
ROCK: 5% patchy STONE: 80% patchy 5-20cm long, subrounded

PAVEMENT: 30%, Patchy, 10-20mm.
LITTER: 2%

LITTER: 2% cover, a few branches.
PROFILE: A 0-37cm friable lenses of sorted and unsorted natural inclusions, 25-50% cover, 2-8cm long, subangular to subrounded. Boundary sharp, irregular, no obvious weathering zone.

NEWMAN 2.

REGION: PILBARA AREA: DUCK CREEK DATE: 8-8-84

LOCATION: 16.5 km E Quarry Hill. Lat. 22°33' 12" S, Long. 116°43' 4" E
SIZE: 1.5 ha.

VEGETATION TYPE: Eucalyptus camaldulensis Open low woodland
MUIR: LAr.Si.Hi

STRATUM 1 Trees 6m cc=5
Eucalyptus camaldulensis (5)

STRATUM 2 Trees and shrubs 2-6m cc=25

Acacia aneura (+), *A. citrinoviridis* (8), *A. pruinocarpa* (+), *A. pyrifolia* (+), *A. xiphophylla* (5), *Brachychiton australis* (+), *Canthium latifolium* (+), *Cassia glutinosa* (2), *Clerodendrum lanceolatum* (+), *Dodonaea pachyneura* (+), *Eremophila latrobei* ssp. *glabra* (2), *Eucalyptus leucophloia* (+), *Ficus platypoda* (+), *Gossypium robinsonii* (1), *Melaleuca glomerata* (+), *Phyllanthus ciccoides* (3), *Porana sericea* (+).

STRATUM 3 Misc. plants 1-1.8m cc=3

Abutilon muticum (+), *A. arida* (+), *Astrotricha hamptonii* (+), *Capparis spinosa* (+), *Indigofera monophylla* (+), *Jasminum lineare* (1), *Mukia maderaspantana* (+).

STRATUM 4 Misc. plants 0.1-0.9m cc=41

Amaranthus pallidiflorus (+), *Amyema preissii* (+), *Aristida obscura* (+),
Cleome viscosa (1), *Corchorus walcottii* (3), *Cymbopogon bombycinus* (+),
? *Cynanchium* (+), *Cyperus cunninghamii* (1), *C. vaginatus* (+), *Dysphania*
rhadinostachya (2), *Eriachne* sp. KRN 10627 (5), *Euphorbia australis* (+),
E. coghanii(+), *Euphorbia* sp. KRN 10597 (+), *Gomphrena cunninghamii* (1),
Helipterum margarethaе (2), *Leoidium oxytrichum* (+), *Leptopus*
decaisnei(+), *Nicotiana* sp. KRN 10700 (1), *Paspalidium clementii* (+),
Pluchea rubelliflora (1), *Polycarpaea longifolia* (2), *Ptilotus obovatus*
(1), *Rhychosia minima* (+), *Sida* aff. *virgata* (+), *Sigesbeckia orientalis*
(+), *Solanum lasiophyllum* (+), *Sonchus oleraceus* (+),*Sporobolus*
australasicus (2), *Triodia basedowii* (15), *Themeda australis* (+),
Trachymene glaucifolia (+), *T. oleracea* (+), *Tribulus platypterus* (+),
Unknown sp. KRN 10810 (+)..

No. of TAXA: 63 LAST BURNT: unknown

MODIFICATION: N/R

LANDFORM

BEDROCK: N/R

UNIT: N/R

ELEMENT: N/R

SOIL

No soil sample taken.

NEWMAN 3.

REGION: PILBARA AREA: DUCK CREEK DATE: 8-8-84

LOCATION: 16 km E Quarry Hill. Lat. 22° 32' 52" S, Long 116° 42' 54" E
SIZE: 1 ha.

VEGETATION TYPE: *Eucalyptus leucophloia* Open low woodland
MUIR: LAr.SAr.Hi

STRATUM 1 Trees 5-7m cc=3

Eucalyptus leucophloia (3).

STRATUM 2 Shrubs 2.6m cc=0.2

Acacia maitlandii (+), *A. pyrifolia* (+).

STRATUM 3 Shrubs 1.0-1.8m cc=4

Acacia arida (2), *A. xiphophylla* (1), *Cassia glutinosa* (+), *Eremophila latrobei* ssp. *glabra* (+), *Indigofera monophylla* (+).

STRATUM 4 Misc. plants 0.1-0.7m cc=36

Bulbostylis barbata (+), *Cassia oligophylla* (+), *Cheilanthes lasiophylla* (+), *Cleome viscosa* (+), *Corchorus walcottii* (+), *Crouchiana oldelandii* (+), *Cymbopogon bombycinus* (+), *Dysphania rhadinophylla* (+), *Eriachne* sp. KRN 10627 (15), *Euphorbia australis* (+), *Gomphrena cunninghamii* (+), *Polycarpaea longiflora* (+), *Ptilotus obovatus* (+), *Solanum cleistogamum* (+), *S. lasiophyllum* (+), *Trachymene oleracea* (+), *Trichodesma zeylanicum* (+), *Triodia basedowii* (20), *T. pungens* (1).

No. of TAXA: 28 LAST BURNT: ca 60 years

MODIFICATION: None

LANDFORM

BEDROCK: Brockman Ironstone Formation

UNIT: Upland

ELEMENT: Slope (7-10)

SOIL

ORIGIN: In situ weathering

DEPTH: Shallow

PRIMARY FORM: Uniform

DRAINAGE: N/R

PROFILE ATTRIBUTES: N/R

SURFACE: Hardsetting

ROCK: 5-10%, patchy. STONE: 60-90%, even, flat, 6-50cm.

PAVEMENT: 0-20%, patchy, 5-20mm.

LITTER: 2% cover, a few branches and trunks.

PROFILE: N/R

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NEWMAN 4.

REGION: PILBARA AREA: DUCK CREEK DATE: 9-8-84

LOCATION: 7 km NW Quarry Hill. Lat. 22° 28' 32" S, Long. 116° 32' 25" E
SIZE: 1.5 ha.

VEGETATION TYPE: *Eucalyptus leucophloia* Open low woodland

MUIR: LAr.SAr.Hc

STRATUM 1 Trees 6m cc=2

Eucalyptus leucophloia (2).

STRATUM 2 Shrubs 2.1-4.0m cc=+

Acacia ancistrophylla (+), *A. citrinoviridis* (+), *Gossypium robinsonii* (+).

STRATUM 3 Shrubs 1-2m cc=3.5

Acacia arida (3), *A. xiphiphylla* (+), *Cassia glutinosa* (+), *C. pruinosa* (+), *Eremophila latrobei* ssp. *glabra* (+), *Tephrosia uniovulata* (+).

STRATUM 4 Misc. plants 0.1-0.8m cc=36

Angianthus calocephalus (+), *Bulbostylis barbata* (1), *Calandrinia* sp. KRN 10754 (+), *Calotis hispidula* (+), *Dysphania rhadinostachya* (2), *Eremophila exilifolia* (+), *Eriachne dominii* (+), *Eriachne* sp. KRN 10727 (+), *Euphorbia drummondii* (+), *Gnephosis* sp. KRN 10780 (1), *Grevillea stenobotrya* (+), *Helipterum margaretha* (+), *Lepidium oxytrichum* (+), *Mollugo molluginis* (+), *Oldenlandia crouchiana* (+), *Paspalidium clementii* (+), *Phyllanthus lacunellus* (+), *Polycarphae holtzei* (+), *P. longiflora* (+), *Polygala* sp. (+), *Ptilotus gaudichaudii* (+), *P. obovatus* (+), *Solanum lasiophyllum* (+), *Stackhousia intermedia* (+), *Trachymene oleracea* (+), *Tribulus platypterus* (+), *Triodia basedowii* (30), *Triumfetta micrantha* (+).

No. of TAXA: 40

LAST BURNT: ca 50 years

MODIFICATION: None

LANDFORM

BEDROCK: Basalt

UNIT: Undulating upland

ELEMENT: Slope 4° and 25°

SOIL

ORIGIN: In situ weathering

DEPTH: Shallow

PRIMARY FORM: Uniform

DRAINAGE: Dry

PROFILE ATTRIBUTES: Stony

SURFACE: Hardsetting

ROCK: 0-20%, Patchy. STONE: 5-90%, even, 2-12cm long, subangular.

PAVEMENT: 0-25%, patchy, 10-20mm long.

LITTER: None

PROFILE: A 0-12cm Friable to firm, 20-40% subangular to subrounded basalt 1-4cm. Boundary sharp, irregular, no obvious weathering zone.

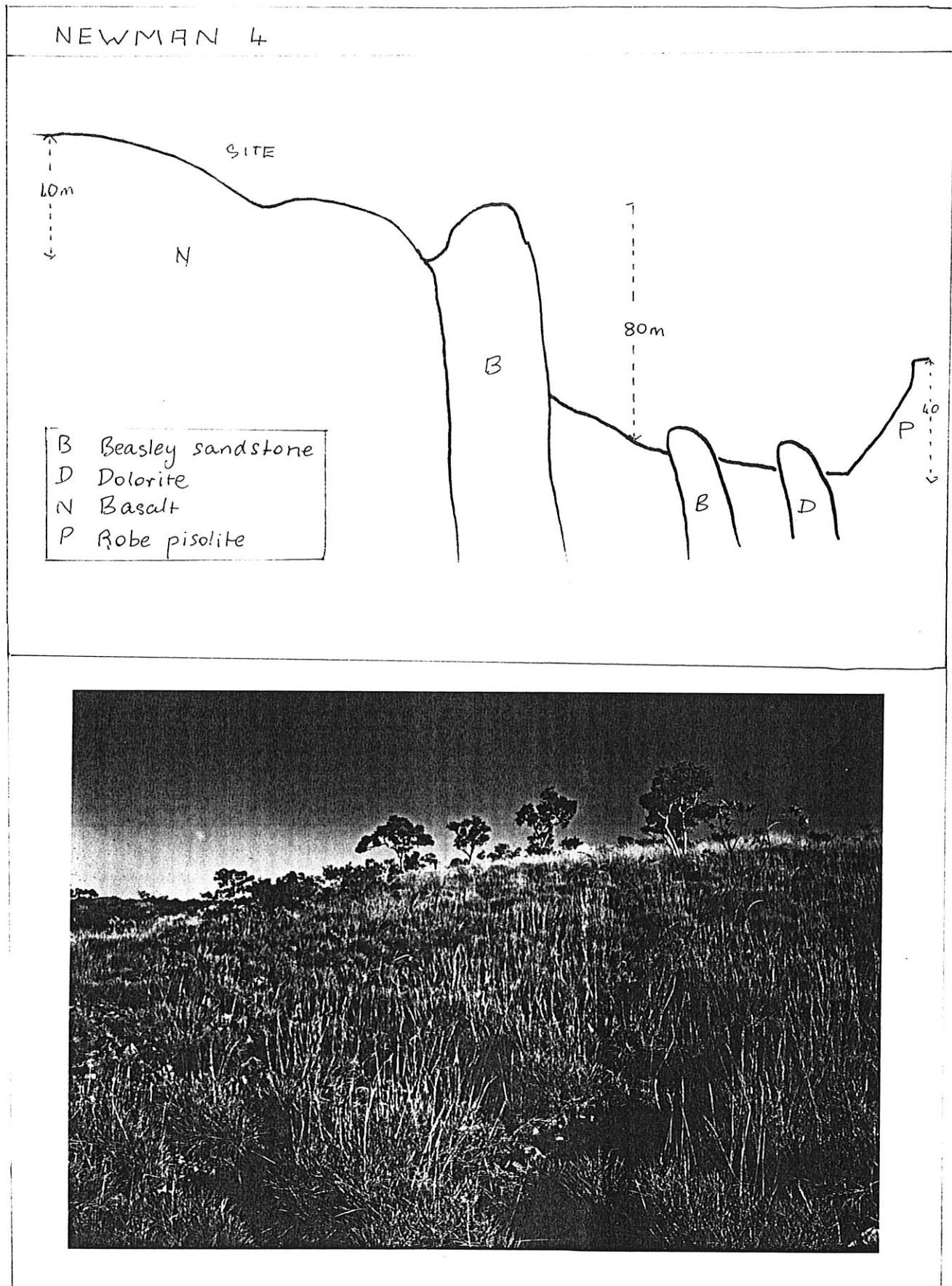


FIG. 6

NEWMAN 5.

REGION: PILBARA AREA: DUCK CREEK DATE: 7-8-84

LOCATION: 11 km S Quarry Hill. Lat. 22° 37' 40" S, Long. 116° 35' 7" E
SIZE: 0.6 ha.

VEGETATION TYPE: *Acacia bivenosa* Open scrub MUIR: Sr.SAi.Hi

STRATUM 1 Trees 7m cc=+

Eucalyptus leucophloia (+).

STRATUM 2 Shrubs 2.1-3.0m cc=2

Acacia bivenosa (2), *Enneapogon caerulescens* (+), *Santalum lanceolatum* (+).

STRATUM 3 Shrubs 1.6-1.9m cc=13.5

Acacia kempeana (10), *A. tetrogaphylla* (1), *A. aff. aneura* KRN 10709 (+), *Cassia glutinosa* (1), *C. leurssenii* (1).

STRATUM 4 Misc. plants 0.1-0.9m cc=20

Acacia victoriae (+), *Cassia pruinosa* (+), *Dysphania kalpari* (1), *Eriachne dominii* (1), *Gnephosis* sp. KRN KRN 10780 (2), *Lepidium pholidagynum* (1), *Triodia basedowii* (15).

No. of TAXA: 16 LAST BURNT: ca 35 years

MODIFICATION: None

LANDFORM

BEDROCK: Brockman Ironstone Formation.

UNIT: Undulating upland

ELEMENT: Slope, >5°

SOIL

ORIGIN: In situ weathering DEPTH: N/R (probably skeletal)

PRIMARY FORM: Uniform DRAINAGE: Normal

PROFILE ATTRIBUTES: Stony SURFACE: Hardsetting

ROCK: nil STONE: 0-5%, patchy, subangular, 2-8cm.

PAVEMENT: 50-90% even, 5-15mm.

LITTER: nil

PROFILE: Friable, 20-40% angular Brockman ironstone formation, 1-4cm.

NEWMAN 5

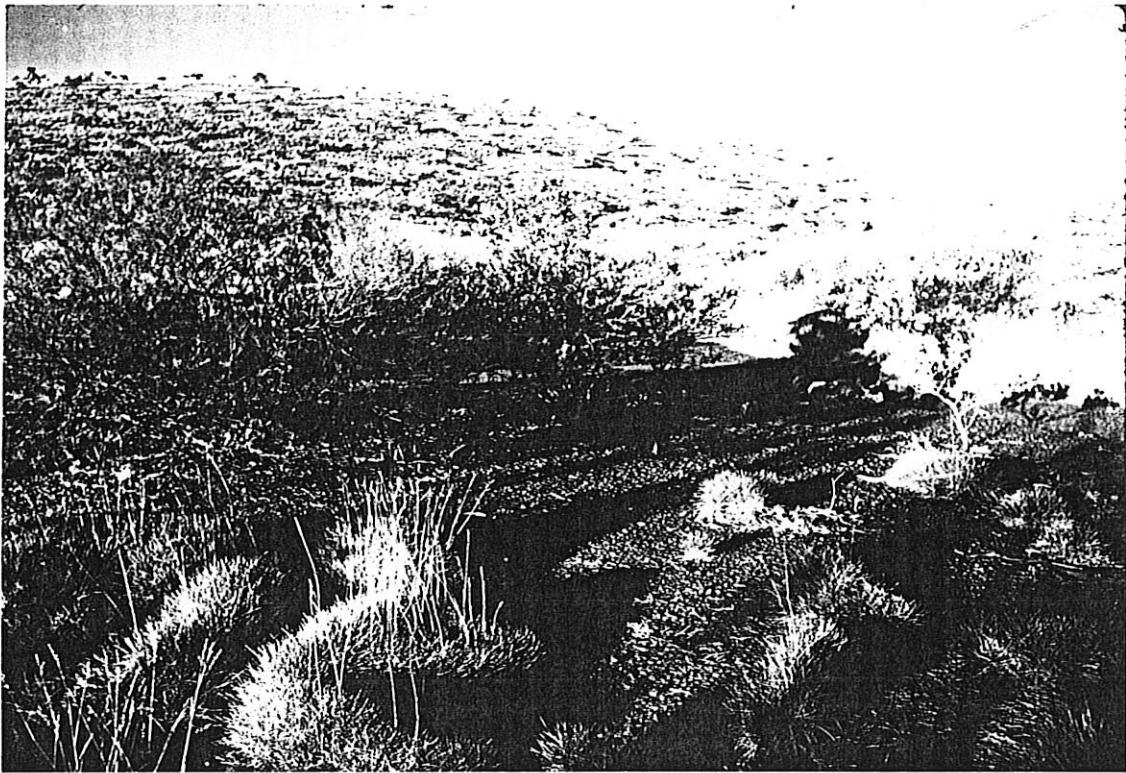
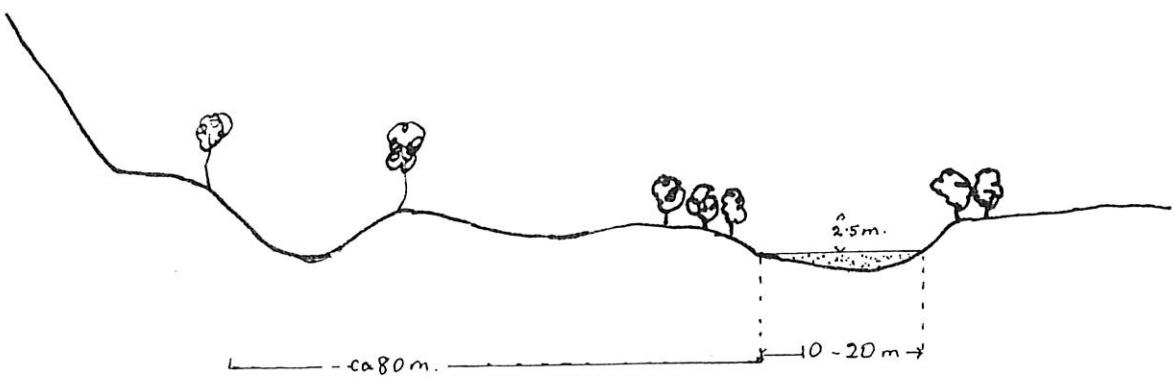


FIG. 7

RIVER 1



Pools sinuous to 200m. long, 1m. deep

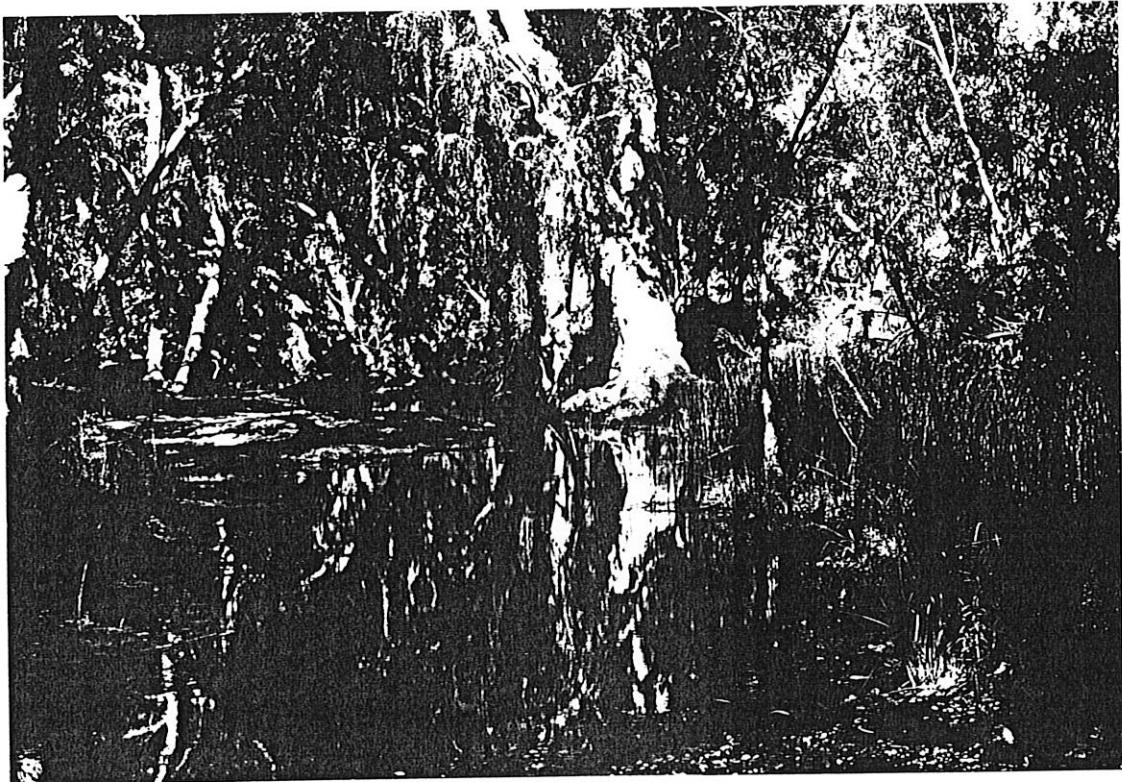


FIG. 8

RIVERINE LAND SYSTEM 1.

REGION: PILBARA AREA: DUCK CREEK DATE: 1-8-84

LOCATION: 8 km NE Quarry Hill. Lat. 22 28' 10" S, Long. 116 37' 47" E
SIZE: ca 8 ha.

VEGETATION

TYPE: *Eucalyptus camaldulensis* Open low woodland

MUIR: LAr.Sr.Jr

STRATUM 1 Trees 12-14m cc=6

Eucalyptus camaldulensis (4), *E. coolabah* (1), *Melaleuca leucadendra* (1).

STRATUM 2 Shrubs 3-4m cc=2

Acacia citriniviridis (+), *A. coriacea* (+), *A. pyrifolia* (+), *Carissa lanceolata* (+), *Melaleuca glomerata* (2).

STRATUM 3 Misc. plants 1-2m cc=1.6

Acacia strongylophylla (+), *Gossypium robinsonii* (+), *Indigofera monophylla* (+), *Mukia maderaspantana* (+), *Sesbania cannabina* (1), *Sonchus oleraceus* (+), *Typha domingensis* (+),

STRATUM 4 Misc. plants 0.1-0.8m cc=15

Amaranthus pallidiflorus (+), *Ammania multiflora* (+), *Argemone mexicana* (3), *Boerhavia repleta* (+), *Cenchrus ciliaris* (+), *Centipeda minima* (1), *Cleome viscosa* (+), *Corchorus walcottii* (+), *Cyperus hamulosus* (+), *C. difformis* (+), *C. vaginatus* (1), *Dysphania rhadinostachya* (+), *Eleocharis geniculata* (+), *E. astropurpurea* (+), *Eragrostis japonica* (2), *Eriachne benthamii* (+), *Eriachne* sp. KRN 10627 (+), *Euphorbia coghani* (+), *Euphorbia* sp. KRN 10597 (+), *Fimbristylis microcarya* (+), *Flaveria australis* (2), *Heliotropium crispatum* (+), *Imopoea muelleri* (+), *Lobelia quadrangularis* (+), *Marsilia mutica* (+), *Neptunia diamorphantha* (+), *Nicotiana occidentalis* (+), *Oldenlandia crouchiana* (+), *Pluchea rubelliflorus* (+), *Polymeria* sp. (+), *Potamogeton tricarinatus* (+), *Rostellularia pogonanthera* (+), *Schoenoplectus dissiancanthus* (+), *S. littoralis* var. sub (+), *Setaria dielsii* (3), *Stemodia viscosa* (+), *Tephrosia rosea* (+), ? *Tephrosea* (+), *Trichodesma zelianicum* (+), *Vigna lanceolata* (+), *Wahlenbergia* sp. KRN 10641, *Poaceae* sp. KRN 10611 (+).

No. of TAXA: 58 LAST BURNT: Never burnt

MODIFICATION: Grazing- light to moderate.

LANDFORM

BEDROCK: Unknown

UNIT: River

ELEMENT: Bed

SOIL

ORIGIN: Alluvial

DEPTH: Moderate (90-200cm)

PRIMARY FORM: Uniform

DRAINAGE: Winter-wet, summer-dry

PROFILE ATTRIBUTES: Stony

SURFACE: Crusting

ROCK: nil

STONE: 10-30%, even, rounded, 2-18cm.

PAVEMENT: 5-95%, even, 3-18mm long.

LITTER: nil

PROFILE: A 0-1m+ Lenses of both sorted and unsorted material, ranging from red-brown silt to rounded stone 25cm long. pH6.5.

RIVERINE LAND SYSTEM 2.

REGION: PILBARA AREA: DUCK CREEK DATE: 5-8-84

LOCATION: 9 km ESE Quarry Hill. Lat. 22° 33' 40" S, Long. 116° 39' 43" E
SIZE: 0.5 ha.VEGETATION TYPE: *Acacia citrinoviridis* Scrub

MUIR: Si.Hr

STRATUM 1 Shrubs >2m cc=20.5

Acacia citrinoviridis (20), *Ehretia saligna* (+), *Grevillea ?stenobotrya* (+), *Porana sericea* (+).

STRATUM 2 Shrubs 1-2m cc=0.7

Acacia pyrifolia (+), *Cassia glutinosa* (+), *Jasminum lineare* (+), *Mukia maderaspatana* (+), *Indigofera monophylla* (+).

STRATUM 3 Misc. plants cc=30

Abutilon muticum (+), *Actinobole uliginosum* (+), *Amaranthus pallidiflorus* (+), *Ameyema maidenii* (+), *Aristida contorta* (+), *Boerhavia repeta* (+), *Calotis hispidula* (+), *Cassia helmsii* (+), *C. olographylla* (+), *Cenchrus ciliaris* (3), *Chenopodium melanocarpum* (+), *Cleome viscosa* (+), *Corchorus walcottii* (1), *Cymbopogon bombycinus* (+), *Dactyloctenium radulans* (+), *Dysphania rhadinostachya* (2), *Enchlaena tomentosa* (+), *Enneapogon caerulescens* (+), *Eriachne dominii* (2), *Eragrostis falcata* (+), *Evulvulus alsinoides* (+), *Goodenia iyouata* (+), *Helipterum humboldtianicum* (+), *Hybanthus enneaspermus* (+), *Indigofera colutea* (+), *Lepidium platypetalum* (+), *L. oxytrichum* (+), *Malvasrtum americanum* (+), *Paspalidium clementii* (2), *Perotis rara* (+), *Portulaca ?oleracea* (+), *Ptilotus clementii* (+), *P. exultatus* (+), *P. helipterooides* (+), *P. obovatus* (2), *Rhagodia eremaea* (+), *Salsola kali* (+), *Setaria dielsii* (2), *Sida echinocarpa* (+), *Sida ? virgata* (+), *Solanum cleistogenum* (+), *S. lasiophyllum* (+), *Sporobulus australasicus* (8), *Themeda australis* (+), *Tribulus platypterus* (+), *Tribulus terrestris* (+), *Trichodesma zeylanicum* (+), *Triodia pungens* (5).

No. of TAXA: 63

LAST BURNT: > 50 years

MODIFICATION:

LANDFORM

BEDROCK: unknown

UNIT: Flood plain

ELEMENT: Creek line - Boolgeeda Creek

SOIL

ORIGIN: Alluvial

DEPTH: Moderate -90-100cm

PRIMARY FORM: Uniform

DRAINAGE: Normal

PROFILE ATTRIBUTES: Stony

SURFACE:

ROCK: nil STONE: 5% cover, patchy, subrounded, 2-10cm.

PAVEMENT: 20-90% cover, even, 5-20mm.

LITTER: 10% cover, a few branches, trunks and broad leaves.

PROFILE: A 0-unstated. Friable to loose sediments both sorted and unsorted; grades from red silts and clays to subrounded and flat stone 8-20 cm long.

RIVER 2

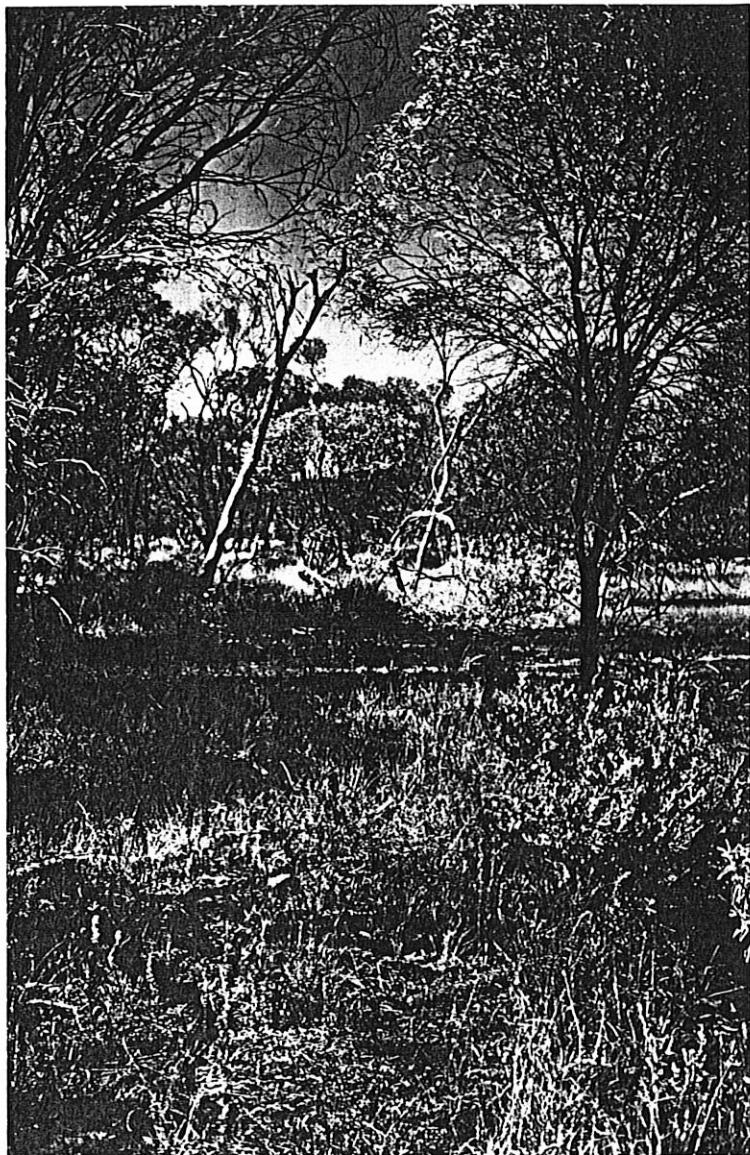
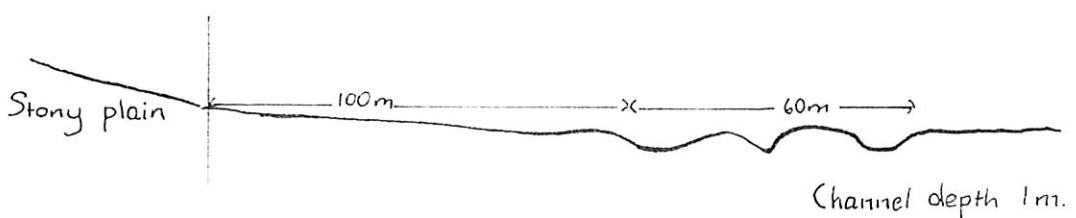


FIG. 9

RIVER 3



FIG. 10

RIVERINE LAND SYSTEM 3.

REGION: PILBARA AREA: DUCK CREEK DATE: 8-8-84

LOCATION: 2 km NNW Quarry Hill. Lat. 22° 30' 44" S, Long. 116° 34' 13" E
SIZE: 0.5 ha.

VEGETATION TYPE: Mixed acacia thicket

MUIR: Sc.GLD

STRATUM 1 Shrubs 3-6m cc=32

Acacia citrinoviridis (5), A. farnesiana (1), A. sclerosperma (15), A. victoriae (10), Hakea suberea (1), Santalum lanceolatum ssp. lanceolatum (+).

STRATUM 2 Shrub 1.8m cc=(+)

Stylobasium spathulatum (+)

STRATUM 3 Misc. plants cc=99

Calandrinia sp. KRN 10754 (+), Cenchrus ciliaris (99).

No. of TAXA: 9 LAST BURNT: ca 80

MODIFICATION: Heavy grazing by cattle; Cenchrus ciliaris introduced.

LANDFORM

BEDROCK: Unknown

UNIT: Plain ELEMENT: River flat up to 250m wide

SOIL

ORIGIN: Alluvial DEPTH: Moderate 90-200m wide

PRIMARY FORM: Uniform

DRAINAGE: Normal

PROFILE ATTRIBUTES: Not recorded

SURFACE: Hardsetting

ROCK: nil STONE: nil PAVEMENT: nil

LITTER: 1% cover, a few branches.

PROFILE: A 0-100+ cm Friable 1-2% inclusions 3-8mm long, patchy distribution.

ROBE 1.

REGION: PILBARA AREA: DUCK CREEK DATE: 5-8-84

LOCATION: 12 km ESE Quarry Hill. Lat. 22 33' 20" S, Long. 116 41' 45" E
SIZE: 1 ha.

VEGETATION TYPE: Mixed acacia scrub

MUIR: Sr.SAr.Hi

STRATUM

No. of TAXA: 43 LAST BURNT: ca 40

MODIFICATION: Little evidence of grazing

LANDFORM

BEDROCK: Brockman Ironstone Formation, Robe River Pisolite.

UNIT: Plain ca 800m wide ELEMENT: Slope <1°

SOIL

ORIGIN: Colluvial and in situ weathering DEPTH: Deep >200cm

PRIMARY FORM: Uniform DRAINAGE: Normal

PROFILE ATTRIBUTES: Stony SURFACE: Hardsetting

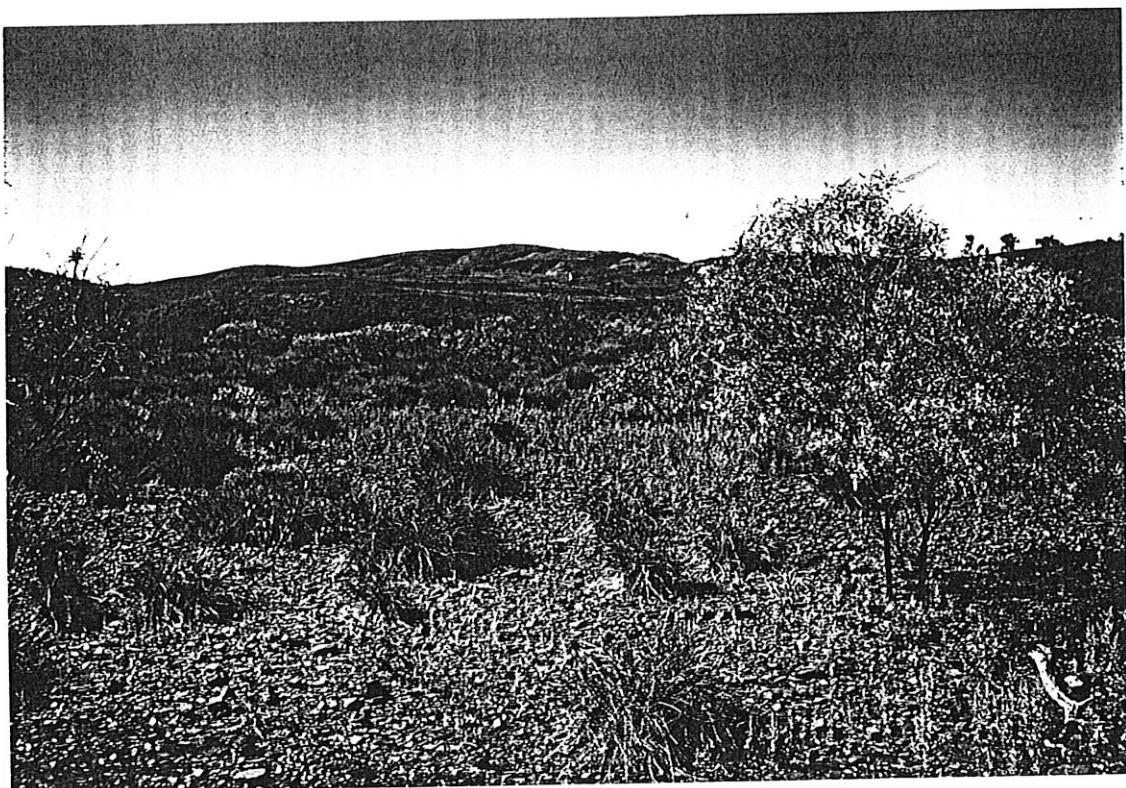
ROCK: nil STONE: 5-10%, subangular, 2-10cm BIF.

PAVEMENT: 20-70% cover, even, 10-20mm.

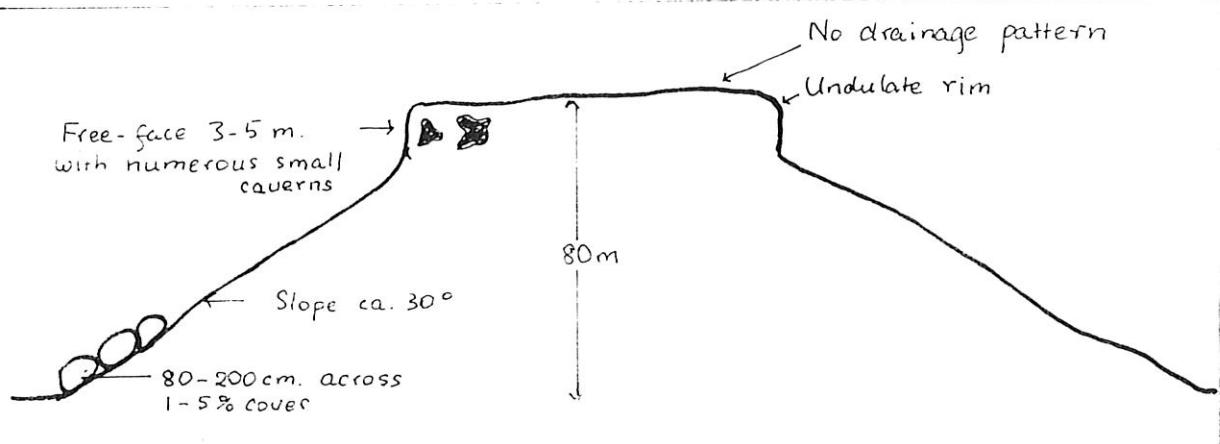
LITTER: nil

PROFILE: A 0-? On surface 2-3m of fine black sand. Friable, 30-40% flat and subangular BIF 1-5cm long.

ROBE 1



ROBE 2, 3



ROBE 2

REGION: PILBARA AREA: DUCK CREEK DATE: 2-8-1984

LOCATION: Quarry Hill. Lat. 22° 31'44" S, Long. 116° 34'54" E.

SIZE: 2 ha.

VEGETATION TYPE: *Acacia arida* open scrub MUIR: Sr.Hc

STRATUM 1 Trees 5m cc=0.5

Eucalyptus leucophloia (0.5)

STRATUM 2 Shrubs 2-3.5m cc=4

Acacia arida (2), *A. bivenosa* (+), *A. citrinoviridis* (+), *A. victoriae* (+), *A. xiphophylla* (2).

STRATUM 3 Shrubs 1-1.8m cc=0.4

Acacia ancistrocarpa (+), *A. pyrifolia* (+), *Cassia glutinosa* (+), *C. leurusssenii* (+), *Ficus platypoda* (+), *Jasminum lineare* (+), *Solanum sturtianum* (+), *Stylobasium spathulatum* (+).

STRATUM 4 Misc. Plants 0.1-0.9m cc=33

Aerya javanica (+), *Amaranthus pallidiflorus* (+), *Boerhavia repleta* (+), *Bulbostylis barbata* (+), *Cassia helmsii* (+), *C. nobilis* (+), *C. oligophylla* (+), *Corchorus walcottii* (+), *Chloris barbata* (+), *Cleome viscosa* (+), *Cyperus cunninghamii* (+), *Dysphania kalpari* (0.4), *D. rhadinostachya* (+), *Enneapogon caerulescens* (+), *Enchleana tomentosa* (+), *Eragrostis elongata* 8+), *Eriachne dominii* (+), *Eriachne* sp. KRN 10627 (+), *Euphorbia australis* (+), *Gomphrena cunninghamii* (+), *Goodenia tenuiloba* (+), *Hibiscus* sp. KRN 10646 (+), *Lepidium oxytrichum* (+), *Maireana georgei* (+), *Polycarpea longilflora* (+), *Portulaca olerarea* (+), *Ptilotus aeroides* (+), *P. astrolasius* (+), *P. calostachyus* (+), *P. exultatus* v. *exultatus* (+), *P. gaudichaudii* v. *gaudichaudii* (0.4), *P. helipteroides* (+), *P. obovatus* (+), *P. polystachyus* f. *rubriflorus* (+), *Sida* aff. *cardiophylla* KRN 10650, *Solanum cleistogonum* (+), *Solanum lasiophyllum* (+), *Tribulus platypterus* (+), *Trichodesma zeylandicum* (+), *Triodia angusta* (1), *Triodia basedowii* (30).

No. of TAXA: 55 LAST BURNT: Unknown

MODIFICATION: Moderate grazing

LANDFORM

BEDROCK: Laterized pisolithic iron oxides

UNIT: Mesa

ELEMENT: Summit

SOIL

ORIGIN: In situ weathering

DEPTH: Skeletal

PRIMARY FORM: Uniform

DRAINAGE: Dry

PROFILE ATTRIBUTES: Stony

SURFACE: Hardsetting

ROCK: 5-15%, patchy STONE: 80-95%, even, subangular to subrounded, 5-25 cm long laterized material. PAVEMENT: 0-20%, patchy, 10-20mm.

LITTER: Nil

PROFILE: A 0-15cm Friable, 40-60% subangular inclusions, 5-12mm across. Boundary sharp, undulate to irregular, no obvious weathering zone.

ROBE 3

REGION: PILBARA AREA: DUCK CREEK DATE: 2-8-1984

LOCATION: Quarry Hill. Lat. 22° 31'44" S, Long. 116° 34'54" E.

SIZE: 1 ha.

VEGETATION TYPE: Hummock grass MUIR: Hi

STRATUM 1 Shrubs 1.1-1.8m cc=4.5

Acacia crassifolia (4), A. xiphophylla (+), Stylobasium spathulatum (+).

STRATUM 2 Misc. plants 0.1-0.9m cc=26

Acacia stroblylophylla (+), Amyema preissae (+), Cassia leurssenii (+),

Cymbopogon bombycinus (+), Dysphania rhadinostachya (+), Eriachne sp.

KRN 10627 (+), Hybanthus enneaspermus 8+), Maireana georgei (+),

Nicotiana occidentalis (+), Polycarpaea longiflora (+), Ptilotus

obovatus (+), Tribulus platypterus (+), Triodia basedowii (25).

No. of TAXA: 16 LAST BURNT: Unknown

MODIFICATION: Moderate grazing

LANDFORM

BEDROCK: Laterized pisolithic iron oxides

UNIT: Mesa

ELEMENT: Slope

SOIL

ORIGIN: Colluvial

DEPTH: Skeletal to shallow

PRIMARY FORM: Uniform

DRAINAGE: Dry

PROFILE ATTRIBUTES: Stony

SURFACE: Hardsetting

ROCK: N/R

STONE: N/R

PAVEMENT: N/R

LITTER: N/R

PROFILE: N/R

FLORISTIC LIST

Taxa are listed alphabetically by family and then by species. Nomenclature follows that of Western Australian Herbarium (PERTH) (Green 1981). The flora list includes both site data and incidental records of plant species from equivalent locations.

Each taxon has been assessed for frequency and cover/abundance in each of the main vegetation types (Muir 1977) recorded in each land system. Within each land system, vegetation types are listed from tallest and densest, to lowest and most open.

Vegetation Types

BOOLGEEDA Land System

B1 = *Acacia citrinoviridis* Scrub

B2 = *Acacia xiphophylla* Scrub

B3 = *Acacia inaequilatera* Open Scrub

CAPRICORN Land System

C1 = *Eucalyptus leucophloia* Open Low Woodland A (quartzite)

C2 = Mixed Scrub (dolomite)

NEWMAN Land System

N1 = *Eucalyptus leucophloia* Low Woodland A (basalt)

N2 = *Eucalyptus camaldulensis* Open Low Woodland A (BIF)

N3 = *Eucalyptus leucophloia* Open Low Woodland A (BIF)

N4 = *Eucalyptus leucophloia* Open Low Woodland A (Basalt)

N5 = *Acacia bivenosa* Scrub (BIF)

N6 = Spring (basalt)

RIVER Land System

R1 = *Eucalyptus camaldulensis* Open Low Woodland A

R2 = *Acacia citrinoviridis* Scrub

R3 = Mixed thicket

ROBE Land System

T1 = Mixed *Acacia* Open Scrub

T2 = *Acacia arida* Open Scrub

T3 = *Triodia basedowii* Hummock Grass

Frequency and Abundance/Cover

FREQUENCY

COVER/ABUNDANCE

A = 1 or 2 populations

1 = 1 or 2 plants

B = Few "

2 = Few plants

C = Scattered "

3 = Few plants to 1% canopy cover

D = Frequent "

4 = 1-5% canopy cover

E = Common "

5 = 6-30% " "

6 = 31-70% " "

Coll. No. = Ken Newbey collecting number (KRN)

P = Field herbarium collecting number (see note page 13)

Coll. No.	Species	BOOLGEED			CAPRI		NEWMAN						RIVER			ROBE				
		B1	B2	B3	C1	C2	N1	N2	N3	N4	N5	N6	R1	R2	R3	T1	T2	T3		
.....		
	CAESALPINIACEAE																			
10766	<i>Cassia glutinosa</i>	C2	D3	C1	C3	C3	C1	D3	E3	B2	C3	..
10816	<i>Cassia helmsii</i>	B1	C2	C3	B1	C2	..
10812	<i>Cassia leurssenii</i>	.	.	.	..	E2	..	..	D4	..	..	D3	..	..	..	..	C2	C3	B1
10706	<i>Cassia notabilis</i>	.	.	.	..	..	C4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	A1	A1	..	..
10794	<i>Cassia oligophylla</i>	.	.	.	..	..	..	B1	C3	D3	..	B1	..	..	..	B1	..	C3	B1
10768	<i>Cassia pruinosa</i>	.	.	.	..	..	C2	..	C1	..	..	C2	C2	..	..	..	..	..	..
10776	<i>Cassia venusta</i>	.	.	.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	A1	..	..	..
10772	<i>Petalostylis labicheoides</i>	.	.	..	..	..	..	..	D3	..	..	C3	..	..	..	C3	..	..	..
	CAMPANULACEAE																			
10641	<i>Wahlenbergia</i> sp.	B1
	CAPPARACEAE																			
.....	<i>Capparis spinosa</i>	A1	..	B2
10621	<i>Cleome viscosa</i>	.	.	.	D3	A2	..	C3	B2	D3	B2	..	A2
	CARYOPHYLLACEAE																			
10728	<i>Polycarpea holtzei</i>	.	.	.	..	..	E3	..	..	..	..	A3	..	..	..	A3	..	..	..
10574	<i>Polycarpea longiflora</i>	.	.	.	C3	..	..	..	..	B2	D4	B2	B2	..	..	..	B1	A2	A2
	CHENOPODIACEAE																			
10600	<i>Chenopodium melanocarpum</i>	.	.	.	B2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	A2	..	..	..	..
10583	<i>Dysphania rhadinostachya</i>	.	.	.	D3	..	E4	D3	B2	..	D3	C3	D3	..	B3	D4	..	D3	B3	A2
10662	<i>Dysphania kalpari</i>	.	.	.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	D3	..	..	B3	B3	..	..
10579	<i>Enchytraea tomentosa</i>	.	.	.	C2	C2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	C1	..	B1	..	..
10801	<i>Maireana georgei</i>	.	.	.	..	..	B1	B1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	B2	B1	A1	..
10739	<i>Maireana melanocoma</i>	.	.	.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
10738	<i>Maireana tomentosa</i>	.	.	.	..	B1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
10634	<i>Rhagodia eremaea</i>	.	.	.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Al	Al	..	..	..
10702	<i>Salsola kali</i>	.	.	.	D2	B1	B1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	B1	..	B1	..	..
10743	<i>Sclerolaena eriacantha</i>	.	.	.	E5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
.....	<i>Sclerolaena muricata</i> var. <i>villosa</i>	.	.	.	D3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
10599	<i>Sclerolaena convexula</i>	.	.	.	A2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	COMMELINACEAE																			
10796	<i>Commelina ensifolia</i>	.	.	.	..	..	..	A1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	CONVOLVULACEAE																			
10790	<i>Convolvulus erubescens</i>	.	.	.	Al	..	..	A1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Al	..	..
10727	<i>Evolvulus alsinoides</i> v. <i>vilosicalyx</i>	.	.	.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	B1	..	..	..	..
10637	<i>Impoea costata</i>	.	.	.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Al	..	..	..	..
10638	<i>Impoea muelleri</i>	.	.	.	..	B1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	B1	..	..	..	..
10750	<i>Polymeria</i> sp.	.	.	.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Al	..	A3	..	..
10603	<i>Porana sericea</i>	.	.	.	B2	..	..	A1	..	B2	..	..	..	..	B1	B2	..	..	..
	CUCURBITACEAE																			
10601	<i>Mukia maderaspantana</i>	.	.	.	C1	..	C1	B1	B2	..	B1	..	..	..	B1	B1	..	B1	..
	CYPERACEAE																			
10733	<i>Bulbostylis barbata</i>	.	.	.	A2	..	..	..	..	B2	C3	..	..	..	C3	..	A2	..	..
10645	<i>Cyperus cunninghamii</i>	.	.	.	..	..	..	..	B3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	C2	..	..
10615	<i>Cyperus difformis</i>	.	.	.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	B3	..	..	..	..
10673	* <i>Cyperus hamulosus</i>	.	.	.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	B2	..	..	..	..
10746	<i>Cyperus pygmaeus</i>	.	.	.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	A1	..	..	..	..
10612	<i>Cyperus vaginatus</i>	.	.	.	..	..	..	..	D3	..	..	..	..	..	E3	..	..	..	..
10671	<i>Eleocharis atropurpurea</i>	.	.	.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	A3	..	..	..	..
10672	<i>Eleocharis geniculata</i>	.	.	.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	B2	..	..	..	..
10788	<i>Fimbristylis dichotoma</i>	.	.	.	..	..	..	..	..	..	A3	..	..	..	..	..	A2	..	..
10675	<i>Fimbristylis microcarpa</i>	.	.	.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	A1	..	..	..	..
10674	<i>Schoenoplectus dissachanthus</i>	.	.	.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	A1	..	..	..	..
10701	<i>Schoenoplectus litoralis</i> var. <i>sub</i>	.	.	.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	B3	..	..	..	..
	EUPHORBIACEAE																			
10787	<i>Adriana tomentosa</i>	.	.	.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	A2	..	..	..	..
10685	<i>Euphorbia australis</i>	.	.	.	C3	C1	C2	..	B3	..	B3	B2	..	..	..	..	B2	..	..
10588	<i>Euphorbia coghlanii</i>	.	.	.	C2	..	..	..	..	C3	..	..	..	..	D3	..	..	..	..
.....	<i>Euphorbia drummondii</i>	.	.	.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	A2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
10597	<i>Euphorbia</i> sp.	.	.	.	C3	..	C3	..	..	B2	..	A2	..	..	B2	..	..	..	..
10686	<i>Leptopus decaisnei</i>	.	.	.	B2	..	..	A1	..	B2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
10807	<i>Phyllanthus ciccoides</i>	D4	C3	
10715	<i>Phyllanthus lacunellus</i>	B1	B1	C3	
.....	<i>Securinega melanthesoides</i>	A1	

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		B1	B2	B3	C1	C2	N1	N2	N3	N4	N5	N6	R1	R2	R3	T1	T2	T3
GOODENIACEAE																		
10631	Goodenia iyouta.	A1	A3
10620	Goodenia lamprosperma	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	B2	..	..	..	..	..
10724	Goodenia microptera	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	..	..	B2	..	..	..
10656	Goodenia scaevolina ssp. stobbsiana	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	B2	..	..	..	..	..	..
10643	Goodenia tenuiloba	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	A1	..	..	..	B1	..	..
10757	Scaevola sp.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
HALORAGACEAE																		
10725	Haloragis gossei	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	..	..	..	B1	..	..
LOBELIACEAE																		
10640	Lobelia quadrangularis	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	A1	..	..	..	..	..
10717	Lobelia sp.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	..	..	..	A1	..	..
LORANTHACEAE																		
10618	Amyema maidenii.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	A2	A1	..	..	..	..
10619	Amyema preissii.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	A2	..	..	A1	..	..
10624	Amyema miquelii	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	A1	..	..	..	..	..
LYTHRACEAE																		
10669	Ammannia multiflora	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	B2	..	..	..	..	..
10769	Rotala mexicana.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	A4	..	..	..	..	..	..
MALVACEAE																		
10606	Abutilon cf. lepidum.	.	.	.	C2	..	.	B2	..	.	C3	..	..	..	B3	..	..	..
P86	Abutilon sp.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	..	A1	..	..	..	..
10390	Gossypium australe	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	B3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
10630	Gossypium robinsonii	.	.	.	.	.	.	B4	.	D3	C3	A2	..	E3	..	..	..	..
10646	Hibiscus coatesii	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	..	..	B1	..	..	..
10747	Hibiscus goldsworthii	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	..	..	A1	..	..	..
P93	Hibiscus sp.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	..	..	A1	..	..	..
P106	Hibiscus aff. coatesii	.	.	.	.	.	.	A1	..	.	.	.	..	..	..	..	..	..
10629	*Malvastrum americanum	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	E3	B3	..	..	..	..
10731	Sida echinocarpa	.	.	.	.	A1	B1	.	B2	..	..	..	..	A1	..	A1	..	..
10650	Sida aff. cardiophylla	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	..	..	A1	..	..	..
10692	Sida aff. virgata	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	B1	B2	..	A2	..	A1	..	..	..
MARSILEACEAE																		
10677	Marsilea mutica.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	A3	..	..	..	..	..
MENISPERMACEAE																		
.....	Tinospora smilacina Benth.	.	.	.	.	.	.	..	A1	..	A1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
MIMOSACEAE																		
10742	Acacia ancistrocarpa	.	.	.	.	D2	..	.	.	.	B1	..	..	..	C4	B1	..	..
10709	Acacia aneura	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	B2	..	..	..	..	C2	..	..	..
10712	Acacia aneura (a form)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	A3	..	..	..	A4	..	..
10758	Acacia aff. aneura	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	C4	B3	D3	E4	..	..	..
10648	Acacia arida	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	E2	B2	E3	..	D4	..	A1	..	E3
10771	Acacia bivenosa	.	.	.	.	.	.	E4	D3	.	E5	D4	..	A1	..	E3	C3	B2
10616	Acacia citrinoviridis	.	.	.	.	C1	..	.	.	.	E5	D4	B1	..	D3	E5	E4	D3
10623	Acacia coriacea	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	D2	..	..	..	..	..
10773	Acacia farnesiana	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	A1	.	.	..	D3	..	..	..	..
10805	Acacia inaequilatera	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	D4	C2	.	.	.	E3	..	..	..	..
10729	Acacia kempeana	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	E5	..	..	D4	..	..	..
10760	Acacia maitlandii	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	B1	C3	..	..	..	..	..	..
10707	Acacia marramamba	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	..	..	A3	..	..	..
10767	Acacia monticola	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	C1	..	B3	..	..	..	..	..
.....	Acacia pruinocarpa	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	A2	..	.	..	..	..	..	..
10764	Acacia ptychophylla	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	A4	..	..	..	..	..	..
10607	Acacia pyrifolia	.	.	.	.	D4	..	.	.	C3	C3	B2	..	..	A2	C3	..	B1
10759	Acacia retivenia	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	A4	..	..	..	..	..	..
10705	Acacia sclerosperma	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	D4	..	..	..	..	..
.....	Acacia stronglophylla	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	A2	..	..	A1	..	..
10762	Acacia tetragonophylla	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	B1	..	B3	..	..	B2	..	..	..
10761	Acacia tumida	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	A4	..	..	..	..	..	..
10703	Acacia victoriae	.	.	.	C2	E3	..	.	.	B3	..	B1	..	..	E5	D3	B1	..
.....	Acacia xiphophylla	.	.	.	E5	C2	C3	B1	..	D4	D3	B2	..	..	..	D3	B4	D3
.....	Neptunia diamorphantha	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	A1	..	..	..	..	..
MOLLUGININACEAE																		
10608	Mollugo molluginis	.	.	.	B2	..	.	.	B2	..	B1	..	..	..	B2	..	..	..
MORACEAE																		
10806	Ficus opposita var. micracantha	B1	..	B2	..	A1	A1	..
10784	Ficus platypoda	B2	..	A1	A1

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		B1	B2	B3	C1	C2	N1	N2	N3	N4	N5	N6	R1	R2	R3	T1	T2	T3
MYOPORACEAE																		
10793	<i>Eremophila cuneifolia</i>	.	.	.	D4	B1	B1
10654	<i>Eremophila freelingii</i>	.	.	.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	B4	..	..	..	..	..	..
10657	<i>Eremophila latrobeii</i>	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	A1	..	..	..	A1	..	..
10694	<i>Eremophila latrobeii</i> ssp. <i>glabra</i>	..	..	..	D3	..	..	C3	B2	B2	..	B3	..	..	..	..	..	..
10594	<i>Eremophila latrobeii</i> ssp. <i>latrobeii</i>	Al	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
10658	<i>Eremophila latrobei</i> ssp. <i>maitlandii</i>	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
10718	<i>Eremophila leucophylla</i>	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	A2	..	..
10719	<i>Eremophila longifolia</i>	..	..	..	..	..	..	A1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	B1	..	..
10765	<i>Eremophila exilifolia</i>	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	A3	B2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
MYRTACEAE																		
....	<i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i>	.	.	.	..	..	..	D4	..	..	..	..	E4	..	..	..	..	..
....	<i>Eucalyptus coolabah</i>	.	.	.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	C3	..	..	..	..	..
10721	<i>Eucalyptus leucophloia</i> Brooker	..	..	..	..	E4	..	E5	B2	E4	E4	A1	..	..	..	B3	B3	..
....	<i>Eucalyptus terminalis</i>	.	.	.	..	..	..	..	..	..	B2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
....	<i>Eucalyptus</i> sp.	.	.	.	..	..	E3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
10741	<i>Melaleuca glomerata</i>	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	B3	..	..	..	E4	..	..	..	..	..
10622	<i>Melaleuca leucadendra</i>	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	C4	..	..	..	..	..
NYCTAGENACEAE																		
10632	<i>Commicarpus australis</i>	..	.	.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	A1	..	..	..	..	..
P102.	<i>Boerhavia gardneri</i>	.	.	.	..	B3	..	B2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
10580	<i>Boerhavia repleta</i>	.	.	.	D2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	B3	B3	..	A2	..	..
OLEACEAE																		
10582	<i>Jasminum lineare</i>	.	.	.	C1	..	..	C2	A2	D2	B3	..	..	..	B1	..	B1	..
PAPAVERACEAE																		
10681	* <i>Argemone mexicana</i>	.	.	.	D4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	D4	..	..	..	..	..
PAPILIONACEAE																		
10695	<i>Glycine tabacina</i>	.	.	.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	A1	..	..	..	..	..
10584	<i>Indigofera colutea</i>	.	.	.	B2	..	B4	..	..	..	..	..	A3	..	..	..	..	..
10722	<i>Indigofera monophylla</i>	.	.	.	D3	..	..	..	..	C3	C2	B1	..	..	..	C3	A3	..
10745	<i>Psoralea martinii</i>	.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	B2	..	..
10605	<i>Rhynchosia minima</i>	.	.	.	B2	..	..	..	..	B2	..	..	..	..	..	D3	A2	..
10777	<i>Sesbania cannabina</i>	.	.	.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	B3	..	..
10778	<i>Swainsona maccullochiana</i>	.	.	.	..	B3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	A1	..	..
10585	<i>Tephrosia eriocarpa</i>	.	.	.	C3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	A2	..	..
10602	<i>Tephrosia rosea</i>	.	.	.	B4	..	..	A2	..	..	..	..	B1	..	..	..	..	..
10786	<i>Tephrosia uniovulata</i>	.	.	.	..	..	..	..	A1	B1	..	B1	..	..	..	A2	..	..
P79	? <i>Tephrosia</i>	.	.	.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
10665	<i>Vigna lanceolata</i>	.	.	.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	B1	..	..	..	..	..
10578	?	.	.	.	D3	..	..	..	..	C2	B1	..	..	C3	..	..	..	..
POACEAE																		
10635	<i>Aristida contorta</i>	.	.	.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	A1	A2	..	..	..	..
10689	<i>Aristida exserta</i>	.	.	.	..	..	..	B3	B3	..	..	B4	..	..	..	..	..	..
10740	<i>Brachyachne prostrata</i>	.	.	.	E4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
10682	* <i>Cenchrus ciliaris</i> L.	.	.	.	D4	..	B2	..	..	..	..	..	B2	E4	E7	..	..	..
....	<i>Chloris barbata</i>	.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	A2	..	..	..	..
10808	<i>Cymbopogon bombycinus</i>	.	.	.	E2	B1	..	E2	D2	D2	D3	B1	..	..	B1	B1	..	..
10734	<i>Dactyloctenium radulans</i>	.	.	.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	A3	..	..	..	..	..
10626	<i>Enneapogon caerulescens</i>	.	.	.	..	..	..	B2	..	..	..	..	B2	B2	..	A1	..	..
10683	<i>Eragrostis dielsii</i>	.	.	.	C3	..	B2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	A2	..	..
....	<i>Eragrostis elongata</i>	.	.	.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	A2	..	..
....	<i>Eragrostis</i> ? <i>falcatus</i>	.	.	.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	D3	..	..	..	..	..
10614	<i>Eragrostis japonica</i>	.	.	.	..	..	..	D3	..	..	..	..	B2	..	..	..	..	..
10617	<i>Eriachne benthamii</i>	.	.	.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	D3	..	..	..	..	..
....	<i>Eriachne dominii</i>	.	.	.	..	..	..	B1	..	C3	..	B3	B3	..	D4	..	D3	B3
10804	<i>Eriachne festucoides</i>	.	.	.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	A2	..	..	..
10688	<i>Eriachne mucronata</i>	.	.	.	..	..	..	A3	..	..	..	C4	..	..	..	..	..	..
10627	<i>Eriachne</i> sp.	.	.	.	C3	..	..	C3	..	D4	B4	B3	..	B2	..	..	B3	B2
10800	<i>Paraneurachne muelleri</i>	.	.	.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	A2	..	..	..
10684	<i>Paspalum clementii</i>	.	.	.	D4	..	..	..	..	B3	..	B2	..	..	C4	..	..	..
10590	<i>Perotis rara</i>	.	.	.	A2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	A3	..	..	..	..	..
10639	<i>Setaria dielsii</i>	.	.	.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	D4	E4	..	..	..	..
....	<i>Sporobolus australasicus</i>	.	.	.	..	..	..	..	..	B4	..	..	..	D5	..	..	..	..
10723	<i>Themeda australis</i>	.	.	.	..	..	..	..	..	B3	..	..	..	A2	..	..	..	..
10591	<i>Tragus australianus</i>	.	.	.	B2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	B3	..	..
....	<i>Triodia angusta</i>	.	.	.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	E4	E5	E5
....	<i>Triodia basedowii</i>	.	.	.	E5	..	E5	E5	E5	E5	E5	E5	..	..	E4	E5	E5	..
....	<i>Triodia pungens</i>	B2	..	E4	B3	E4	..	E5
10710	<i>Triodia</i> sp.	E4	..	E5
10803	<i>Triodia</i> sp.	D6
10809	<i>Triodia</i> sp.	A3	A3
10611	?	B2

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		B1	B2	B3	C1	C2	N1	N2	N3	N4	N5	N6	R1	R2	R3	T1	T2	T3
POLGALACEAE																		
10789	Polygala sp.	B1	A2
PORTULACEAE																		
10754	Calandrinia sp..	.	.	.	.	A3	.	.	.	.	.	.	A2	.	..	..	B2	B3
.....	Portulaca ? oleracea.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	C3	..	B2 A2
POTAMOGETONACEAE																		
10668	Potamogeton tricarinatus	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	B3	..	..	..
PROTEACEAE																		
10730	Grevillea ?stenobotrya	.	.	.	A1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	B1	.	..	A1	..	..
10625	Hakea suberea	.	.	.	.	.	.	A1	.	.	.	.	.	.	A1	..	C3	C1
RUBIACEAE																		
10763	Canthium latifolium	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	B2	.	A1	.	..	..	..	..	..
10664	Oldenlandia crouchiana	.	.	.	.	.	.	A1	.	.	B1	A2	.	B1	..	..	..	..
10781	Synaptontha tillaeacea	.	.	.	A1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	..	..	..
SANTALACEAE																		
10719	Santalum lanceolatum	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	A1	.	..	B2	A1	..	..
SCROPHULARIACEAE																		
10678	Peplidium maritimum	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	A2	..	..	..	..
10391	Stemodia viscosa	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	A1	..	..	..	..
10652	Striga multiflora	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	A1	..	..	..
SAPINDACEAE																		
10655	Dodonaea pachyneura	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	B3	.	A1	.	..	..	..	..	..	..
10690	Dodonaea petiolaris	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	C5	..	..	..	..	..	..
SOLANACEAE																		
10642	Datura leichardtii	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	A2	..	..	..	..	..
10604	Nicotiana occidentalis	.	.	C3	..	A2	.	B3	.	.	.	.	B3	A2	..	..	A2	..
10700	Nicotiana sp.	.	.	.	.	.	C3	A2	.	B3	.	B2	.	..	..	..	..	..
10691	Solanum cleistogamum	.	.	A1	A1	B1	B1	..	.	B1	.	A1	.	B1	..	B1	A1	..
10755	Solanum diversiflorum	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	C2	..	..	..	..
10687	Solanum lasiophyllum	.	.	C1	..	B2	B1	B1	B1	B1	B1	.	C3	..	B1	B1	..	..
10680	Solanum sturtianum	.	.	A1	..	.	.	.	B1	.	.	.	A1	..	..	A1	..	..
STACKHOUSIACEAE																		
10797	Stackhousia intermedia	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	B2	A2	.	..	..	..	..	..	..
STERCULIACEAE																		
10785	Brachychiton australis	.	.	.	.	.	A1	.	B2	.	A1	.	..	..	..	..	..	..
10587	Waltheria indica	.	.	A1	..	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	..
SURIANACEAE																		
10609	Stylobasium spathulatum	.	.	.	B2	.	B3	E3	..	C1	.	.	.	B1	..	B1	..	..
TILIACEAE																		
10586	Corchorus walcottii	.	.	E3	..	D2	.	E3	.	D4	D3	.	.	B1	D3	..	C1	B1
10726	Triumphetta leptacantha	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	B2	..	..	..
10770	Triumphetta micracantha	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	A2	B2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
TYPHACEAE																		
.....	Typha domingensis Pers.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	A2	..	..	..	..	..
URTICACEAE																		
10699	Parietaria debilis	.	.	.	.	.	B3	.	.	.	C2	.	..	..	..	..	..
VERBANACEAE																		
10782	Clerodendron lanceolatum	.	.	.	.	.	A1	.	A3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	..
VIOLACEAE																		
9883	Hybanthus enneaspermus	.	.	B1	..	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	B3	..	..	A1	..	..
ZYGOHYLLACEAE																		
10748	Tribulus hirsutus	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	B2	..	..	..
10714	Tribulus macrocarpus	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	A1	..	..	..	..
10775	Tribulus platypterus	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	B1	.	C1	.	.	B1	..	C2	C1	B1
10592	Tribulus sp.	.	.	.	A2	A2
10802	Zygophyllum ovatum	.	.	.	A3	A3
NOT DETERMINED																		
10735	?	B2
10810	?	A1

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