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All resulting site data and maps were entered on DEC's Threatened Ecological Communities Database, and this information was used to assess the vine thickets on coastal sand dunes of Dampier Peninsula as a WA-listed Threatened Ecological Community. However, it was the request of the president of the Broome Botanical Society (Inc.), David M. Dureau, that a full report be prepared. This task was outside the scope and time frame of the WATSCU project and was later taken on by the Society, independently of DEC.

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#### FOREWORD

Since the set of recommendations in this report were first written and circulated as a draft, several of them are in the process of implementation. For example, the Environs Kimberley - West Kimberley Nature Project (EK WKNP), which is funded by Rangelands NRM WA through the Caring for our Country Dampierland Bioregion Program, is supporting Bardi Jawi and Nyul Nyul Rangers to develop and implement a series of projects to conserve and manage vine thickets in their country. The Indigenous Ranger groups are facilitated by the Kimberley Land Council and have identified the management of vine thickets as a key priority in their Working on Country plans. The EK WKNP is also collaborating with Fisher Research, with technical and practical support from Kings Park, University of WA and DEC to identify key biological indicators and design scientific monitoring protocols as assessment tools for vine thicket health, for use by managers beyond the life of the project. In addition, the Department of Environment and Conservation has commenced development of an interim recovery plan for the vine thickets as a threatened ecological community.

With growing public interest in the environment and its conservation, and the move towards more nature based tourism, we hope that these conservation management efforts will not be overshadowed by the effects of new developments and proposed moves to industrialise Dampier Peninsula.

#### SUMMARY

The vine thickets of Dampier Peninsula represent the southern-most occurrence of rainforest (dry monsoon forests) in Western Australia and provide refuge habitat for many plants and animals at the southern-most limit of their Australasian range. These vine thickets are confined to coastal dunes (and in some cases other unconsolidated Holocene coastal landforms) and have been shown to be distinct from other types of rainforest in the Kimberley Region. They are vulnerable to disturbance because of their occurrence in small patches and very narrow linear strands with large edge-to-area ratios, and are listed as a threatened ecological community by the Western Australian Department of Environment and Conservation. Prior to this study, the results of scientific surveys had been published for only four vine thicket patches and the full distribution and extent of such thickets on the Peninsula was unknown.

The aims of this study were to: (a) describe the overall distribution and extent of vine thicket patches on Dampier Peninsula through identifying and locating all occurrences and determining their approximate boundaries and size; (b) record the perennial flora of each patch and describe patterns of species composition found across their distribution; and (c) document the condition of and threatening processes impacting on each patch. Concurrent with these aims was the need to speak to as many local land users and stakeholders as possible to exchange information on vine thickets and raise the overall level of local awareness of their conservation significance and status. The results of this survey are intended to provide a basis for future conservation planning and management of the Peninsula's vine thickets, both at a landscape scale and as individual patches.

Seventy-two vine thicket patches were identified from aerial photographs. The existence of 67 of these was confirmed through our field visits, with an additional patch known from the earlier Kimberley Rainforest Survey (1987-1989). Sixty-two patches were comprehensively surveyed by us.

We confirmed that vine thickets occur as small patches scattered from Broome north along the west coast to the tip of Dampier Peninsula at Swan Point, and south along the east coast to Goodenough Bay. The patches occur in five obvious clusters. The clusters are: (a) two patches at Broome; (b) four patches between Cape Boileau and James Price Point (plus an anomalous cliff-top gully patch just north of the point); (c) nine patches between Cape Baskerville and Baldwin Creek; (d) four patches immediately north of Beagle Bay, and; (e) 52 patches in the far north between Pender Bay on the west coast around the Peninsula to Goodenough Bay on the east coast.

We estimated the total area of vine thicket patches at approximately 2300 ha. Intact patches ranged in size from clumps of a few trees up to 190 ha. Mean (average) patch size was 32 ha, median (mid-range) patch size was 20 ha, and the mode (most commonly occurring) patch size was 10 ha. Six patches were unusually large with one of 90 ha and each of five others greater than 100 ha in size.

Of the total area of vine thickets on Dampier Peninsula, approximately 43% (40 patches) occurred on Aboriginal Reserves, 41% (22 patches) on Unallocated Crown Land, 8% (7 patches) on Lombadina Grazing Lease, and 5% (3 patches) on freehold land. One degraded and unrepresentative patch (Patch 01) comprising approximately

3% of the total area of Dampier Peninsula's vine thickets occurred in a current conservation reserve (Minyirr Coastal Park). (Two patches of transitional vegetation with vine thicket species in the understorey occur in Coulomb Point Nature Reserve).

Overall floristic attributes include 169 vascular plant species recorded in 126 genera and 53 families across 62 surveyed vine thicket patches. The 97 native perennial plant species that we included in floristic analyses comprised 39 trees, 29 shrubs, 21 climbers, five hemiparasites (mistletoes), one perennial herb and one epiphyte (tree orchid).

The 151 native vascular plant species we recorded represent around 23% of the total number known to occur on Dampier Peninsula. Thirty eight of these 151 are known to be mostly or wholly confined to vine thickets. Of these 38, two are only known from vine thicket margins. Twenty-five (~66%) were evergreens, 12 (~31%) were deciduous or semi-deciduous, and one was permanently leafless (~3%).

Several tree and tall shrub species were common to most vine thickets. The trees were: Marool or Blackberry Tree *Terminalia petiolaris* (57 patches); Currant or Coffee Fruit *Grewia breviflora* (56 patches); Goonj *Celtis philippensis* (55 patches); Ebony Wood *Diospyros humilis* (50); Mangarr *Sersalisia sericea* (48 patches); Mamajen *Mimusops elengi* (47 patches); Mistletoe Tree *Exocarpos latifolius* (46 patches); Bauhinia or Jigal Tree *Bauhinia cunninghamii* (43 patches); and Helicopter Tree *Gyrocarpus americanus* subsp. *pachyphyllus* (43 patches). Common tall shrubs included: Snowball Bush *Flueggea virosa* subsp. *melanthesoides* (49 patches), along with *Croton habrophyllus* (44 patches) and Broad-winged Hop Bush *Dodonea platyptera* (44 patches). The most common climbers were Crabs Eye Bean *Abrus precatorius* (52 patches), Bush Caper *Capparis lasiantha* (44 patches), *Caesalpinia major* (37 patches), and Oyster-catcher Bill *Tylophora cinerascens* (35 patches).

While most vine thicket patches were dominated by a mix of several different tree species that varied in height, a few were dominated by a single tree species at a uniform height, and had little to no understorey of shrubs. Any ground layer was sparse in healthy patches. Twenty-three percent of the native perennial plant species within vine thicket patches comprised vines. These were most visible from within the canopy rather than conspicuously draping exposed canopy surfaces.

The most commonly dominant or codominant trees were the evergreens Ebony Wood *Diospyros humilis*, Mamajen *Mimusops elengi*, Goonj *Celtis philippensis*, and to a lesser extent Mangarr *Sersalisia sericea*, along with the semi-deciduous Marool or Blackberry Tree *Terminalia petiolaris* (usually an emergent) and the deciduous Currant or Coffee Fruit *Grewia breviflora* (a small tree). The height of tree species and their heights relative to one another also varied from patch to patch.

We estimated canopy heights (i.e. exclusive of emergents) commonly at around 8m but ranging from 3 m in a few patches on exposed beach and headland locations, up to at least 9m in the lee of very high dunes. Structurally, the patches of vine thickets most closely fell into the category of Deciduous Microphyll Vine Thicket (tropical monsoon forests) according to Webb's (1959) Physiognomic Classification of Australian Rainforests, from which they were originally named. However, the vine

thickets of Dampier Peninsula do not contain bottle trees or other swollen stems, and emergent trees are mostly semi-deciduous or evergreen. None of the patches fitted Webb's definition of vine forest (average canopy level 21-42 m tall). However, if the nomenclature of Walker and Hopkins (1984) for *non-rainforest* vegetation is applied to the vine thickets of Dampier Peninsula, the better developed patches could be referred to as mid-high (6 to 12 m) and low (3 to 6 m) closed forests.

Two new occurrences of the rare species *Pittosporum moluccanum* (Conservation Status Priority 4) were found, and some range extensions for other locally and regionally significant flora were identified.

Only a weak correlation between species richness and patch size was established.

Dendrogram classification of vine thickets by perennial plant species, and of perennial plant species by co-occurrence in the same thicket patches, showed some spatial associations and trends. Based on similarity of perennial plant species assemblages, vine thickets were subdivided into four main patch groups (referred to as B, C, D and E). Vine thicket patch groups largely corresponded with the clustered patch distributions, albeit with some outliers.

Group C is the largest patch group. This group occurs at the far northern end of Dampier Peninsula above the 750 mm per annum rainfall zone, and includes the most species-rich patches. Patches in this group extend across coastal dune systems onto red pindan soil plains in the lee of dunes. Most were characterised by several co-dominant evergreen tree species, often at a range of heights relative to each other within the patch. Group E patches are interspersed among Group C patches in the north and most occur entirely within extensive coastal dune systems that are either very broad or very high (one patch occurs on a headland). Group E patches tended to be dominated by a single tall evergreen tree species. Group D patches occur on the mid-west coast between Cape Baskerville and Baldwin Creek. Group D patches have the narrowest range of species, comprising mainly core rainforest plants. Group B patches occur at and towards the southern end of the distribution of vine thickets on each of the west and east coasts of the Peninsula. In comparison with the other patch groups, Group B patches are situated on low dunes and other relatively exposed locations, are depauperate in evergreen trees, and have a more open shrubby structure.

Evidence of threats to the vine thickets was widespread. Threats included weed invasion, fire, vegetation clearing, vehicular access and camping, feral and domestic animal damage, and altered drainage due to roads and other infrastructure. Forest product harvesting was a potential threat. Weeds occurred in 36 of 62 (58%) surveyed patches. The *Very High Priority* weed Siratro *Macroptilium atropurpureum* occurred in four patches. Six *High Priority* weeds occurred in five patches, three *Medium Priority* weeds in 19 patches and eight *Low Priority* weeds in 28 patches. The rapid rate of establishment of weeds in Patch 01 in Minyirr Coastal Park (Gubinge Road) in Broome highlights the urgent need for control of new weed outbreaks elsewhere. Fire damage was recorded in 20 of 62 (32%) patches and at two unsurveyed patches that were visited. Fire damage at nine of these patches was recent (within approximately one year) and severe. Although the extent of vegetation clearing in vine thickets at the time of survey was estimated at around only 5%, clearing was a relatively new threat

and was escalating with increasing rates of development. Damage to vine thickets from vehicular access was also increasing.

The severity of threats was generally related to proximity to settlements (particularly townships) and intensity of land use. However, fire was a widespread problem. At the time of survey the only obvious formal, coordinated and direct management of vine thicket patches was applied to Patch Group B patches in the southern part of Dampier Peninsula. An exception was that a few small landholders further north had individually made an effort to exclude fire from their holdings, although with varying success.

Vine thicket patches function as an ecological network. Therefore, it is essential that all patches be protected and managed for conservation and, because of the need to maintain connectivity, critical clusters of vine thicket patches must be conserved. Priorities outlined for the protection and conservation management of individual vine thicket patches included: six unusually large patches, structurally anomalous patches, patches containing regionally and locally significant flora occurring either within the canopy limits or at their edge, patches with high species-richness, and patches representative of each of the four patch-group clusters defined by floristic analyses. Detailed recommendations for conservation management of vine thickets were made.

Through mapping and describing the full distribution and extent of the vine thickets of Dampier Peninsula, demonstrating patterns of floristic composition among them, and describing the threatening processes to which they are subject, this study provides a necessary basis for the ongoing assessment of their conservation status, for planning and prioritising conservation management, for strategic planning, and for future monitoring.

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#### **1 INTRODUCTION**

#### 1.1 Background

The term 'rainforest' refers to a range of closed-canopy vegetation types: from large tracts of tall complex jungles of the ever-wet tropics, to the seasonally dry monsoon forests that occur as small patches scattered across northern Australia (Webb 1959, Webb and Tracey 1981, McKenzie 1991, Russell-Smith 1991, Russell-Smith and Bowman 1992, Bowman 2000). In Australia, rainforests are limited in extent and fragmented. The Kimberley Region occupies the northern end of Western Australia, spanning 421 000 square kilometres. The total area of all rainforest patches in the Kimberley has been estimated at around 7000 ha, yet the Kimberley rainforests contain approximately one quarter of the region's plant species (Kimber *et al.* 1991, Bureau of Meteorology 1996, Kenneally *et al.* 1996, Bowman 2000). Their dense canopy creates a protective shady and humid microclimate compared to the more open vegetation around them, and these rare ecosystems act as refuges for many plants and animals.

The coastal town of Broome lies just above 18.00° South latitude, close to the southern boundary of the Kimberley with the Great Sandy Desert to the south-east. Dampier Peninsula extends from Broome north of the Great Northern Highway (between Broome and Willare on the Fitzroy River) and is bounded to the west by the Indian Ocean and to the east by King Sound. It spans around 14000 square kilometres (Kenneally et al. 1996). The discrete pockets of low 'vine thicket' vegetation found on and adjacent to the landward slopes of coastal sand dunes near Broome and throughout Dampier Peninsula, represent the southern-most occurrences of rainforest in Western Australia. Many of the plant species and some animals that the Peninsula's thickets contain are at the southern limit of their range, and are more commonly found in taller rainforest vegetation in more northerly parts of Australia and even Asia (McKenzie and Kenneally 1983, Kenneally et al. 1996, Western Australian Herbarium 2006, DEC 2007). However, these vine thickets have been shown to be distinct from rainforest types found elsewhere in the Kimberley, and are effectively confined to Dampier Peninsula, as are the coastal dune formations that support them (Johnstone and Burbidge 1991, Kenneally et al. 1991, McKenzie et al. 1991, Solem and McKenzie 1991).

Dampier Peninsula's vine thickets are generally dominated by one or more evergreen tree species and tall semi-deciduous shrubs, often hung with native vines but with little or no ground storey. Many of the vine thicket trees and shrubs produce an abundance of edible fruits. For example, Ebony Wood *Diospyros humilis*, Mamajen *Mimusops elengi*, Yellow Ball Flower *Mallotus nesophillus*, Mangarr *Sersalisia sericea*, Mistletoe Tree *Exocarpos latifolius*, Marool or Blackberry Tree *Terminalia petiolaris*, Snowball Bush *Flueggea virosa* subsp. *melanthesoides*, and the rarer Banyan or strangler Fig *Ficus virens* (Kenneally *et al.* 1996). These fruits are important food resources for flying foxes and birds such as the Rose-crowned Fruit-dove *Ptilinopus regina* and Great Bowerbird *Ptilonorhynchus nuchalis*, which in turn perform a vital role in distributing seeds to maintain vine thicket communities (Price *et al.* 1999, Price 2004). On the Peninsula, the Rose-crowned Fruit-dove is confined to the vine thickets, and though at the southern limit of its range in Western Australia, is more common there than elsewhere in the Kimberley (Johnstone 1983). Other birds

that feed on vine thicket fruits are the Bar-shouldered Dove *Geopelia humeralis*, Redwinged Parrot *Aprosmictus erythropterus*, and Black-faced Cuckoo-Shrike *Coracina novaehollandiae*.

Aboriginal heritage and culture on the Peninsula has a close connection with the vine thickets because of the focussed supply of seasonal fruits and berries, yams, carving timber and other valued resources. Certain vine thicket patches still contain culturally sensitive law-grounds with restricted access protocols.

It has been estimated that up to 75% of Australia's rainforest has been destroyed since European colonisation, mainly for agriculture (Webb and Tracey 1981). Although much of the rainforest habitat across northern Australia appears to have remained intact due to its remoteness and the fact that pastoralism is a relatively low intensity agricultural regime, this vegetation is highly vulnerable to disturbance because it occurs in small patches and very narrow linear strands with large edge-to-area ratios (Russell-Smith and Dunlop 1987, Russell-Smith and Bowman 1992). Research in the Northern Territory has shown that through the movement of frugivorous (fruit-eating) birds and bats upon which rainforest plants depend for seed dispersal, rainforests function as a network of patches. In turn, the birds and bats rely on the scale of this large network to meet their food resource requirements. Therefore, the loss of any single rainforest patch can affect all of the other patches in the network (Price *et al.* 1999, Price 2004).

Radical changes have occurred in the ecology and fire regimes of Dampier Peninsula (and throughout the northern Australian rangelands) since the arrival of Europeans, the introduction of cattle grazing, and the decline in traditional Aboriginal land management, particularly burning practices (McKenzie and Kenneally 1983). During fieldwork conducted across the Peninsula in 1977 and 1978, McKenzie and Kenneally (1983) noted that there was hardly a hectare that did not include at least one cattle pad and that huge areas were at early stages of regeneration after fire. Many medium-sized and small native mammals, such as the Boodie or Burrowing Bettong *Bettongia lesueur* and Golden Bandicoot *Isoodon auratus* had vanished from the area and Emus *Dromaius novaehollandiae* were shot out (McKenzie and Kenneally 1983, Kenneally *et al.* 1996). The implications of such losses are not fully understood, but are likely to be significant for plant abundance and seed dispersal (Kenneally *et al.* 1996).

Traditional Aboriginal burning practices throughout northern Australia involved the lighting of many small fires at the appropriate season and in restricted areas, resulting in patchwork mosaics of vegetative growth which maximised diversity in the ecosystem and prevented the repeated spread of late dry-season lightning-induced wildfires over vast areas (Russell-Smith and Bowman 1992, Kenneally *et al.* 1996). The latter is now commonplace on Dampier Peninsula. The Bardi Jawi Aboriginal people (and possibly others) are known to have taken care to keep fire away from the Peninsula's vine thickets, because of the valuable food resources they contain. In surveying 1220 rainforest sites in the Northern Territory, Russell-Smith and Bowman (1992) found that one third of all patches had boundaries severely degraded by fire, and concluded that this was the result of modern fire regimes, following the near-complete breakdown of traditional Aboriginal fire management. During the 'Kimberley Rainforest' survey conducted between 1987 and 1989, McKenzie *et al.* (1991) surveyed four vine thicket patches between Broome and Dampier Peninsula

and reported fire impacts as 'severe (eg. tree death) on stand edge' at one of the four patches, and as 'severe throughout stand' at the other three.

While repeated intense late dry-season wildfires in adjacent vegetation may cause vine thicket patches to contract in size over time, records show that the most severe impacts arise following disturbance (such as by introduced livestock, vehicles or artificial stormwater flows) that opens up the normally closed tree and shrub canopy, allowing grasses and weeds to invade. In turn these invaders create fuel for future fires that would not otherwise penetrate the cool micro-climate within (Russell-Smith and Dunlop 1987, McKenzie 1991, Russell-Smith and Bowman 1992, Bowman 2000). Under sustained pressure from disturbance impacts and/or burning, rainforest patches are not only degraded but may be eliminated (Russell-Smith and Bowman 1992).

Weeds have the capacity to substantially change fuel characteristics across rainforest boundaries and drastically increase flammability; they also directly threaten the biological integrity of rainforests by competing with the local native species (Bowman 2000). Despite some recent attempts at management, the Minyirr Coastal Park thicket in Broome has been severely degraded by weed infestation following the impacts of long-term physical disturbance, fire, and concentrated storm-water flooding redirected from nearby formed and sealed roads.

Cattle stations were first established on Dampier Peninsula around 1890 (Kenneally *et al.* 1996, DOLA 2000) and historically the entire area has been utilised for free-range cattle grazing, irrespective of tenure. The impacts of cattle on the four vine thicket patches surveyed between 1987 and 1989 were recorded as 'evident' in the patch within the Broome town site, and 'widespread and severe' at the three more remotely located patches on the Peninsula (McKenzie *et al.* 1991). However, most of Dampier Peninsula now comprises Aboriginal reserves vested for the 'use and benefit of Aborigines' along with Unallocated Crown Land, pastoral operations have been terminated and land destocked. Now though, tourists and local people frequently play a similar role to livestock in disturbing vine thicket vegetation through driving vehicles in and setting up temporary camps.

The 2006 resident population of Broome was 14 254. Broome is an internationally recognised tourist destination. The four-year average number of annual visitors to Broome (2000-2003) was 234 950 (Broome Visitor's Centre 2006). In 2000, it was estimated that on present growth rates, Broome's population was likely to double within 17 to 18 years. In addition, tourism growth was forecast as likely to outstrip resident population growth. These estimates did not include the added effects of Landcorp's new land release in Broome and of the recently proposed LNG gas processing hub development. This implies steadily increasing local and tourist generated demand for access and use of the Peninsula's coastal area for recreational pursuits and infrastructure development. A recent project to seal the 196 km Broome-to-Cape Leveque Road (and upgrade ancillary roads) will further accelerate vehicle traffic, economic development and tourism pressures.

The town of Broome and the settlements of One Arm Point and Lombadina-Djarindjin on Dampier Peninsula are all located adjacent to large vine thickets. With ongoing urban development in these areas as well as more recently commenced establishment of outstation settlements and ecotourism ventures throughout the Peninsula's coast, clearing poses a relatively new threat to the vine thickets.

Mineral and petroleum activities account for 49% of the Kimberley Region's industry sector (based on the average value of production/turnover 1997/08 – 1999/00) (Broome Visitor's Centre 2006). An example of developments that would threaten vine thickets is the recent proposal by Woodside Energy Limited to exploit the Browse Basin gas fields and build an LNG processing hub on Dampier Peninsula. At the time of writing, the State Government had announced James Price Point as its preferred site. Important vine thickets occur in this area. If it were to proceed, the operation could encompass up to 3000 ha and involve large areas of vegetation clearing, as well as the employment of thousands of workers in the year-long construction phase (Coates 2009, Environs Kimberley 2009, Pritchard 2009).

Climate change has in recent years been formally recognised as a threat to biodiversity. Rates of climate change are very likely to exceed rates of evolutionary adaptation in many species, causing widespread changes in ecology and species composition of ecosystems (Hughes 2000, Hughes and Westoby 1994, Hennessy *et al.* 2007). The vulnerability of ecosystems is also likely to rise due to an increased incidence of extreme events such as fires, floods, droughts and tropical storms. The coastal location of the vine thickets may leave them particularly susceptible to rising sea-level, stronger tropical cyclones and increased intensity of oceanic storm surges (CSIRO 2001, Hennessy *et al.* 2004). Rare ecosystems such as the vine thickets, if they survive climate change, will be particularly important as refuges that provide possible sources of species for ecosystems under future climates (Hughes and Westoby 1994, Soule *et al.* 2004).

In 2000, based on our preliminary studies and the results of the Kimberley Rainforests survey conducted between 1986 and 1987 (McKenzie *et al.* 1991), these vine thickets were listed as a threatened ecological community by the Western Australian Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC; formerly CALM) under the name of 'Monsoon (vine) thickets on coastal sand dunes of Dampier Peninsula'. The category of threat assigned was Vulnerable<sup>1</sup>, with the proviso that this level of threat be reviewed within 5 years.

The need to develop a strategy for the management of the vine thickets of Dampier Peninsula and to monitor their conservation status is clear and urgent. Given that only four patches had been formally surveyed and documented prior to the commencement of this project, the basic information required to more closely assess the conservation status and determine management requirements of the Peninsula's vine thickets was not available.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Vulnerable (VU): An ecological community that has been adequately surveyed and is found to be declining and/or has declined in distribution and/or condition and whose ultimate security has not yet been assured and/or a community that is still widespread but is believed likely to move into a category of higher threat in the near future if threatening processes continue or begin operating throughout its range.

# 1.2 Aims and objective

The objective of this project was to provide a basis for conservation planning, management and monitoring, and recommend an appropriate management program for the vine thickets on coastal sand dunes of Dampier Peninsula.

Specifically, the aims of this project were:

- To identify and locate individual occurrences of vine thicket patches and determine their approximate boundaries and size, and to describe the overall distribution and extent of the vine thickets of Dampier Peninsula.
- To record the perennial flora present in each patch, and describe patterns of species composition across the vine thickets of Dampier Peninsula.
- To record the condition of the vine thickets of Dampier Peninsula and the threatening processes impacting on them, and assess their current conservation status.

Concurrent with this was the need to speak to as many local land users and stakeholders as possible in order to exchange information on the vine thickets and this project. As well gleaning information from knowledgeable local people, we also hoped to begin raising the general local level of awareness of the significance and value of the vine thickets to Dampier Peninsula, and their current conservation status and management issues.

# 2 METHODS

# 2.1 The study area /regional environment

#### 2.1.1 Climate and seasons

The Kimberley Region has a tropical monsoonal climate with two dominant seasons 'the wet' and 'the dry' separated by short transitional periods. On Dampier Peninsula, the wet season usually occurs from about December to March, during which time almost all the annual rainfall is received, resulting in an effective growing period of three to four months. While thunderstorms occur, much of the heavy rainfall is derived from tropical cyclones and low pressure systems in the area (Kenneally *et al.* 1996). The average annual rainfall at Broome is 555 mm, at Beagle Bay is 736 mm, and at Cape Leveque is 757 mm. Mean annual number of rain days are 48 at Broome and Beagle Bay, and 44 at Cape Leveque. The average rate of evaporation at Broome is estimated at 2847 mm per year (Bureau of Meteorology 1996). Occasional fogs occur in the dry season, especially at Broome (Kenneally *et al.* 1996).

The average maximum temperature for January is 33°C. While the wet season is characterised by hot humid weather with winds mainly from the northwest (typically at 10 - 20 kilometres per hour), the dry season is typified by dry sunny days and cooler nights with south-easterly trade winds (of 10 - 30 kilometres per hour) flowing from central Australia. The mean maximum temperature in July is 29°C and the mean minimum 14°C. Gale-force winds other than those associated with cyclones do not often occur but are most commonly associated with thunderstorms. From 1909 to

1993, a total of 24 cyclones crossed the coast within 150 km of Broome, of these eight crossed within 50 km. A further 16 cyclones that did not cross the coast passed within 150 km of Broome, three of which were within 50 km (Kenneally *et al.* 1996).

Based on the continuous stratigraphy/pollen record, the mean annual precipitation in Western Australia is thought to have approximated present levels for the last 6000 to 7000 years, with little variation since then (Wyrwoll *et al.* 1986).

The Bardi and Yawuru Aboriginal people recognise six seasons on the Peninsula, distinguished mainly by wind and rainfall direction and intensity, the ripening of fruits, and the appearance or disappearance of and condition of fish and other animals (Kenneally *et al.* 1996).

#### 2.1.2 Current and tides.

Seasonal changes in the regional wind system have a considerable effect on the oceanic currents off the north coast of Australia. The tides at Broome have a large range (11 meters) and regular cycles, with the largest tides occurring around the solar equinoxes in March and September. Tides are a major factor affecting the coastal environment, particularly as they increase the range of wave and current action. Unlike many tropical coastlines, Dampier Peninsula seems to receive relatively few tropical drift seeds and fruits that have been dispersed over long distances, although occasional instances have been recorded (Kenneally *et al.* 1996).

# 2.1.3 Geology

Dampier Peninsula, like much of the southwest Kimberley is typified by extensive reddish sandy plains; a mantle of mixed river-deposited and wind-blown sediments. These grade into yellowish-grey sandplains towards the northern end of the Peninsula (McKenzie and Kenneally 1983). While the Peninsula is underlain by the ancient Pre-Cambrian rocks of the Canning Basin, outcrops are scattered. Occasional outcrops of early Cretaceous sandstone occur in the Carnot Peak, Cygnet Bay and Mount Jowlaenga areas (with smaller outcrops south of Pender Bay). These include the Emeriau, Melligo and Broome Sandstones. The Emeriau Sandstone formation outcrops near Beagle Bay and forms King Peaks and Carnot Peak as well as other low hills in the area. It is described as fine to coarse poorly-sorted sandstone with minor conglomerate, it is cross-bedded and commonly ferruginous in outcrop, that is, low hills exhibit ironstone capping. Melligo Sandstone is a fine to medium well-sorted, thin-bedded to laminated sandstone. It is pebbly in places, contains heavy minerals and is partly silicified. Broome Sandstone is fine to coarse sandstone with some mudstone and minor conglomerate. It is ripple-marked, cross-bedded and bioturbated in part. Cainozoic rocks are restricted to relatively small exposures of calcretes in coastal situations on Waterbank Station, and laterites on uplands in the Mount Jowlaenga area (Gibson 1983a, Gibson 1983b, McKenzie and Kenneally 1983, Tyler and Griffin 1993).

The coastal dunes on Dampier Peninsula are described as coastal aeolian dunes comprising calcareous sand, partly oolitic. They include reworked calcareous and quartzose sandstone (Gibson 1983a, Gibson1983b). Beach (or storm) ridge deposits comprise quartzose sand, shelly in places. These may occur as minor deposits within

tidal flat and mangrove swamp deposits of silty clay and black organic clay (Tyler and Griffin 1993). Beard and Kenneally (1993) described storm ridges in the dry coastal ecosystems of northern Australia as built up by cyclones and (unlike cheniers) tending to occur at the landward margins of tidal flats.

# 2.1.4 Soils

Vine thickets mainly occur on the deep white or grey calcareous sands of the Holocene dunes (lacking in soil horizons) that occur along the coast. Samples analysed from the Kimberley Rainforest Survey showed that the soils in vine thicket sites on Holocene dunes were alkaline and extremely low in all nutrients measured (Stoneman *et al.* 1991). Most of these dunes are stabilised although a few are active and encroaching on the hinterland (Kenneally *et al.* 1996).

Many vine thicket patches extend from the dune slopes inland onto the red pindan soils of adjacent sandplains. This 'pindan' is the principal soil type of Dampier Peninsula, comprising red earthy sands with deep uniform profiles of coherent clayish sands. Of windblown origin this soil developed during the Quaternary period on desert dune sandstone. The term pindan is also applied to the Acacia-dominated vegetation associated with this soil type, which occupies over 70% of the Peninsula (Johnstone 1983, Kenneally *et al.* 1996). Pindan soils and vegetation form extensive undulating plains with little or no organised surface drainage and seasonal runoff forms sheet flow. Around Broome the pindan is often overlain by a layer of more recent unconsolidated sand which assists in water penetration, and plant establishment and growth (Kenneally *et al.* 1996).

# 2.1.5 Land units and vegetation

In 1964, Speck et al. first described the south-west Kimberley as a series of land systems (recurring patterns of topography, soils and vegetation), with Dampier Peninsula comprising of six of these: the Carpentaria, Yeeda, Wanganut, Reeves, Frazer and Lowangan Land Systems. Subsequently Beard (1979) mapped the Peninsula as within the Dampier Botanical District of the Northern Botanical Province, and more recently it was allocated to the Dampier Land IBRA Bioprovince and Pindanland subregion (Dampierland 2) (Graham 2003). The majority of the Peninsula is mapped as Beard Vegetation Association 750: Shrublands, pindan; Acacia tumida shrubland with grey box and cabbage gum medium woodland over ribbon grass and curly Spinifex. A smaller area of the northeast Peninsula is mapped as Beard Vegetation Association 771: Shrublands, pindan; Acacia tumida shrublands with ghost gum (Eucalyptus papuana) and Eucalyptus setosa medium woodland over curly Spinifex. McKenzie and Kenneally (1983) further described ten terrestrial communities based on physiography, substrate, vegetation formation and structurally dominant floristics. Kenneally et al. (1996) also described ten plant communities for Dampier Peninsula, along with one marine community. These are: pindan; the Fitzroy sandplains; rocky outcrops; creeks, wetlands and seepage areas; vine thickets; coastal dunes, beaches and limestone outcrops; saltwater paperbark thickets; samphire flats; saline grasslands; mangroves; and marine seagrass meadows.

The occurrence of vine thickets on Dampier Peninsula was first recorded scientifically around 1977 and published in 1983 (McKenzie and Kenneally 1983). Although the

Bardi Aboriginal people referred to thick scrub generally as 'boordan' (Aklif 1999), they had individual place names for areas, including thickets.

#### 2.2 Data collection and analysis

#### 2.2.1 Data collection

Prior to the outset of this project the full number, location and extent of vine thicket patches associated with dunes and other coastal landforms on Dampier Peninsula (hereafter these are referred to as vine thickets) was unknown. We undertook a mapping project and identified 72 vine thicket patches from colour aerial photographs at scales of 1:25000 (Cape Leveque to Pt Torment runs 10 - 17 and Coulomb Pt to Cape Leveque runs 1, 2, 4, 7, 8 and 9, 10/09/1986; and Broome Riddell Point to Coulomb Point 17/07/1989 run 2 frame 5089) and 1:20000 (Waterbank Station 2/07/1996 runs 1 to 3). The existence of 67 of these 72 patches was confirmed through field survey (we surveyed 62 patches, or 86% of those identified) and field visits (including the five unsurveyed Patches 62, 65, 67, 71, and 73). The existence of a  $68^{th}$  (Patch 69) was known from the Kimberley Rainforest Survey conducted between 1986 and 1987 (McKenzie *et al.* 1991). Four of the identified patches were not surveyed Patch 38 is a small remnant of the partially cleared much larger and unsurveyed Patch 71.

To estimate the size of each vine thicket patch, boundaries delineated on aerial photographs were drawn onto topographic maps of 1:50000 scale. Patch dimensions were then measured with a rule and the total area estimated using a grid. Fifty-seven of these patches were digitised for addition to the Western Australian Department of Environment and Conservation's 'Threatened Ecological Communities Database', enabling us to check our patch area estimates against the digital measures and refine them where necessary.

Surveys were conducted in the dry season over three consecutive years; survey dates were 17 to 23 July 2000 (7 days), 21 July to 8 August 2001 (14 days), and 5 August to 7 September 2002 (25 days within this period). Field time was limited to the number of days survey team members could be available, rather than being based on the amount of time estimated as required. The total number of field days was 46 giving an average of almost 1.5 days per survey site. This time included not just field survey of patches (up to a few hours depending on the size of the patch), but also the time it took to access sites, to locate and meet with traditional owners, to set up temporary camp sites, and from time to time to restock provisions. In addition, ground-truthing the existence of potential vine thicket patches identified from aerial photographs was conducted concurrent with survey work. A small number of dark vegetation patches showing on the aerial photographs proved to be Acacia monticola thickets or dense Lophostemon grandiflorus woodland on field inspection. Where four-wheel drive bush tracks existed in the vicinity of intended survey, sites were accessed by vehicle and then the survey conducted on foot. Where existing tracks did not go as far as vine thicket patches, we walked several kilometres from the vehicle to and from survey sites.

Surveys involved recording all vascular plants present within the main canopy limits of the patches while the three survey team members walked an arbitrarily chosen transect through the longest axis of the vine thicket patch. The Survey team divided into two groups walking parallel within audible distance of one another in order to cover a larger area. Records focussed on perennial evergreen and semi-deciduous trees, shrubs and vines, but the few herbs encountered were also recorded. Annual plants were distinguished by annotation with an (A) superscript, and weeds by an asterix. Species that only occurred at the interface between the patch and surrounding vegetation, or in glades within the patch, were recorded but distinguished by an (E) superscript. Landforms on which vine thickets occurred were recorded. Notes were taken on the condition of the vegetation and soil surface and observed impacts of threatening processes within patches. Due to insufficient time and funding, no attempt was made to sample soil or measure potential environmental correlates, especially given that field observation showed that many patches occurred contiguously over more than one land form and soil type.

Species nomenclature follows current usage at the Western Australian Herbarium. As the vast majority of species have been described by Kenneally *et al.* (1996) in the book Broome and Beyond, voucher specimens for plant names cited were not lodged at herbariums.

# 2.2.2 Data analysis

Vine thicket patches were classified according to similarities in species composition of identified native perennial taxa. The classification undertaken used the Czekanowski coefficient and 'unweighted pair-group mean average' fusion method (UPGMA; Sneath and Sokal 1973). In addition, species were classified into groups according to their occurrence at the same sites by using the TWOSTEP similarity algorithm (Belbin 1980) followed by UPGMA fusion.

Only identifiable native perennial plants recorded within the canopy limits were included in the floristic analyses. Excluded from the analysis were: annuals, weeds and edge taxa, rare plants (e.g. *Pittosporum moluccanum*), and highly seasonally deciduous perennials such as *Tacca leontopetaloides*. In the dry season the latter mostly only persist as geophytes, have low detectability, and lack sufficient identifying features if detected. Singletons were retained in analyses.

Two surveyed vine thicket patches associated with dune systems were not included in the floristic analyses because one included only three live taxa or species (Patch 64, 0.04 ha) and the other (Patch 72, 12 ha) was more than 80% cleared.

Note that preliminary floristic analyses clearly differentiated vine thicket patches on coastal landforms from the vegetation occurring on four samples of rock outcrops.

# 2.2.3 Limitations of methods

During the dry season some vine thicket plants, particularly vines, were cryptic because they were leafless or occur as geophytes. Survey late in the wet season is likely to have improved the plant inventory. However, sites are more easily accessed during the dry season and survey team members were not available during the wet seasons.

The sampling effort in time spent within each patch may have been uneven between patches. Very small patches had comparatively more comprehensive sampling than large patches. Under-sampling occurred in a small number of large patches due to either limits on field time or access permission. More time at each of these patches is likely to have improved the plant species inventory. Flora survey and boundary ground-truthing work was particularly brief for Patches 01, 02, 03, 04 and 05, and Patches 23 and 24.

Our measures of patch areas could be further refined through the use of spatially rectified digital aerial photographs at a scale finer than 1:20 000, and a greater investment in the ground-truthing of boundaries determined from aerial photographs.

Assessment of patch condition and impacts was subjective. Formal numerical scoring against allocated criteria would allow better comparison of the data with that of future surveys.

Tight constraints on funding and field work time limited the opportunity to make more detailed studies of the structure of each vine thicket patch.

#### **3 RESULTS**

#### 3.1 Distribution, extent and tenure of vine thickets

Vine thickets occurred in association with coastal landforms, particularly Holocene sand dune systems, where most occupied the leeward slopes and swales, and sometimes even the exposed crests. Many patches extended onto the red-soil plains on the inland side of dunes. Some also extended onto or, as for 13 patches, were entirely confined to one or a combination of the following landforms: beach fronts (five patches), sand-spit headlands (five patches), low cliffs above a mangrove-lined creek (two patches), storm ridges within intertidal flats (two patches), and a red-soil gully just inland of coastal cliffs (one patch).

The soils of the Holocene dunes were deep coastal dune sands, predominantly white in colour but sometimes ranged through to pink, with a superficial dark grey organic layer, and often contained marine shells. On adjacent plains red-brown sandy pindan soils occurred. Within the thickets, a layer of leaf litter was usually present on the soil surface, and was up to 6 cm in depth (Appendix 1: Photo 1).

Using aerial photography and 1:50000 topographic maps, we identified 72 vine thicket patches and estimated their total area at around 2300 ha. The existence of 67 of these patches was confirmed through site visits. Intact patches ranged in size from clumps of a few trees up to 190 ha (Appendix 2). However, the pre-clearing extent of Patch 71 at One Arm Point (now around 150 ha in size) is estimated to have been 200 ha. Mean (average) patch size was 32 ha, median (mid-range) patch size was 20 ha, and the mode (most commonly occurring) was 10 ha. Six patches were unusually

large with five over 100 ha in size (Patches 05, 20, 22, 47 and 71), and one at 90 ha (Patch 39) (Appendix 1: Photo 2).

The maps in Figure 1 show the distribution of all 72 vine thicket patches on Dampier Peninsula, each represented by a single point coordinate (not located in the middle of the patch). Coordinates and digitised patch boundary maps are held by the Species and Communities Branch of the Western Australian Department of Environment and Conservation in Perth (Appendix 3). Sixty of the vine thickets were included in the two floristic analyses, along with two patches of transitional vegetation referred to as Patch X and Patch Y. Figure 1 is colour coded to reflect the results of a floristic analysis in which vine thickets were classified according to similarities in their composition of perennial plant species. The twelve vine thicket patches not included in the floristic analyses are marked by a black circle.

The vine thickets occur as small discrete patches scattered from Broome north along the west coast to the tip of Dampier Peninsula at Swan Point, and to a much shorter distance south along the east coast to just north of Goodenough Bay. Many patches are linear in shape, as are the dunes. The patches are distributed in five obvious main clusters (Figure 1). These are: (a) two patches at Broome; (b) four patches between Cape Boileau and James Price Point (plus an anomalous cliff-top gully patch just north of the point); (c) nine patches between Cape Baskerville and Baldwin Creek; (d) four patches immediately north of Beagle Bay; and (e) 52 patches in the far north between Pender Bay on the west coast around the Peninsula to Goodenough Bay on the east coast.

As detailed in Section 3.5, patch groups arising from the floristic classification (based on similarities in perennial plant species composition) appeared to largely correspond with these clusters in distribution, albeit with some outliers.

The percentage of the total area of vine thickets on Dampier Peninsula that occurred within each land tenure category was:

- 43% (comprising 41 patches) on Aboriginal Reserves;
- 41% (22 patches) on Unallocated Crown Land (for which reserves were proposed in 1983);
- 8% (seven patches) on Lombadina Grazing Lease; and
- 5% (three patches) on freehold land (Table 1).

In addition, one unrepresentative patch (Patch 01) comprising approximately 3% of the total area of Dampier Peninsula's vine thickets occurs in a current conservation reserve. Patch 01, which is the southern-most and most degraded of all the patches, is located in Minyirr Coastal Park in the town of Broome. At the time of survey, management strategies for Minyirr Coastal Park were based on a Coastal Park Management Plan (Griffiths 1998) but park tenure awaited final resolution. However, this will be resolved in the agreement between the State Government, Shire of Broome and the Yawuru Aboriginal People, finalised in August 2010, under which Minyirr park will become a part of a larger Coastal Park to be co-managed by these parties. (Two patches of transitional vegetation with vine thicket species in the understorey occur in Coulomb Point Nature Reserve).



**Figure 1.** Point locations of vine thicket patches on coastal sand dunes of Dampier Peninsula, West Kimberley, surveyed 2000-2002. Points do not represent patch boundaries and are randomly taken from within each patch (not midpoints). Patches are grouped and colour-coded by similarity in perennial plant species composition.



Figure 1. (continued).

**Table 1.** Number of patches and area of vine thickets on coastal dunes of Dampier Peninsula, West Kimberley, on each type of land tenure. Surveyed 2000 – 2002.

Land Tenure on which vine thickets occur	Area (ha)	Area (%)	Number of Patches
Unallocated Crown Land (UCL): Proposed			
Borda Nature Reserve	380	16	6
UCL: Proposed Cygnet Bay Nature Reserve	194	8	9
UCL: Proposed Leveque Nature Reserve	40	2	1
UCL: Proposed Waterbank Reserve for			
Conservation and Aboriginal Heritage	298	13	5
Proposed Minyirr Coastal Park Stage 2	40	2	1
UCL Proposed Conservation Reserves			
Subtotal	952	41	22
Aboriginal Reserve 1834 (Beagle Bay)	73	3	5
Aboriginal Reserve 20927 (One Arm Pt.)	782	33	26
Aboriginal Reserve 22615 (Beagle Bay)	139	6	9
Aboriginal Reserves Subtotal	994	43	40
Lombadina Grazing Lease	187	8	6
Grazing Lease Subtotal	187	8	6
Freehold	120	5	3
Freehold Subtotal	120	5	3
Minyirr Coastal Park Stage 1	60	3	1
Conservation Reserves Subtotal	60	3	1
TOTAL	2313	100	72

# **3.2 Flora and vegetation**

# 3.2.1 Flora

A list of Dampier Peninsula's vine thicket flora is presented in Appendix 4 and Appendix 5 shows a separate species list for each of the surveyed vine thicket patches (except for Patch 72 as over 80% of it had been cleared). In total 169 vascular plant taxa (species, subspecies, varieties, and one hybrid; hereafter all referred to as 'species') were recorded in 126 genera and 53 families. The 151 native species represent around 23% of the total number of native vascular plant species known to occur on the Peninsula (649).

In their occurrence on Dampier Peninsula, 38 of the 151 (~25%) native vascular plant species we recorded in vine thickets, are known to be mostly or wholly confined to this habitat. Of these 38, two are only known from vine thicket margins (true ecotone or 'edge species'). Twenty-five (~66%) were evergreens, 12 (~31%) were deciduous or semi-deciduous, and one (Caustic Vine or Milk Bush *Sarcostemma* spp.) was leafless (~3%). We noted that one evergreen, *Glycosmis* sp. coped with the long dry season by retaining its leaves in a wilted state as described by Russell-Smith and Dunlop (1987).

The 96 native perennial species that occurred within vine thicket canopy limits were included in floristic analyses. These comprise 39 trees, 29 shrubs, 21 climbers, five hemiparasites (mistletoes), one perennial herb, and one epiphyte (Tree Orchid *Cymbidium canaliculatum*). The species not included in the analyses are: 47 widespread species that were only recorded at the margins of thickets or in large open glades within thickets; 18 weeds; one non-local native (possibly planted); six native annuals; one hybrid tree; one rare tree; and one climber that was only identified to genus level.

The most common families for perennial plants recorded within canopy limits were Fabaceae (21 species), Poaceae (14), Myrtaceae (11 species), Apocynaceae (seven species), Malvaceae (six species), Amaranthaceae (five species), and Loranthaceae (five species). The most common genera were *Acacia* (six species), *Corymbia* (four species), *Amyema* (three species), and *Capparis* (three species).

Individual species were not evenly distributed, occurring in from one to 57 of the 60 vine thicket patches included in the analysis. Seventeen species were singletons, that is, were only recorded once. However, several tree and tall shrub species were common to most vine thickets. The trees were: Marool or Blackberry Tree *Terminalia petiolaris* (57 patches); Currant or Coffee Fruit *Grewia breviflora* (56 patches); Goonj *Celtis philippensis* (55 patches); Ebony Wood *Diospyros humilis* (50); Mangarr *Sersalisia sericea* (48 patches); Mamajen *Mimusops elengi* (47 patches); Mistletoe Tree *Exocarpos latifolius* (46 patches); Bauhinia or Jigal Tree *Bauhinia cunninghamii* (43 patches); and Helicopter Tree *Gyrocarpus americanus* subsp. *pachyphyllus* (43 patches). Common tall shrubs included: Snowball Bush *Flueggea virosa* subsp. *melanthesoides* (49 patches), along with *Croton habrophyllus* (44 patches) and Broadwinged Hop Bush *Dodonea platyptera* (44 patches). The most common climbers were Crabs Eye Bean *Abrus precatorius* (52 patches), Bush Caper *Capparis lasiantha* (44 patches), Snake Vine *Tinaspora smilacina* (44 patches), *Jasminum didymum* 

(42 patches), *Caesalpinia major* (37 patches), and Oyster-catcher Bill *Tylophora cinerascens* (35 patches).

Flora confined to localised populations (i.e. a small number of patches) included: the climber *Secamone timoriensis* (one patch), the Kimberley endemic shrub *Helicteres rhynchocarpa* (two patches), the annual climber Potato Vine *Operculina aequisepala* (two patches), the small tree *Clerodendrum floribundum* var. *ovatum* (three patches), the climber *Capparis jacobsii* (four patches), the small tree *Pittosporum moluccanum* (two vine thicket patches plus one transitional patch of vegetation, and vegetation adjacent to a vine thicket), the shrub Musk-scented Plant *Hypoestes floribunda var. varia* (four patches), and the climber *Opilia amentacea* (four patches), the small tree Tuckeroo *Cupaniopsis anacardioides* (seven patches), the shrub *Luvunga monophylla* (eight patches), and the tree Wing-leaf Whitewood *Atalaya variifolia* (eight patches).

The occurrence of Musk-scented Plant *Hypoestes floribunda* var. *varia* on the Peninsula is disjunct, as it is mostly known from northern tropical areas.

We added two new records to the known distribution of the tree *Pittosporum moluccanum*, which in the Kimberley is rare and is listed by the Department of Environment and Conservation as a Priority 4 flora species<sup>2</sup>. It has only been found previously at two locations on Dampier Peninsula and on Maret and Berthier Islands, although it also occurs in the Northern Territory, Indonesia, Philippines, Malaysia and Taiwan. We located one to two adjacent trees in each of four locations: vine thicket Patches 05 and 14 (from where they were previously recorded); within a patch of transitional pindan vegetation comprising some vine thicket species in the understorey, and; in one patch of Garnboorr *Melaleuca dealbata* woodland with scattered vine thicket elements adjacent to vine thicket Patch 11.

Prior to this survey, the distribution of *Capparis* aff. *jacobsii* on Dampier Peninsula was thought to be restricted to sandstone outcrops at Carnot Peak and King Peaks. However, we recorded it in vine thicket Patches 06, 11, and 14. This climber occurs elsewhere in the Kimberley and in the Northern Territory.

Our record of the climber *Secamone timoriensis* in Patch 25 could be a first for Dampier Peninsula. However, "*Secamone elliptica*" is listed in the Kimberley Rainforests of Australia as among the flora recorded in two Peninsula vine thickets, Patches 21 (29/02) and 52 (29/01) (Kenneally *et al.* 1991). Otherwise *S. timoriensis* is known from Lachlan and Koolan islands off the west Kimberley coast and from the far northeast Kimberley coast.

We also recorded a significant southerly extension to the known range of the shrub *Trophis scandens*, previously recorded no further south in WA than the North Kimberley Bioregion. We found two plants on a rocky outcrop on a headland adjacent to vine thicket Patch 41.

The shrub *Helicteres rhynchocarpa* is a Kimberley endemic, common on Yampi Peninsula and further north. On Dampier Peninsula it is restricted to woodland or

 $<sup>^2</sup>$  Priority Four (P4) Rare taxa: taxa which are considered to have been adequately surveyed and which, whilst being rare (in Australia), are not currently threatened by any identifiable factors. These taxa require monitoring every 5–10 years (Atkins 2005).

open areas adjacent to vine thickets, and to a localised area of lateritic outcrops south of Pender Bay. We recorded it at the edge of Patches 39 and 41 only.

The vine or climber *Parsonsia kimberleyensis* is a Kimberley endemic and is only known from two collections, both at vine thicket patches on the Dampier Peninsula (near Bulgin/Hunters Creek). No occurrences were found during our survey using our standard survey methods.

Bush Currant *Vitex glabrata*, a small tree bearing edible fruit, occurs throughout the Kimberley. On Dampier Peninsula it is only known from vine thickets and only at three patches: Gallen Well, Skeleton Point and Hunter Creek. We did not find this species. However, at the time of survey it would have been leafless and hard to detect. One Traditional Owner expressed concern that they had not seen a Bush Currant tree since severe fires had occurred in the vine thicket patches known to them.

#### 3.2.2 Species richness

The number of native perennial plant species within each vine thicket patch ranged from four to 47 (Appendices 3 and 4). The mean number of species per patch was 29, the median was 28, and the mode was 30. A Spearman rank correlation of 0.46 (p < 0.05) demonstrated a loose relationship between the number of perennial plant species within each patch and patch size. The maximum of 47 species occurred in a 35 ha patch (Figure 2). The few patches that comprised less than 20 species were small, at 12 ha or less in size. However, some small patches comprised more than 20 species. For example, Patch 31 at 1 ha had 23 species, Patch 11 at 6 ha had 28 species, and Patch 52 at 10 ha had 37 species. By contrast, two large patches of 150 ha (Patch 20) and 130 ha (Patch 22) only comprised 22 and 26 species respectively.

#### 3.2.3 Vegetation structure and dominants

The relative abundance of commonly occurring species varied between patches. While most patches were dominated by a mix of several different tree species that varied in height, a few patches were dominated by a single tree species at a uniform height, and had little to no understorey of shrubs. Any ground layer was very sparse in healthy vine thicket patches. Twenty-three percent of the native perennial plant species recorded within vine thicket canopy limits comprised climbers or vines.

The most commonly dominant or codominant trees were the evergreens Ebony Wood *Diospyros humilis*, Mamajen *Mimusops elengi*, Goonj *Celtis philippensis*, and to a lesser extent Mangarr *Sersalisia sericea*, along with the semi-deciduous Marool or Blackberry Tree *Terminalia petiolaris* (usually an emergent) and the deciduous Currant or Coffee Fruit *Grewia breviflora* (small tree).

The height of tree species and their heights relative to one another varied from patch to patch. For example, Mamajen *Minusops elengi* and/or Ebony Wood *Diospyros humilis* could be codominant with Goonj *Celtis philippensis*, all at about 6 to 8 m in height (with emergent Marool or Blackberry Tree *Terminalia petiolaris*, and with or without an understorey of tall shrubs). In other patches Mamajen *Minusops elengi* was dominant at 6 to 8 m over Ebony Wood *Diospyros humilis* and Mangarr *Sersalisia sericea* at 4 to 5 m, and Goonj *Celtis philippensis* at 3 m.



**Figure 2.** The relationship between number of perennial plant species within each patch, and patch size, for vine thickets surveyed on Dampier Peninsula, West Kimberley, between 2000 and 2002. The Spearman rank correlation is 0.46 (p < 0.05).

We estimated canopy heights (i.e. exclusive of emergents) commonly at around 8m but ranging from 3 m in a few patches on exposed beach and headland locations, up to at least 9m in the lee of very high dunes. Structurally, the vine thickets most closely fell into the category of Deciduous Microphyll Vine Thicket (tropical monsoon forests) according to Webb's (1959) Physiognomic Classification of Australian Rainforests, from which they were originally named. Webb described Deciduous Vine Thicket as having an uneven and discontinuous canopy level averaging 4.5 to 9 m in height, with practically all emergents being deciduous, and many understorey species deciduous or semi-evergreen. Swollen stems (bottle trees and other species) were described as common. However, the vine thickets of Dampier Peninsula do not contain bottle trees or other swollen stems, and emergent trees are mostly semi-deciduous or evergreen.

None of the patches fitted Webb's definition of vine forest (average canopy level 21-42 m tall). However, if the nomenclature of Walker and Hopkins (1984) for *non-rainforest* vegetation is applied to the vine thickets of Dampier Peninsula, the best developed patches could be referred to as mid-high (6 to 12 m) and low (3 to 6 m) closed forests.

The prefix 'vine' describes forests in which vines, twining or scrambling plants drape the tallest stratum and form 'climber towers' on emergent trees. According to Walker and Hopkins (1984) at least 60% of the exposed canopy surface should be smothered in vines if this term is used. However, while climber towers were present in vine thicket patches on Dampier Peninsula, the canopy surface was not covered with vines to this extent and vines were more visible from within the canopy (Appendix 1: Photo 3). One exception was a patch on a beach ridge (sand dune island within a mudflat), in which there was no evidence of past fires.

# **3.3** Classification of vine thicket patches by perennial plant species (patch dendrogram)

Vine thicket patches were classified according to similarities in the species composition of perennial plants (Figure 3).

The software program automatically truncated the dendrogram at the eight-group level (Figure 3). However, for simplicity we truncated the dendrogram at the second division or four-group level as this represented to us the best developed most interpretable pattern. These four groups comprise: Patch Group B (from Patch 01 to Patch 61); Patch Group C (from Patch 11 to Patch 28); Patch Group D (from Patch 06 to Patch 49) and Patch Group E (from Patch 21 to Patch 45). Patch groups are described further in Section 3.5.

# **3.4** Classification of perennial plant species by co-occurrence in the same vine thicket patches (species dendrogram)

The perennial plant species were classified according to their co-occurrence in the same vine thicket patches. The software program automatically truncated the dendrogram at the ten-group level (Figure 4). We truncated the dendrogram first at the three-group level, that is, recognising three main species assemblages which was



**Figure 3.** Dendrogram of vine thicket patches classified according to similarities in their perennial plant species composition (surveyed on Dampier Peninsula, West Kimberley, between 2000 and 2002). We truncated the dendrogram at the four-group level: Groups B, C, D and E.



**Figure 4**. Dendrogram showing plant species classified according to their cooccurrence in the same vine thicket patches (surveyed on Dampier Peninsula, West Kimberley, between 2000 and 2002). We truncated the dendrogram at the three-group level: Groups 1, 2, and 3.

adequate for our purposes. The primary division was at the two-group level, separating Assemblage 3 from Assemblages 1 and 2. The second division separated Assemblage 1 from Assemblage 2. We then noted a further significant subdivision within Assemblage 1, recognising two groups 1(a) and 1(b). This subdivision also occurs at the ten-group level but we chose not to explore the detail of groupings within Assemblages 2 and 3.

Assemblage 1(a) is the largest plant assemblage comprising 54 species. In Figure 4 and the two-way table (Figure 5) these are from Crabs Eye Bean *Abrus precatorius* to *Breynia cernua*. This assemblage comprises the taxa that occur most often and characterise the vine thickets. It incudes the true rainforest and vine thicket species along with some more widespread tropical species that commonly also occur within thickets; either scattered through it, near the margins, or as glades within gaps in thickets.

Assemblages 2 and 3 mostly comprise plants that occur with much less frequency across vine thicket patches (almost half are singletons), and which are not abundant within any one patch, being more characteristic of adjacent vegetation types. Three exceptions within Assemblage 2 are *Opilia amentacea*, Tuckeroo *Cupaniopsis anacardioides*, and Yellow Ball Flower *Mallotus nesophillus*. However, the latter two species also occur within Assemblage 1(a).

# 3.5 The two-way table and patch groups

Patch groups and plant assemblages are combined in the two-way table in Figure 5. As described above, we chose to truncate patch groups at the four-group level and assemblages at the three-group level, although valid finer subdivisions are also shown. All four vine thicket Patch Groups B, C, D and E are characterised by vine thicket species from Assemblage 1(a).

Vine thicket patches are clustered in their spatial distribution across Dampier Peninsula, and patch groups derived from floristic classification (based on similarities in perennial plant species composition) appear to correspond with these clusters, with only nine outliers (Patches 08, 11, 19, 21, 49, 61, 57, 58 and 59). This is illustrated in the maps in Figure 1 in which patches are colour-coded by patch group to assist interpretation.

There is no apparent relationship between patch size and patch groupings. In Patch Group B, patches range from 3 ha to 190 ha, Patch Group C from 1 ha to 150 ha, Patch Group D from 3 ha to 150 ha, and Patch Group E from 0.3 ha to 130 ha. The mean number of species for Patch Group B is 30 (range 19-39), Patch Group C is 33 (range 23-47), Patch Group D is 20 (range 12-25), and Patch Group E is 20 (range 10-28).

Patch Group C, the largest and most species-rich group comprising 29 vine thicket patches, is confined to the far northern end of Dampier Peninsula (above the 750 mm rainfall isohyet) with only one exception (Patch 11). Most Group C patches occurred across two distinct landforms; on sand dunes and swales with white sand, as well as extending onto adjacent plains inland of the dunes which consist of red pindan soil (Appendix 1: Photo 4). Most Group C patches were characterised by several



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**Figure 5.** Sorted two-way table of vine thicket patches on coastal sand dunes of Dampier Peninsula, West Kimberley, showing patch groups and species occurrence by assemblage. Surveyed 2000-2002. Data is ordered according to the classification analyses. The four main patch groups are colour coded to match Figure 1.
co-dominant evergreen tree species, often at a range of heights relative to each other within the patch. Patch 11 belongs to Patch Group C but is an outlier of the group's northern cluster. It too extends across a dune onto the adjacent red pindan soil plain. As this survey treated each patch as a whole, it did not allow for analysis of intrapatch heterogeneity observed in the field.

The seven Patch Group E patches are all interspersed among the Patch Group C patches in the far north. With one exception on a headland, all of the Patch Group E patches occur entirely within extensive dune systems, either in the lee of particularly tall dunes (e.g. the dunes at Patch 24 reach 29 m) or surrounded by particularly broad tracts of unvegetated sand (such as Patches 33, 34 and 45). These locations are likely to provide shelter from oceanic winds and/or fire. Group E patches tended to be dominated by a single tall evergreen tree species (Mamajen *Mimusops elengi* or Ebony Wood *Diospyros humilis*) with little understorey (Appendix 1: Photo 5).

Patch Group D patches mostly occur in a cluster between Cape Baskerville and Baldwin Creek on the Peninsula's mid-west coast, although two patches (Patches 20 and 21) also occur to the north-west near Cape Borda, and one (Patch 49) in the northeast near Cygnet Bay. Patch Group D has the narrowest range of species. These are mostly core rainforest species in the first half of Assemblage 1(a) from Crabs Eye Bean *Abrus precatorius* through to Chaff Flower *Achyranthes aspera* (Figure 4, Figure 5).

Patch Group B, comprising 16 patches, occurs at or towards the southern end of the distribution of vine thickets on both the west and east coasts. Patch Group B patches are all situated in relatively exposed locations on or in association with very low sand dunes, often above cliffs, or on beaches, headlands (including sand-spits) and storm ridges. This leaves these patches relatively less sheltered from oceanic winds and from fires approaching on the inland side. Patch 60 is an anomaly as this vine thicket occurs on red pindan soil in a gully above coastal cliffs, rather than in association with coastal sand dune and beach formations.

In general Patch Group B thickets are depauperate in evergreen trees and have a more open shrubby structure than the northern thickets in Patch Groups C and E in which evergreen trees are dominant (Appendix 1: Photo 6, Photo 7). The evergreens Ebony Wood *Diospyros humilis*, Mamajen *Mimusops elengi* and Goonj *Celtis philippensis* are at their southern-most limit around Cape Boileau and do not occur in the two vine thicket patches in Broome (Patches 01 and 02). While these trees were present (and in some cases abundant) in some of the Patch Group B patches, most were dominated more by the deciduous Helicopter Tree *Gyrocarpus americanus* subsp. *pachyphyllus* and Currant or Coffee Fruit *Grewia breviflora*, along with Marool or Blackberry Tree *Terminalia petiolaris*. Notable exceptions were the well structured Patches 05, 15 and 18, at which Goonj *Celtis philippensis* was dominant. This rainforest species is characteristic of and largely restricted to vine thickets.

While Patch Group B appears to be relatively species-rich, the additional species common to these patches are characteristic of adjacent vegetation types rather than vine thickets, and occur in open glades within the canopy. For example, Assemblage 3 is restricted to Patch Group B (Figure 5).

Patch 08 is classified as Patch Group B but lies among a cluster of Patch Group D patches. In common with some of the Patch Group B patches and unlike most of the Patch Group D, Patch 08 occurs above a cliff top in the lee of very low dunes (in this case oriented east-west on their long axis). This vine thicket was structurally very open and many of the plant species recorded in it occurred only once within the patch. Patch 61, also classified as Group B, lies amongst a cluster of Patch Group C patches. It is a particularly small patch at 0.02 ha and structurally depauperate, and like some other Patch Group B patches, occurs on a sand-spit headland.

### **3.6 Impacts of threatening processes**

The severity of threats was generally related to proximity to settlements (particularly townships) and intensity of land use. However, fire was a widespread problem. Major threats are outlined below. A summary of the impacts of threatening processes on vine thickets recorded during this survey is presented in Table 2.

## 3.6.1 Weeds and horticultural planting

Eighteen species of environmental weeds were recorded. These occurred in 36 of the 62 surveyed vine thicket patches (58%) (Table 3). These weeds were prioritised according to the severity of their potential impact on vine thickets. The very high priority weed Siratro *Macroptilium atropurpureum* is a fast growing climber capable of overwhelming tree and shrub canopies. Siratro was recorded in four vine thickets (Patches 01, 05, 39, and 40), as well as in the town of Broome and the settlements of One Arm Point and Lombadina-Djarindjin, all of which are located adjacent to vine thickets (vine thickets at One Arm Point and Lombadina-Djarindjin were not surveyed). Six high priority weeds were recorded in five vine thickets (Patches 01, 04, 05, 38, 40), three medium priority weeds were recorded in 19 vine thicket patches, and eight low priority weeds were recorded in 26 vine thicket patches.

Most weed infestation occurred at the edges and in disturbed parts of vine thickets. While the vine thickets of Dampier Peninsula still retained large areas that were free of weeds (at least 90% of any one patch), the exception was Patch 01 in Minyirr Coastal Park Broome, where the greatest diversity of weed species and most severe and widespread weed infestation had occurred. Because of its urban location, this was also the most disturbed and degraded patch. Siratro infestation was also recorded in Patch 05 at the site of soil disturbance caused by concentrated runoff from the Manari Road at 409598 E, 8064790 N, map zone 51 (Appendix 1: Photo 8). At Patch 39, Siratro was present at the edge of a patch where it had been cleared and the ground sown with Birdwood Grass *Cenchrus setiger*.

Hairy Morning Glory *Merremia dissecta* and Darwin Pea *Clitoria ternatea* are also vigorous climbers capable of overwhelming tree and shrub canopies at the edge of or in disturbed parts of vine thickets. The annual shrub or woody herb Horehound *Hyptis suaveolens* is a declared noxious weed that forms dense thickets in disturbed areas. Yellow Poinciana Tree *Peltophorum pterocarpum* is a garden 'escapee' which at the time of survey was currently restricted to Patch 01 in Broome. It also occurs throughout the Northern Territory and Queensland as a native component of coastal monsoon vine forest and thickets, and occasionally among mangrove vegetation.

**Table 2.** Impacts of threatening processes recorded for each vine thicket patch on coastal sand dunes of Dampier Peninsula, West Kimberley, surveyed 2000 - 2002. Record of impacts are marked with an X or other descriptor. Weeds are prioritised by degree of threat: Very High (VH), High (H), Medium (M), Low (L). For fire (S) denotes severe impacts.

Patch	Current Tenure	Weeds by priority	Fire	Clearing	Hydrological Changes	Tourism	Cattle	Domestic Pigs	Other
01	Minyirr Park	VH,H,M,L	Х		Х				Pedestrians
02	Proposed park	М							
03	Proposed Reserve (PR) on Unallocated Crown Land (UCL)	M, L	X (S)	Track		X			
04	UCL (PR)	H, M, L		Track		Х			
05	UCL (PR)	VH,H,M,L	Х	Track	Х	Х			Litter
06	Aboriginal Reserve (AR) 22615								
07	AR22615								
08	AR22615		Х						
10	AR22615	М							
11	AR22615								
12	AR22615								
13	AR22615								
14	AR22615								
15	AR1834	L							
16	AR1834	M, L	Х						
17	AR1834	L							
18	AR1834	M, L		Track, campsite			Feral		
19	UCL (PR)	L					Feral		
20	UCL (PR)						Feral		
21	UCL (PR)	L					Feral		
22	UCL (PR)						Feral		
23	UCL (PR)	М	X (S)	Track			Feral		
24	Grazing Lease (GL)		Х				Feral		
25	GL	M, L					Feral		
26	GL		X (S)				Feral		
27	GL	L							
28	AR20927	L	X	Track, building					Mobile dune encroachment
29	AR20927	L						Х	Nearby dump

Patch	Tenure	Weeds	Fire	Clearing	Hydrological Changes	Tourism	Cattle	Pigs	Other
30	AR20927	М		Track					
31	AR20927	М	X (S)				Feral	Х	
32	AR20927								
33	AR20927								
34	AR20927								
35	AR20927			Track					
36	AR20927	L	X (S)				Feral		
37	AR20927						Feral		
38	AR20927	H, M, L	Х						Pedestrians
39	Freehold	VH, L		12%					
40	Freehold	VH, H							
41	Freehold	M, L		Building			Domestic		
42	AR20927	L	Х				Feral		
43	AR20927	L	X (S)				Feral		
44	AR20927	M, L	X (S)						Harvesting
45	AR20927								
46	AR20927	L	Х				Feral		
47	AR20927	М	X (S)				Feral		
48	AR20927	L					Feral		
49	AR20927								
50	AR20927	L		Track, campsite					Rubbish dumping
51	AR20927	М							
52	UCL (PR)						Feral		
53	UCL (PR)	M, L	X (S)	Building			Feral		Rubbish dumping
54	UCL (PR)								
55	UCL (PR)						Feral		
56	UCL (PR)		Х				Feral		
57	UCL (PR)	L							
58	UCL (PR)	L		Building					
59	UCL (PR)								
60	UCL (PR)	М				Х			Soil erosion
61	UCL (PR)						Х		
62 <sup>1</sup>	UCL (PR)			Track, campsite		Х			
64	UCL (PR)		1		1		Х		
71 <sup>1</sup>	AR20927			26%					
				cleared					
72 <sup>1</sup>	AR20927			83% cleared					

 Table 2. (continued).

<sup>1</sup> Patches visited on ground but not fully surveyed or explored due to constraints on time and/or permission to access. Impacts recorded are only those incidental ones that happened to be visible from the patch edge at the site of inspection.

**Table 3.** Weeds recorded in surveyed vine thicket patches and in adjacent towns on Dampier Peninsula, West Kimberley, between 2000 and 2002. Weeds are prioritised according to degree of threat to vine thickets.

Weed species	Priority	Recorded occurrence				
	Low	Patch 01, Patch 03, Patch 05, Patch 15, Patch 38, One Arm Point,				
Aerva javanica Kapok Bush (Shrub)		Lombadina-Djarindjin				
Azadirachta indica Neem Tree	High	Patch 01, Patch 50 (1 planted)				
Carica papaya Pawpaw (Tree)	Low	Patch 01				
Cenchrus biflorus Gallon's Curse (Grass)	Low	Patch 01, Patch 02, Patch 18				
	Medium	Patch 01, Patch 02, Patch 03, Patch 04, Patch 05, Patch 25, Patch 47, One				
Cenchrus ciliaris Buffel Grass		Arm Point				
Cenchrus setiger Birdwood Grass	Medium	Patch 01, Patch 02, Patch 03, Patch 04, Patch 05, Patch 10, Patch 16, Patch				
		23, Patch 30, Patch 31, Patch 38, Patch 41, Patch 44, Patch 51, Patch 53,				
		Patch 60, One Arm Point, Lombadina-Djarindjin				
Chloris virgata Feathertop Rhodes Grass	Low	Patch 01				
Clitoria ternatea Darwin Pea (Vine)	High	Patch 01, Patch 38, One Arm Point				
Hyptis suaveolens Horehound (Shrub)	High	Patch 01, Patch 40, One Arm Point, Lombadina-Djarindjin				
Leucaena leucocephala Coffee Bush (Tree)	High	Patch04, Patch 05				
	Very High	Patch 01, Patch 05, Patch 39, Patch 40, One Arm Point, Lombadina-				
Macroptilium atropurpureum Siratro (Vine)		Djarindjin				
Merremia dissecta Hairy Morning Glory (Vine)	High	Patch 01, Patch 04, One Arm Point, Lombadina-Djarindjin				
Passiflora foetida var. hispida	Low	Patch 01, Patch 03, Patch 04, Patch 05, Patch 15, Patch 16, Patch 17, Patch				
Wild Passionfruit (Vine)		18, Patch 19, Patch 21, Patch 28, Patch 29, Patch 36, Patch 38, Patch 41,				
		Patch 42, Patch 43, Patch 44, Patch 46, Patch 57, Patch 58, Patch X, One				
		Arm Point				
Peltophorum pterocarpum Yellow Poinciana (Tree)	High	Patch 01				
Senna surattensis subsp. sulfurea (Tree)	Low	Patch 48, Patch 50, One Arm Point				
	Low	Patch 04, Patch 25, Patch 27, Patch 38, Patch 39, Patch 41, Patch 42, Patch				
Stylosanthes hamata Caribbean Stylo (Herb)		53, One Arm Point				
Trianthema portulacastrum Giant Pigweed (Herb)	Low	Patch 53, Patch X				
Tridax procumbens Tridax Daisy (Herb)	Low	Patch 53, Lombadina-Djarindjin				

Two very localized occurrences of Coffee Bush *Leucaena leucocephala* were recorded in Patch 04 and Patch 05. The latter, at James Price Point, occurred at a site of minor earth works and soil disturbance by heavy machinery. Although restricted to a small area at the time of survey, this weed was rated a high priority for eradication, as it is an opportune time to prevent it from spreading to a wider area.

Buffel Grass *Cenchrus ciliaris* and Birdwood Grass *C. setiger* are very widespread environmental weeds and were recorded at the edges of numerous vine thickets. Though impossible to eradicate at the broader scale, we still rated these perennial tussock grasses as medium priority weeds where they occurred adjacent to vine thickets because they provide a dense fuel load for wildfires.

The declared noxious weed Rubber Vine *Cryptostegia madagascariensis* was recorded in the town of Lombadina-Djarindjin. It is common in the Queensland tropics where it is currently prevalent along watercourses or in wooded areas. It has also established along the south bank of the Kimberley's Fitzroy River near Willare. A fast growing weed, Rubber Vine is known to climb up to 15 metres high and to smother and pull down vegetation. The potential of Rubber Vine to establish in the vine thickets of Dampier Peninsula is as yet unknown and should be monitored.

The climbing shrub Common Lantana Lantana camara is a severe weed of vine thickets in Queensland. Although we did not record it in vine thickets on Dampier Peninsula, we did find a few plants in gardens in Beagle Bay and One Arm Point and near Beagle Bay in Broome Pindan Wattle Acacia eriopoda tall shrubland. Small numbers of Lantana plants have previously been recorded in Broome Pindan Wattle Acacia eriopoda tall shrubland and at the margin of permanently wet springs on the coastal plain near Beagle Bay, and in One Arm Point as far back as 1993 (Western Australian Herbarium 2006). Its potential ability to establish in vine thickets on the Peninsula is unknown and should be monitored.

Horticultural planting was recorded within Patches 41 and 50. Respectively these comprised garden plants such as Golden Cane Palm and ferns, and a Neem Tree *Azadirachta indica*. Neem Trees had also been planted in gardens not far from Patch 60, from where they would have the potential to spread unassisted by people. One Boab Tree *Adansonia gregorii* was recorded in Patch 04 and it is likely that it was planted by people. While indigenous to the Kimberley and known to occur naturally in the southeast corner of Dampier Peninsula, Boabs are not considered local to this part of the Peninsula (Kenneally *et al.* 1996).

## 3.6.2 Fire

Fire damage was recorded in 20 out of 62 (32%) surveyed vine thicket patches as well as at two patches that were visited but not surveyed. Nine of these patches were recorded as having recent severe fire damage well into the stand, including burnt-out trees (Appendix 1: Photo 9) and evidence of patch retreat or contraction (Patches 03, 23, 26, 31, 36, 43, 44, 47, 53).

An observation of interest to us was that the pindan vegetation occurring between Patches 21 and 22 at Cape Borda, contained scattered vine thicket species (including evergreen trees) through it, but all the larger trees and shrubs had been damaged by fire and were not thriving. Unlike Patches 21 and 22, this area of vegetation lacked protective sand dunes on its eastern side (Appendix 1: Photo 2). This vegetation pattern appears to be the same in aerial photographs dating back to 1949 (Pender SVY 762/E51/2 8 July 1949 25000 ft run 10 frame 5051).

## 3.6.3 Clearing and development

A current and serious potential threat to vine thickets is clearing for the expansion of urban developments, and the construction of buildings, tracks and campsites at more remote outstation settlements. Thus far, most clearing has been associated with urban expansion around Broome and One Arm Point, and the recent establishment of coastal outstation settlements and ecotourism ventures on small parcels of land (typically five-acre lots) leased from the Aboriginal Lands Trust (ALT). Although the amount of clearing at the time of survey was estimated at around 5% of the former total area of vine thickets (ie. Pre-European extent), clearing is a relatively new threat and was escalating with increasing rates of development.

Using aerial photographs it was estimated that at least 50 ha of the original 200 ha of Patch 71 had been cleared (25%) for urban or residential development at One Arm Point (Appendix 1: Photo 10). In Broome, there has also been some clearing of vegetation with vine thicket elements and possibly pockets of true vine thickets. However, more detailed survey and research are required to determine accurate estimates of the original and current extent of vine thickets within Broome, including the extent of ecotonal vegetation at thicket margins and areas of transitional vegetation containing vine thicket elements in the understorey.

As vine thicket vegetation provides dense shade in a hot climate, it is particularly sought after for camping. At Patch 72 around 10 ha out of an original 12 ha (83%) had been cleared for the construction of a campsite. Small clearings for the construction of buildings were recorded in at least four other patches (Patches 28, 41, 53, and 58), and at least twelve patches had vehicle tracks constructed through them (Patches 03, 04, 05, 18, 23, 25, 28, 30, 35, 50, 52 and 62). A further three patches had suffered disturbance from the construction of temporary camps within them (Patches 18, 50 and 62).

In Patch 39 which occurs on freehold land, about 10 ha out of 80 ha (12.5 %) had been cleared and planted to Birdwood Grass *Cenchrus setiger* as pasture for cattle.

## 3.6.4 Altered hydrology caused by roads and urban infrastructure

Concentrated stormwater runoff redirected from formed and sealed roads was having a significant impact on Patch 01 in Broome and at Patch 05. This was also a potential threat in the unsurveyed Patch 71 that surrounds One Arm Point.

As described by Willing (2001), suburban drains flowing into Gubinge Road and into Patch 01 at Broome, are sources of weed seed and have initiated undesirable ecological changes in Minyirr Coastal Park, both in and around the vine thicket area. Important vine thicket species, particularly Helicopter Trees *Gyrocarpus americanus*, have failed to adapt to the changed drainage regime (increased periods of flooding) and died.

Storm water damage and related weed infestation caused by concentrated runoff from the Manari Road was recorded in Patch 05 at 409598 E, 8064790 N, map zone 51.

### 3.6.5 Tourism and recreational impacts

Despite the work implemented by Goolarabooloo people and the Kimberley Land Council, Waterbank Station and the vine thickets on it (Patches 03, 04, 05, 62, and 60) were under intense tourism and camping pressure. Vine thickets appeared to be sought out as areas to camp (Appendix 1: Photo 11). Vehicle access compacts the soil, damages vegetation, opens up the canopy, and may spread weeds. We also recorded evidence of campers having collected fallen timbers and cut branches off vine thicket vegetation for firewood. These impacts were most prevalent in parts of Patch 05.

In the town of Broome (Patch 01 and 02) and the settlement at One Arm Point (Patch 38), parts of vine thickets had been impacted by trampling by pedestrians.

### 3.6.6 Feral and domestic cattle

Former pastoral operations on Dampier Peninsula have been terminated and the area destocked of cattle. Remaining feral cattle are much sought after by local hunters for meat and are not abundant. However, sign and minor impacts of feral cattle were recorded in 24 out of 62 surveyed vine thicket patches (39%). This included dung, tracks of individual animals, and occasional dust-bathing pits. In addition, a small herd of domestic cattle were present in Patch 41 at the time of survey, although they were contained in a paddock with access to a wider area than the thicket. Moderate impacts were recorded in Patch 41, including dung, pads, litter and soil disturbance particularly in dust-bathing pits, broken branches (first stages of opening the vine thicket canopy), and grazing of Capparis sepiaria (climber), Glycosmis sp. (shrub), and Luvunga monophylla (shrub). Patch 41 occurs on freehold land that is the terrestrial part of an Oyster and Pearl license area. It appeared that cattle did not access two other vine thickets on the property, Patches 39 and 40. At two settlements near Patches 46 and 58, Aboriginal custodians kept small numbers of cattle (some of which were caught or tamed from feral stock). At the time of survey one family had two free-ranging cattle and the other around 30 paddocked cattle.

## 3.6.7 Feral or domestic pigs

Impacts of free-ranging domestic pigs were recorded at two thickets, Patches 29 and 31. Damage consisted of areas of diggings where soil and plant roots were disturbed on the margins of thickets. At Patch 31 this damage was severe and extensive.

#### 3.6.8 Rubbish dumping

Significant rubbish dumping was recorded in two vine thickets, Patches 50 and 53. This included pits full of food and drink cans, car bodies, corrugated iron and old electrical goods. A rubbish dump heavily infested with the weed Horehound *Hyptis suaveolens* was located within a few hundred metres of Patch 29. Patch 05 contained a light scattering of litter, mainly toilet paper, around informal campsites.

### 3.6.9 Soil erosion and deposition

Minor soil erosion was recorded at Patch 60 near James Price Point. This was an anomolous patch occurring on red pindan soil above cliffs, and was located adjacent to a major road where runoff was accelerated.

At the time of survey, vine thicket Patch 28, at Midarlon, was in the process of being buried under a large mobile sand dune. A few trees at one end of the thicket were buried up to the middle of their trunks in pink sand.

## 3.6.10 Forest product harvesting

One record was made of evidence of forest product harvesting at Patch 44, where an Ebony Wood *Diospyros humilis* tree had been cut down. Ebony Wood *Diospyros humilis* is coveted as a craft wood and is utilised at Lombadina, especially. The potential for any broadscale exploitation of this species (such as by the forest industry) should be monitored. Re-planting should be encouraged and the establishment of separate plantations considered if harvesting escalates.

We were surprised by the absence of Ebony Wood in vine thickets along the north shore of Beagle Bay and speculated on the possibility that this could be a result of past exploitation by Beagle Bay Mission.

### 3.6.11 Storm damage

No storm damage was recorded at any of the vine thicket patches surveyed.

## 3.6.12 Threats to country outside vine thickets

Aside from direct clearing of vine thickets, there had been a proliferation of vehicle tracks constructed through other vegetation types on Dampier Peninsula. Of concern are the wide unformed vehicle tracks constructed by clearing vegetation and topsoil using a bulldozer or grader with the blade down. Our observation is that where the soil surface is removed, these tracks quickly form pockets of fine silt or 'bulldust' blow outs. In addition they do not hold up well if driven-on after rain. Consequently, the tracks become unpassable in places and new lengths of track are created alongside parts of the original, increasing the area of disturbance, increasing the risk of soil erosion, and adding to the great 'eye-sore' originally created. By contrast tracks created without removing topsoil (by driving through the bush and possibly slashing or cutting down the occasional shrub or small tree if required) remain intact and are in keeping with the aesthetics of the sought-after wilderness experience on Dampier Peninsula (Appendix 1: Photo 12).

#### 3.7 Management at the time of survey

At the time of survey the only obvious formal, coordinated and direct management of vine thicket patches was applied to Patch Group B patches in the southern part of Dampier Peninsula. On the former Waterbank Station in an area that is a Proposed Reserve for Conservation and Aboriginal Heritage (currently Unallocated Crown Land), Goolarabooloo people, assisted by the Kimberley Land Council, were actively

implementing some management at coastal tourist nodes in the area of Quondong Point (Patches 03, 04, 05 and 62). Work activities had included production and erection of interpretive signage, revegetation, fire management, rubbish and weed removal, and construction of barriers to sensitive access routes. However, some of the access barriers had been driven around and the area remained subject to the impacts of heavy tourism.

The Rubibi Aboriginal Land, Heritage and Development Council had also implemented management actions to address some of the threatening processes impacting on Patch 01 in Broome's Minyirr Coastal Park. For example, they commissioned a comprehensive survey and report on the environmental weeds of the Park, and implemented some weed control activities. Further work and an ongoing commitment to management were still required as most weed species had not been eradicated.

However, we did find that the one freehold landowner and a few of small leaseholders we met with worked hard individually to prevent late dry season wildfires from entering their land holdings and surrounding areas, albeit with variable success. A freehold landholder had been resident for long enough and was sufficiently successful at managing fire that the vine thicket patches on their property had not suffered fire damage in a long time and were in exceptionally good condition (except for some impact of cattle at one patch).

### 3.8 Priorities for reservation and/or conservation management

### 3.8.1 Prioritisation of patches for reservation and conservation

Given that they function as an ecological network, all vine thicket patches should be protected and managed for conservation and, because of the need to maintain connectivity, the critical clusters of vine thicket patches (identified in Section 3.1) must be conserved. However, given the limited resources for conservation, we have prioritised some individual patches for targeted conservation management based on: patch size; outstanding structure; presence of regionally and locally significant flora (either within the canopy limits or at their edge); species-richness; and representation of the four patch-groups defined by floristic analyses (giving preference to patches in good condition, and including a representative range of dominants and structural variations). It was beyond the scope of this project to research or include Indigenous cultural values. Prioritised patches are:

- 1. All six unusually large vine thicket patches are a high priority. By chance, each of the four vine thicket patch groups (classified according to similarities in perennial plant species) is represented in these patches:
  - Patch 05: 190 ha (patch Group B)
  - Patch 71: 150 ha post clearing (patch Group C)
  - Patch 20: 150 ha (patch Group D)
  - Patch 22: 130 ha (patch Group E)
  - Patch 47: 110 ha (patch Group C)
  - Patch 39: 90 ha (patch Group C)

Patch 05 is a linear patch stretching from near Quondong Point to James Price Point, on Unallocated Crown Land in the Proposed Waterbank Reserve for Conservation and Aboriginal Heritage. As well as being large, Patch 05 is the most species-rich patch in Patch Group B, as well as one of the best structured, being dominated by Goonj *Celtis phillipensis* (also see point 3 regarding a rare species). Patches 20 and 22 occurred on Unallocated Crown Land in the Proposed Borda Nature Reserve, which had been proposed since 1983. Patch 71 at One Arm Point and Patch 47 at Gallen were in Aboriginal Reserves, were not included in proposed conservation reserves and are a high priority for protection. (Given that Patch 71 has very high cultural significance for Aboriginal people and that general access is barred, reservation as an Indigenous Protected Area could be considered). While Patch 71 was unsurveyed, Patch 47 was found to be speciesrich comprising 42 species. Patch 39 occurred on freehold land (also see point 6).

- 2. Vine thicket Patch 21 (60 ha) is a high priority for its unusual structure. It lies in the lee of a high dune, is dominated by tall evergreen trees with touching to overlapping crowns, and has little understorey. Patch 21 is located on Unallocated Crown Land within the Proposed Borda Nature Reserve.
- 3. The two vine thicket Patches 05 and 14 containing the tree *Pittosporum moluccanum* should be a high priority. *P. moluccanum* is a Priority 4 species that, in the Kimberley, is restricted to Dampier Peninsula either in or near vine thickets. Also of importance is Patch 11 with the Garnboorr *Melaleuca dealbata* woodland adjacent to it, along with the other transitional vegetation in which *P. moluccanum* occurs. Patches 14 (Patch Group D) and 11 (Patch Group C) also contained other locally restricted species. These patches were located in an Aboriginal Reserve.
- 4. Two other priorities among the Group D patches are Patch 06 and Patch 10. At the time of survey, Patch 10 (20 ha) was a healthy well-structured patch dominated by Ebony Wood *Diospyros humilis* and containing locally restricted species. Patch 06 contains 25 taxa in a 15 ha area, including locally restricted species. The remaining Group D patches are more depauperate in species composition and structure. Patches 06 and 10 were located in an Aboriginal Reserve.
- 5. All the well-structured, species-rich Group C patches are a high priority for conservation. Along with those listed above, particular emphasis could be placed on Patch 25 which comprises 41 species; Patch 28 comprising 47 species; and Patch 26 comprising 38 species (all three contain locally restricted species); along with Patches 42, 30, 43, 55, 37, 36 and 52 all of which comprise over 35 species. Patches 25 and 26 occurred on Lombadina Grazing Lease, Patches 52 and 55 on Unallocated Crown Land in Proposed Cygnet Bay Nature Reserve, and the remaining patches were in Aboriginal Reserves.
- 6. Patches 39, 40 and 41 and significant buffer areas around them should be protected. Patches 39 and 40 were the only two patches at which we recorded (at the edge) the shrub *Helicteres rhynchocarpa*, a Kimberley endemic restricted to woodland or open areas adjacent to vine thickets. *Trophis scandens* was recorded adjacent to Patch 41; this record is disjunct from its known distribution in the north Kimberley. Patch 39 which is unusually large (see point 1), was a well-structured vine thicket that at the time of survey was in particularly good condition

as the landholder had protected the area from fire over a long period of time. Patches 39, 40 and 41 all occur on freehold land.

- 7. In addition to Patch 05, two other priorities for Patch Group B are Patches 15 and 18 in the small cluster of vine thickets north of Beagle Bay. These are also well structured examples of this patch group that are dominated by Goonj *Celtis phillipensis*. Patch 59 is the only well formed Group B patch in the cluster from near Deep Water point to Goodenough Bay.
- 8. Patch 45, a patch dominated by Mamajen *Mimusops elengi* over Currant or Coffee Fruit *Grewia breviflora* and *Croton habrophyllus*, could also be prioritised in order to represent the diversity within Patch Group E. Patch 24 could also be important but was inadequately surveyed due to restrictions on access permission.

#### 3.8.2 Suggested conservation reserve boundaries for vine thickets

Ideally, if competing land use considerations could be resolved, the whole of the northern end of Dampier Peninsula (north of the southern Lombadina Grazing Lease boundary) should be reserved for conservation as this includes all the most northern vine thicket patches (the most species-rich) in a tight cluster along the coastline, along with a substantial area of intervening habitats. In lieu of this, as much of the northern Peninsula as possible should be protected with the aim of including those vine thickets not currently proposed for reservation. These are:

- (i) Vine thickets on Lombadina Grazing Lease from just south of Chile Creek then north through Lombadina-Djarindjin to Kooljaman (Patches 24 to 68); and
- (ii) Vine thickets on Aboriginal Reserve 20927 (One Arm Point lands) from Kooljaman (Patch 69) northeast to Swan Point (Patch 33), and south through One Arm Point (Patch 71) to Gallen (Patch 47) and Miligoon (Patch 51). This includes three patches currently on freehold land.

To protect the cluster of ten vine thicket patches on coastal dune formations between Cape Baskerville and Baldwin Creek (Patches 06 to 14, and 62), on Aboriginal Reserve 22615 (Beagle Bay lands), a protected area could encompass all of Baldwin Creek including its mangroves and tidal mudflats to the low tide line, Bundabunda Spring and the intertidal mudflats of Carnot Bay, the rock outcrops King Peaks and Carnot Peaks, and interspersed woodlands. This could be accomplished by drawing a circle of 15 km in radius around Patch 08.

The cluster of four vine thicket patches north of Beagle Bay from East Sandy Point to Cliff Point (Patches 15, 16, 17 and 18) on Aboriginal Reserve 1834 (Beagle Bay lands) could be reserved within a circular boundary with a radius of about 7 km from the southern end of Patch 16. This would include Tappers Inlet in the conservation reserve.

A similar strategy could be applied for reserving the cluster of vine thickets between Cape Boileau and James Price Point area (Patches 05, 04, 03, 62 and 60), with particular emphasis on Patch 05.

More detailed mapping may be required to more adequately reserve or protect the two main vine thicket patches in Broome (Patches 01 and 02 at Gubinge Road and Hidden Valley) with buffers including extensive areas of transitional vegetation.

## 4 DISCUSSION

### 4.1 Extent, patch size and distribution of vine thickets

We identified 72 patches of vine thickets associated with dunes and other coastal landforms on Dampier Peninsula, confirmed the existence of 68 of these patches, and surveyed 62 patches for flora and condition. Prior to this study, the extent of the vine thickets was unknown, with only four patches formally surveyed and documented by Kenneally *et al.* (1991) as part of the multidisciplinary 'Kimberley Rainforests' project coordinated by McKenzie *et al.* (1991).

We estimated the total area of the vine thickets on Dampier Peninsula at around 2300 hectares. While this only represents 0.1% of the Peninsula's land mass, the area is significant given that the total area of all rainforest types in the Kimberley has previously been estimated at around 7000 ha (Kimber *et al.* 1991).

Vine thicket patches ranged in size from clumps of a few trees up to one patch of almost 200 ha. The four vine thicket patches previously surveyed by Kenneally *et al.* (1991) were reported as 1, 3, 12 and 60 hectares in size. While our study demonstrated the existence of five patches in excess of 100 ha in size, given the median patch size of 20 ha and mode of 10 ha, we believe the vine thickets of Dampier Peninsula still fit the general description of small and isolated in their distribution. The large patches should be treated as rare.

We confirmed the previously described distribution of vine thickets as scattered from Broome north along the west coast to the tip of Dampier Peninsula at Swan Point, and to a much shorter distance south along the east coast to Goodenough Bay. As expected, this distribution reflects that of dunes. In addition, we showed that these vine thicket patches are distributed in five main clusters with the largest cluster of 52 patches occurring within a 50 km radius of Swan Point on the northern tip of the Peninsula.

As previously known, the two southern-most patches of vine thickets are located within the town of Broome close to the 600 mm rainfall isohyet. This is consistent with the suggestion of Webb (1968) and of Webb and Tracey (1981) that Australian tropical rainforests form a sequence along a precipitation gradient and are ultimately replaced by savanna at around 600 mm annual rainfall (Bowman 2000). Russell-Smith (1991) also found that the arid limit of rainforest in the Northern Territory was about 600 mm per annum.

Since our survey was conducted, at least five additional small patches of vine thicket have been identified by aerial survey (ENV Australia 2008a, 2008b). One was a very small patch at Chile Creek in an area of restricted access. Four were between Beagle Bay and Pender Bay, in a small area that was not covered by our aerial photography set. However, at least two patches that we discounted as transitional vegetation (characterized by vine thicket flora in the understorey but not dominated by it in the canopy) were counted as true vine thicket by others and vice versa. In addition, the mapping of patch boundaries varied slightly between surveys, probably largely a reflection of the different methodologies used. Along with the nine vine thicket patches that we identified but did not have time to survey, these observations indicate the need for further survey and mapping to refine our work, as well as the need to describe transitional vegetation types in comparison with more true vine thicket patches.

## 4.2 Flora and vegetation

The vine thickets make a considerable contribution to the floristic diversity of Dampier Peninsula at around 23% of the total number of native vascular plant species. This is a similar proportion to that Kenneally *et al.* (1991) reported as occurring in rainforests across the Kimberley as a whole. Furthermore, in their occurrence on Dampier Peninsula, 25% of the native vascular plant species that we recorded in vine thickets are known to be mostly or wholly confined them.

The four records of the rare tree *Pittosporum moluccanum* on Dampier Peninsula, of which we added two, are all from vine thickets or transitional vegetation. The shrub *Helicteres rhynchocarpa*, a Kimberley endemic restricted to areas adjacent to vine thickets, was found at only two of the 62 patches surveyed. These observations demonstrate the importance of maintaining thicket margins and adequate buffers in adjacent vegetation, and wherever possible, conserving transitional vegetation.

While forming a unique ecological community on the dunes and other coastal landforms of Dampier Peninsula, most of the plants recorded in the vine thickets are widely distributed across tropical Australia with many extending into Asia. Russell-Smith and Dunlop (1987) noted that such vagile rainforest species often occur on relatively recently evolved landforms. Kenneally *et al.* (1991) went on to explain that these species could be expected to occur in situations where they are afforded some protection from the elements, including fire, provided that the overall climate is satisfactory. More recently, Bowman (2000) has collated a large body of evidence indicating that fire plays a major role in controlling rainforest boundaries, with the *frequency* of fire in the landscape being the most critical factor.

Vine thicket patches of the same floristic classification grouping (based on perennial plant species composition) tended to be clustered together in their distribution, and outliers generally occurred on atypical landforms. While no attempt was made to include environmental correlates in our analyses, this result and field observations suggest a relationship between patch grouping and topography (such as variations in dune formation and height, or in dune system area) and possibly also soil type. This supports the general observation of Kenneally *et al.* (1996) that Dampier Peninsula's vine thicket communities are best developed towards the north, where larger dune systems provide conditions suitable for better structure and greater diversity of species.

We found no apparent relationship between patch size and species composition. Large vine thicket patches occurred in three of the four patch groups where extensive dune habitats were present. Unlike in the Kimberley Rainforests study (Kenneally *et al.* 

1991), we found only a very loose correlation between patch size and perennial plant species richness. Higher species richness within Group C vine thicket patches at the northern end of Dampier of Peninsula might be explained by the increasing precipitation gradient from south to north. However, some examples of the more depauperate Patch Group B thickets also occur towards the northern end of the Peninsula on the east coast where dunes are poorly formed. Bowman (2000) has argued that while it is true that variation in moisture supply influences species composition and structure of rainforest vegetation, even this relationship is complicated by the effects of soils, topography and fire history.

In addition to vine thickets, McKenzie and Kenneally (1983) and Kenneally *et al.* (1996) described the occurrence of closed vine forests along the foot of the leeward slopes of larger dune systems on Dampier Peninsula. Particularly, where these dunes truncate coastal drainage areas. Vine forests were reported as reaching 15 m in height and as including the tall trees Cadjeput *Melaleuca cajuputi* and Broad-leaved Paperbark *M. viridiflora* among the principal upper tree species. However, we distinguish vegetation of this description as belonging to a separate ecological community associated with ephemeral swamps and a high groundwater table. Often occurring adjacent to vine thickets, some of this Melaleuca dominated vegetation was ecotonal or transitional, comprising abundant vine thicket species in the understorey. By contrast, vine thickets did not occur on wet or damp lands and their occurrence did not appear to be closely associated with a high groundwater table.

While some rock outcrop vegetation is also loosely referred to as vine thicket, it usually looks quite different and our preliminary floristic analyses clearly distinguished a sample of rock outcrop patches as separate types of vegetation communities to the vine thickets associated with coastal land forms. Rock outcrop vegetation could be the subject of future studies on Dampier Peninsula.

At the time of survey, we found that many local people did not readily recognise which vegetation community was referred to by the term 'vine thickets' and some conjured pockets of vegetation infested with climbing weeds in which the canopy is obviously overwhelmed (by species such as Siratro *Macroptilium atropurpureum*, Wild Passionfruit *Passiflora foetida* var. *hispida*, and Hairy Morning Glory *Merremia dissecta*). This led to an attempt to use 'Monsoon thickets' instead. However, while the term 'monsoon' is useful academically in encapsulating the vine thickets as a group of largely tropical species, it doesn't help the layman much with field identification of the vegetation type or ecological community. Given a local history of use of the term 'vine thicket', it may be more appropriate for this to be retained.

We noticed that many local Aboriginal people tended to refer to place names in identifying areas, rather than relating to vegetation types. However, some older Bardi people referred to thick scrub generally as 'boordan' (as in Aklif 1999) and advised us that vine thickets would have been referred to as bush fruit country or 'mayi boordan'. 'Mayi' refering to either plant food or fruit (Aklif 1999). The education of all local people in recognising vine thickets would be a necessary starting point for any future public awareness raising programs.

#### 4.3 Threatening processes

At the time of survey, threats to the integrity of the vine thickets of Dampier Peninsula were found to be at a point of escalation with the increasing human population and visitation. Associated with this population increase were changing settlement patterns and land use practices, and subsequent increased rates of clearing, development and disturbance. If the proposed development of a gas processing plant at James Price Point is implemented (as currently supported by the State Government), these threats will be magnified.

Clearing is a relatively new and increasing threat to Dampier Peninsula's vine thickets. So far, most clearing has been associated with urban expansion around Broome and One Arm Point, as well as newly established outstation settlements and ecotourism ventures on small parcels of coastal land (typically five-acre lots) leased from the Aboriginal Lands Trust (ALT). While lessees, mainly Aboriginal organisations and family groups, are now required to comply with the recently prepared 'Land use and development policy on ALT land', development had proceeded without any effective process of environmental impact assessment and planning, or process of enhancing community awareness as to the significance and value of vine thicket vegetation. This report will provide a valuable resource for use in future environmental planning.

At the time of survey, there appeared to be little local awareness of the fact that clearing without a permit was illegal under changes made in 2004 to the State Government's *Environmental Protection Act 1986* and the *Environmental Protection (Clearing of Native Vegetation) Regulations 2004*.

During field survey, we gained direct experience of the increasing rate of settlement on Dampier Peninsula. At the outset of the project in 2000, we commenced field survey at vine thicket patches that were easily accessed by vehicle and on foot, but made plans to charter a boat to remotely located patches in the final survey year in 2002. However, by 2002 so many new tracks had been bull-dozed or graded into new coastal settlements that no remote parts of the Peninsula remained. By this time, all patches could be accessed either directly by vehicle or by hiking from the nearest vehicle access point.

The great speed at which weeds can become established and the degree of threat that weeds pose to vine thickets are dramatically illustrated in the badly degraded Minyirr Coastal Park example (Patch 01) in Broome. In a 1988 survey by Trudgeon (1988), the only weeds reported in this vine thicket and surrounding parts of Minyirr Coastal Park were Kapok Bush *Aerva javanica* and Wild Passionfruit *Passiflora foetida* var. *hispida*, both low priority weeds. By 2001, when Willing (2001) conducted a detailed survey of the park, the impacts of weeds, particularly the rampant climber Siratro *Macroptilium atropurpureum*, were reported as severe and warranting urgent attention. Other high priority weeds at this patch are the invasive trees Neem Tree *Azadirachta indica* and Yellow Poinciana *Peltophorum pterocarpum*, the shrub Horehound *Hyptis suaveolens*, and the climber Darwin Pea *Clitoria ternatea*. Despite the implementation of some weed control work at the site, weed infestation was still severe when we surveyed the patch in 2002. Willing (2001) attributed the rapid infestation and spread of weeds since 1988 to increased visitor numbers and vehicle

impacts associated with the explosive growth of Broome as a tourist destination, suburban expansion into the Minyirr Coastal Park drainage catchment, and above average rainfall trends in recent years.

These observations highlight the urgent need to prevent disturbance to other vine thickets, for containment of recent weed infestations now recorded elsewhere on the Peninsula (both in and adjacent to thickets), and for the introduction of weed hygiene measures such as washdown facilities for vehicles and heavy machinery. North of Broome, targeted weed control should commence immediately, before small infestations become uncontrollable. Priority actions for weed control are outlined in our Recommendations section.

During the Kimberley Rainforests survey conducted between 1987 and 1989, McKenzie *et al.* (1991) recorded cattle impacts at the three vine thicket patches visited on the Peninsula as 'widespread and severe', and as 'evident' in Broome's Minyirr Coastal Park patch. However, by 2000 when our survey commenced, pastoralism or broad-scale cattle grazing had become a relatively insignificant activity on Dampier Peninsula, and feral cattle numbers were few due to their being hunted by local people for meat. However, a small number of domestic cattle were still present and land use practices were rapidly changing with new patterns of settlement. If more of the now numerous small leaseholders on the Peninsula take up keeping small herds, there is the potential for cattle to become a more significant threat all over again. Similarly, a small number of free-ranging domestic pigs are kept and significant impacts of pig activity were observed at two vine thicket patches.

Just over one-third of the 68 vine thicket patches we visited between 2000 and 2002 had been severely damaged by fire. Russell-Smith and Bowman (1992) found the same proportion of 1220 rainforest sites they surveyed in the Northern Territory had boundaries severely degraded by fire. During our liaisons, some local people claimed that vine thickets 'did not want to burn'. This appeared to be true for low intensity fires carried in adjacent vegetation early in the dry season. However, the effectiveness of this barrier diminishes as plant fuels desiccate, and late in the dry season vine thickets on unprotected terrain do become vulnerable to fire damage. Bowman (2000) described rates of desiccation as varying from site to site and from year to year.

Bowman (2000) has documented considerable evidence to show that the maintenance of diversity in modern Australian vegetation, including rainforests, requires that humans actively influence the distribution and frequency of fire. Bowman's description of fire management in northern Australia as typically consisting of broadscale 'controlled' burning early in the dry season (usually achieved by dropping incendiaries during traverses by helicopters or fixed-wing aircraft) is an accurate reflection of fire management on Dampier Peninsula as conducted by State Government agencies. However, he and Russell-Smith and Bowman (1992) have argued that the inescapable conclusion for managers is that patches of rainforest require individual attention when it comes to fire management, and that this must be balanced with the need to manage entire landscapes. This conclusion points to the need for the recognition and support of the potential role of interested leasehold and freehold coastal land holders, along with other local people, in managing individual patches as part of a coordinated and strategic fire management program for the Peninsula.

#### **4.4 Conservation management**

Previous consideration of the conservation requirements of rainforest patches in northern Australia has largely focused on the management of fire, feral animals and weeds (e.g. McKenzie 1991, Russell-Smith and Bowman 1992). Price (2004) advocates that the focus should henceforth also consider protecting networks of patches and (in common with McKenzie 1983) adjacent vegetation types. Price's strategies are based on extensive research in the Northern Territory highlighting the need to maintain connectivity of patches through ecological processes, particularly plant pollination and seed dispersal through fruit-eating fauna (mainly birds and bats). For Dampier Peninsula, we would also add strategic land use planning across the Peninsula, and environmental impact assessment prior to all future developments, whether residential or commercial, with a ban on clearing vine thickets.

The major focus of reserve design for protection of rainforest patches in the Northern Territory is the selection of clusters in which all the rainforest patches and adjacent habitat types within a circle of a given radius are protected (Price *et al.* 1998). Should new reserves or reserve boundaries be proposed, the clustered distribution of vine thicket patches on Dampier Peninsula would lend itself to this approach.

At present the vine thickets of Dampier Peninsula are effectively unrepresented in the reserve system with one highly degraded urban patch at the extreme southern end of their range in Broome's Minyirr Coastal Park. Of the three areas for which nature reserves were proposed as far back as 1983 (McKenzie 1983), only the Proposed Borda Nature Reserve remained largely free of subsequent settlements at the time of our survey. The Proposed Leveque Nature Reserve is now known to be an area with extremely high Aboriginal cultural heritage value and access issues. A key issue in environmental planning for Dampier Peninsula will be to progress the reconciliation of proposed nature reserves with current Aboriginal native title, land management and employment aspirations (possibly as Indigenous Protected Areas).

While the reservation of vine thickets or other rainforest types within formal parks and reserves provides legal benefits, it does not guarantee effective conservation management, particularly for vine thickets and other types of rainforest which are highly fragmented in their distribution (Russell-Smith and Bowman 1992). Numerous authors have testified as to the necessity for the consideration of management at the landscape scale as well as the local scale, for conserving ecological processes, and for the importance of off-reserve conservation in the development and implementation of threat management plans, which must be integrated across all land tenures and uses (e.g. Russell-Smith and Bowman 1992, Smith et al. 1993, Morton et al. 1995, Price et al. 1998, Price et al. 1999, Woinarski and Fisher 2003, Soule et al. 2004). In other words, conservation can realistically be achieved only with the cooperation of all land managers and users. Woinarski and Fisher (2003) described two serious impediments in achieving the goal of biodiversity conservation across the rangelands: the current lack of resources and of societal agreement. Money and personnel are required to develop conservation programs, and these programs must be both coordinated and strategic.

### 4.5 Conclusion

To keep abreast of escalating threats to this unique ecosystem, all stakeholders will need to work together, to be vigilant and active in their efforts, and to encourage widespread appreciation of the value and needs of the vine thickets of Dampier Peninsula. This could be coordinated through a recovery planning project. However, conservation of vine thickets also needs to be incorporated into a comprehensive planning strategy for Dampier Peninsula. Particular emphasis for the conservation management of vine thickets should be placed on: controls on clearing and development; weed control; vehicular access controls; localised and landscape-scale fire management; controls on and attention to the ecologically sustainable design and location of road and tracks; and containment of domestic livestock. Also important is an appreciation of the role of vine thickets in Indigenous culture and their potential for local low impact tourism enterprises, such as guided bushwalks.

All vine thicket patches along with adequate buffer zones should be protected through conservation management and preferably reserved. This requires maintenance of connectivity through preservation of the network of critical clusters of vine thicket patches. Ideally, the various adjacent habitats should also be retained in their original proportions.

Through mapping and describing the full distribution and extent of the vine thickets of Dampier Peninsula, demonstrating patterns of floristic composition among them, and describing the threatening processes to which they are subject, this study provides a necessary basis for the assessment of their conservation status, for planning and prioritising conservation management, for strategic planning, and for future research and monitoring. Recommendations for management are provided in the following section.

## **5 RECOMMENDATIONS**

Community-based stakeholders and appropriate government agencies to:

- (a) Nominate the vine thickets on coastal sand dunes of Dampier Peninsula for listing as a threatened ecological community under the Commonwealth's *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*; and
   (b) Review the category of threat assigned to the vine thickets as a WA State listed threatened ecological community ('Monsoon [vine] thickets on coastal sand dunes of Dampier Peninsula') with a view to changing it from Vulnerable to Endangered.
- 2. Develop and implement a planning strategy for the whole of Dampier Peninsula.
- 3. Implement environmental impact assessment and planning processes for all developments on Dampier Peninsula. Particular urgency applies to the expansion of the major settlements (now towns) of One Arm Point and Lombadina-Djarindjin, and the establishment and expansion of outstation settlements and ecotourism ventures, where clearing and the construction of buildings, campsites

and access tracks are having significant impacts on vine thickets and surrounding country.

Urgently required as a basis for urban planning, are fine-scaled surveys and detailed mapping of the extent and boundaries of vine thickets in and adjacent to Broome, One Arm Point and Lombadina-Djarindjin (including Patches 01, 02, 65, 71). This should include the extent of any transitional vegetation at vine thicket margins and areas of vegetation containing significant vine thicket elements. True vine thicket patches should be retained for conservation along with a 500 m buffer zone extending into adjacent vegetation. Ideally transitional vegetation containing vine thicket species in the understorey, occurring outside such buffer zones, should also be retained.

- 4. Establish a recovery team to develop and oversee the implementation of a recovery plan for the vine thickets as a Threatened Ecological Community.
- 5. Establish a program to implement on-ground management of vine thickets and adjacent vegetation. This could include the employment of a coordinator and the appointment and training of local Aboriginal 'Rangers' to implement recovery actions on site.
- 6. Initiate a program of community liaison and education to increase awareness of the significance and conservation management requirements of Dampier Peninsula's vine thickets, as well as any potential legal implications for activities impacting on vine thickets.

As a priority this includes liaising with the many leaseholders on Aboriginal leasehold land lots, and the few owners and managers on freehold land (oyster and pearl license areas), but it should also extend to the general community of Dampier Peninsula.

- 7. Act to declare previously proposed conservation reserves and implement appropriate conservation management. The Proposed Borda Nature Reserve (12302 ha) is a particularly high priority and has been proposed since 1983. It contains six vine thicket patches, two of which are unusually large in area. Other proposed reserves are the Proposed Cygnet Bay Nature Reserve (15805 ha), the Proposed Reserve for Conservation and Aboriginal Heritage (Waterbank) (92234 ha), the Proposed Minyirr Coastal Park Stage 2 (approximately 50 ha), and the Proposed Leveque Nature Reserve (1010 ha). This would involve renegotiation and reconciliation of proposed nature reserves with current Aboriginal native title, settlement, land management, and employment aspirations (possibly as Indigenous Protected Areas).
- 8. Add to the proposed conservation reserve system and/or manage vine thickets for conservation based on: (1) the conservation priorities identified in Section 3.8 of this report; and (2) the following principles:
  - (a) All vine thicket patches should be protected and preferably reserved. Research in the Northern Territory has shown that vine thickets function as a network of patches and that the loss of any single vine thicket patch can affect all of the

others in the network. In addition, each patch should be protected by a 500 m buffer zone extending into adjacent vegetation;

- (b) Because of the need to maintain connectivity, critical clusters of vine thicket patches must be reserved and conserved; and
- (c) Considerable areas of all habitats adjacent to vine thickets should be reserved and managed for conservation. These act as buffers and provide resources for animals like birds and bats that maintain the ecological function of vine thickets. Reserve boundaries should extend to the low tide line so as to include mangroves and tidal mudflats, as much of Dampier Peninsula's species richness comes from species dependent on these littoral areas. Ideally, the various adjacent habitats should be retained in their original proportion.
- 9. The majority of vine thicket patches should be protected from high rates of public access and usage because small or narrow linear patches are highly vulnerable to disturbance. In particular, vehicular access should be minimized and restricted to existing tracks. However, the public should have the opportunity to walk in vine thickets and ecologically sensitive ecotourism ventures could cater to this. Where vine thickets are declared Nature Reserves (rather than National Parks) they should remain open to Aboriginal usage for traditional purposes such as ceremonial use of sacred sites.
- 10. Establish and promote standards and guidelines for access track construction on Dampier Peninsula in order to prevent excessive land degradation. In particular, unformed access tracks should not be graded or bulldozed, rather their construction should include driving over or removal and slashing of vegetation where necessary, such that soil surfaces remain intact. On the Peninsula, blade-down clearing for track construction is not necessary or ecologically sustainable, and detracts from the wilderness experience required for ecotourism. Discrete bush tracks work well in comparison.
- 11. (a) Implement fire management to protect individual vine thicket patches from intense late dry-season fires; and
  - (b) Develop an integrated community-based fire management program for Dampier Peninsula.
- 12. Implement washdown hygiene to minimize the transport of weeds on heavy earthmoving equipment around Broome, between Broome and Dampier Peninsula, and between locations on the Peninsula. This should be strictly applied to the movement of equipment from Broome to the Peninsula.
- 13. Survey and map weed infestations, and as a matter of urgency, implement control of very high and high priority weeds in vine thickets and in settlements/town sites. Particularly at One Arm Point, Lombadina-Djarindjin and Broome which are adjacent to vine thickets, but also at Beagle Bay as people travel between there and vine thickets. Monitor weed infestations (species present, species abundance, and extent of area of infestation) and their response to management regimes. While the seeds of many weed species are wind and bird dispersed, they can also be transported by water so catchment areas draining into vine thickets should be surveyed for weeds.

The highest priority weed to target for vine thicket conservation is Siratro or Black Pea *Macroptilium atropurpureum* (vine), which at the time of survey occurred at Broome, James Price Point, and in two patches near One Arm Point. New infestations are a higher priority than those in the already severely degraded Gubinge Road vine thicket (Patch 01) in Minyirr Coastal Park.

High priority weeds are: Darwin Pea *Clitoria ternatea* (vine) at Broome and One Arm Point; Hairy Morning Glory *Merremia dissecta* (vine) at Broome and Quondong Point; Coffee bush *Leucaena leucocephala* (tree) in two localized stands at James Price Point and north of Quondong Point; Neem trees *Azadirachta indica*; Rubber vine *Cryptostegia madagascariensis* (vine) recorded in Lombadina-Djarindjin; Horehound *Hyptis suaveolens* (herb) at Broome and in one patch near One Arm Point; and Yellow Poinciana *Peltophorum pterocarpum* (tree) at Broome only. Note that Neem trees had so far only been recorded in one vine thicket at Broome. However, the species had been planted in gardens at some Peninsula outstations from where it had the potential to spread into vine thickets.

Medium priority weeds include Buffel Grass *Cenchrus ciliaris* and Birdwood Grass *Cenchrus setiger* at numerous locations. Although widespread and difficult to eradicate, these grasses provide dense fuel for fires right up to the edge of vine thickets.

- 14. Apply restrictions to the cultivation and selling of potential weeds among horticultural species in Kimberley nurseries (such as Rubber Vine *Cryptostegia madagascariensis*, Neem Trees *Azadirachta indica*, Lantana *Lantana camara*, and Yellow Poinciana *Peltophorum pterocarpum*), and raise public awareness as to the potential for these species to become weeds so as to discourage the planting of them. In addition, discourage the public from dumping garden prunings (or other rubbish) in the bush, especially not in the vicinity of vine thickets.
- 15. Manage domestic and feral or exotic animals on Dampier Peninsula. Domestic cattle and pigs should be excluded from vine thickets by containing them in separate paddocks or yards. At the time of survey, the number of feral cattle and domestic cattle and pigs on the Peninsula was low. However, as more people take up residential leasehold blocks on Aboriginal land, these numbers could potentially increase.
- 16. Implement management for ecologically sustainable forest product harvesting in vine thickets (e.g. craft wood timbers), including monitoring, regulation, and development of guidelines for sustainable use and practices. For example, encourage replanting of harvested trees and consider establishing separate plantations if harvesting escalates.
- 17. Implement and plan for ecologically sustainable management of tourism and recreational impacts on vine thickets and surrounding vegetation.
- 18. Protect all Banyan or Strangler Fig *Ficus virens* trees, Jalgir *Canarium australianum*, Marool or Blackberry *Terminalia petiolaris* and its hybrids with Red Gubinge *Terminalia ferdinandiana* on Dampier Peninsula, and where possible buffer each within a protected radius of 250 m. Also plant or encourage

the growth of these trees in towns. Studies in the Northern Territory have shown that several vine thicket trees (particularly Banyan or Strangler Fig *Ficus virens*) produce abundant fruit for fruit-eating birds and bats (flying foxes) that are the agents of dispersal for the seeds of most vine thicket plants. As well as occurring in vine thickets these four species may be found in woodland and are scattered (albeit thinly) throughout the landscape, thereby providing alternative food resources and acting as stepping-stones for birds and bats travelling between vine thicket patches. Plant these tree species, along with Mamajen *Mimusops elengi* and Ebony Wood *Diospyros humilis* in settlements and towns.

- 19. Identify and protect all known flying fox roost sites on Dampier Peninsula. Studies in the Northern Territory recommend including roosts within reserves and buffering them by 500 m.
- 20. Protect and manage Bundabunda Spring to conserve the only occurrence of 'wet rainforest' on Dampier Peninsula. Bach and Price (2005) found that among rainforest patches in the Northern Territory, each of 16 study patches had different patterns of fruit availability and this difference was most marked between 'wet' rainforest and 'dry' rainforest types such as vine thickets. Given the individuality of each patch, any one can become an important food resource and habitat for fruit-eating fauna at some time of the year. Therefore, it is important to conserve the existing diversity of rainforest types on Dampier Peninsula.
- 21. Review the conservation status of *Pittosporum moluccanum* which is currently a Priority Four Rare species, if the recently proposed gas processing plant development at James Price Point is approved. Priority Four (P4) Rare taxa are defined as: taxa which are considered to have been adequately surveyed and which, whilst being rare (in Australia), are not currently threatened by any identifiable factors. These taxa require monitoring every 5–10 years.
- 22. Establish a program to monitor the condition and extent of vine thicket patches on Dampier Peninsula in response to current and new management regimes. As a bare minimum, this should include the refinement of boundaries mapped under this project, and the investigation of possible patch boundary retreat (or expansion) over time, through further 'ground-truthing' survey work and the use of spatially rectified digital aerial photographs.
- 23. Conduct further survey, mapping and ecological research, including:
  - a) Refinement of our vine thicket patch boundary maps, such as through: (i) the use of spatially rectified digital aerial photographs at a scale finer than 1:20 000; and (ii) a much greater investment in the ground-truthing of boundaries mapped from aerial photographs. As a basis for planning and environmental impact assessment, particular urgency applies to Patch 05 at James Price Point, and vine thickets and transitional vegetation in and adjacent to the towns of Broome, One Arm Point and Lombadina-Djarindjin (including Patches 01, 02, 65, 71).;
  - b) Completion of botanical and condition survey for the few remaining identified but unsurveyed patches on Dampier Peninsula;

- c) Conduct aerial surveys to check for any further vine thicket patches not identified in this survey. Include the description and identification of numerous patches of transitional vegetation. Follow with ground survey of any remaining patches.
- d) Identification of vine thicket patches most at risk from fire damage;
- e) Document the remaining knowledge of Aboriginal people in relation to vine thickets on Dampier Peninsula, such as their cultural values, uses, ecology, and traditional management. Examine the priorities for protection and management of vine thicket patches based on indigenous cultural values;
- f) Survey for flying fox roost sites on Dampier Peninsula;
- g) Survey of frugivorous (fruit-eating) bird species on Dampier Peninsula (we have recorded the presence of two species in numerous patches: the Rose-crowned fruit-dove and the Great Bowerbird);
- h) Research on the ecology of frugivorous birds and bats on Dampier Peninsula, their role in vine thicket seed dispersal, and the implications of these relationships for local conservation management (including the complementary roles of other habitats in the provision of resources for mobile frugivore species);
- i) Review the conservation status of Parsonsia kimberleyensis; and,
- j) Taxonomic studies of *Capparis* aff. *jacobsii* on Dampier Peninsula in order to determine its conservation status.
- 24. Consider and plan for the impacts of climate change by reserving, protecting and managing for conservation, as many vine thicket patches and as much of the intervening habitat on Dampier Peninsula as possible. The larger reserves are, the better the chances of maintaining a diversity of species, ecological communities (ecosystems) and ecological processes under fluctuating climatic conditions. As well as changes in ecology and species composition, many vine thicket patches may be at risk from cyclone damage and inundation by rising sea levels.

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### APPENDICES

**Appendix 1.** Photographs of the vine thickets on coastal sand dunes of Dampier Peninsula, West Kimberley, surveyed between 2000 and 2002.



**Photo 1.** Under the shady vine thicket canopy of vine thicket Patch 18 (20 ha). Most patches have a significant layer of leaf litter on the soil surface (August 2002).



**Photo 2.** Aerial view of unusually large vine thicket patches in Cape Borda area. Patches 20 and 22 at 150 ha and 130 ha. These patches are sheltered by sand dunes on both their eastern side and western sides. Part of Patch 21 shows in foreground (September 2008).



**Photo 3.** Vines or lianas are a feature of Australian monsoon vine forests and thickets. In the vine thickets of Dampier Peninsula they are more visible from within the canopy than on the outer canopy surface (August 2002).



**Photo 4.** Vine thicket Patch 41 (10 ha) south of One Arm Point in the northern end of Dampier Peninsula. It extended from the lee of a dune downslope onto a headland, and was classified as Patch Group C (August 2002).



**Photo 5.** Patch 22 (130 ha) occurs in a swale between high dunes and is in the north of Dampier Peninsula. The tall closed canopy forms a low forest and contrasts with the open thicket in Photos 6 and 7. It was classified as Patch Group E (July 2001).



**Photo 6.** An aerial view of vine thicket Patch 05 between James Price and Quondong Point. It is unusually large at 190 ha and is a particularly well developed example of Patch Group B (September 2008).



**Photo 7.** Vine thicket Patch 03 (60 ha) in the Barred Creek area immediately south of Patches 04 and 05 and also classified as Patch Group B. This view shows the low, shrubby and comparatively open structure of the canopy (September 2002).



**Photo 8.** The weed Siratro *Macroptilium atropurpureum* is a fast growing climber capable of overwhelming tree and shrub canopies. This infestation was in vine thicket Patch 05 at the edge of the Manari Road (the red coloration is dust from the road) (September 2002).



**Photo 9.** This Mamajen *Minusops elengi* tree (a slow growing species) was burnt right through at the base as a result of a severe fire in vine thicket Patch 26 (50 ha) (August 2002).



**Photo 10.** Clearing vine thicket vegetation for urban or residential development at One Arm Point (July 2000).



**Photo 11.** Providing dense shade, vine thickets are sought out as areas to camp. The impacts of vehicle access were most prevalent between James Price Point and Barred Creek (Patches 03, 04, 05 and 62) (September 2002).


**Photo 12.** A low impact vehicle track on Dampier Peninsula created without removing topsoil (September 2002).

**Appendix 2.** Location, land tenure, survey date, and size of each identified patch of vine thicket on coastal dunes of Dampier Peninsula, West Kimberley, surveyed between 2000 and 2002.

## **OMMITTED (CONFIDENTIAL DATA)**

Appendix 3. Vine thicket patch boundaries. Courtesy of Department of Environment and Conservation (WA) (formerly CALM).

**OMMITTED (CONFIDENTIAL DATA)** 

**Appendix 4.** Perennial plants recorded in vine thickets on coastal sand dunes of Dampier Peninsula, West Kimberley, surveyed in 2000 to 2002. Plants are listed by life-form and arranged alphabetically by genus. Species restricted or mostly restricted to thickets are annotated as either evergreen, deciduous, or semi-deciduous.

Species	Family	Deciduous	Restricted
*denotes weeds, (A) annuals, and (E) plants recorded only on the edges of vine thicket patches or in open groves.		or Evenencen	to thickets
en in 1965 et ant inter Friderick et al Second		Evergreen	
Trees			
Acacia neurocarpa	Fabaceae		No
Acacia tumida Wongai	Fabaceae		No
Adansonia gregorii (one - cultivated?) <b>Boab</b>	Malvaceae		No
Atalaya hemiglauca Western Whitewood	Sapindaceae		No
Atalaya variifolia Wingleaf Whitewood	Sapindaceae	Evergreen	MOSTLY
*Azadirachta indica Neem Tree	Meliaceae		No
Bauhinia cunninghamii Bauhinia or Jigal	Fabaceae		No
Brachychiton diversifolius subsp. diversifolius	Tabaceae		NU
Northern Kurrajong	Malvaceae		No
Canarium australianum Styptic Tree	Burseraceae	Semi	MOSTLY
*Carica papava Pawpaw	Caricaceae		No
Celtis australiensis Gooni	Cannabaceae	Semi	YES
Corymbia bella Weeping Ghost Gum	Myrtaceae		No
Corymbia flavescens			
Apple, Cabbage or Bastard Ghost Gum	Myrtaceae		No
Corymbia greeniana Dampier's Bloodwood	Myrtaceae		No
Corymbia opaca (E)	Myrtaceae		No
Corymbia polycarpa Long-fruited Bloodwood	Myrtaceae		No
Cupaniopsis anacardioides Tuckeroo	Sapindaceae	Evergreen	YES
Diospyros humilis Ebony Wood	Ebenaceae	Evergreen	YES
Ehretia saligna Native Willow / Peachwood	Boraginaceae		No
Erythrophleum chlorostachys (E) Ironwood	Fabaceae		No
Eucalyptus camaldulensis subsp. obtusa			
River Red Gum	Myrtaceae		No
Eucalyptus miniata (E) Woollybutt or Manowan	Myrtaceae		No
Eucalyptus tectifica Grey Box or Darwin Box	Myrtaceae		No
Exocarpos latifolius Mistletoe Tree	Santalaceae	Evergreen	YES
Ficus virens Banyan or Strangler Fig	Moraceae	Deciduous	MOSTLY
Grevillea pyramidalis (E) Caustic Tree/Maangga	Proteaceae		No
Grewia breviflora Currant or Coffee Fruit	Malvaceae	Deciduous	YES
Gyrocarpus americanus subsp. pachyphyllus	** 1'		
Hencopter Tree, Stinkwood, Coolaman Tree	Hernandiaceae		NO
Hakea arborescens Yellow Hakea / Tree Hakea	Proteaceae		NO
Hakea macrocarpa	Proteaceae		No
*Leucaena leucocephala Coffee Bush	Fabaceae		No
Lopnostemon grandiflorus subsp. grandiflorus Lardik	Myrtaceae	а ·	INO MEG
Mallotus nesophilus Yellow Ball Flower	Euphorbiaceae	Semi	YES
Melaleuca alsophila Saltwater Paperbark	Myrtaceae		No
Melaleuca dealbata Garnboorr	Myrtaceae	E	N0 VEC
Mimusops elengi Mamajen	Sapotaceae	Evergreen	YES
Pandanus spiralis <b>Idool or Common Srewpine</b>	Pandanaceae		NO Nu
Parinari nonda I <b>Nonda</b>	Chrysobalanaceae		INO

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Species *denotes weeds (A) appuals and (E) plants recorded only	Family	Deciduous	Kestricted
on the edges of vine thicket patches or in open groves.		UF Evergreen	to inickets
*Peltophorum pterocarnum Yellow Poinciana	Fabaceae	Lingiten	No
Persoonia falcata Wild Pear or Geebung	Proteaceae		No
Pittosporum moluccanum (P4)	Pittosporaceae	Evergreen	MOSTLY
Planchonia careva Cocky Apple	Lecythidaceae		No
Premna acuminata Firestick Tree	Lamiaceae		No
Santalum lanceolatum Tropical Sandalwood	Santalaceae		No
*Senna surattensis subsp. sulfurea	Fabaceae		No
Sersalisia sericea Mangarr	Sapotaceae		No
Syzygium eucalyptoides subsp. bleeseri Wild Apple	Myrtaceae		No
Terminalia canescens Wingnut Tree	Combretaceae		No
Terminalia ferdinandiana Gubinge	Combretaceae		No
<i>T. ferdinandiana x T. petiolaris (hybrid)</i> <b>Red Gubinge</b>	Combretaceae		No
Terminalia petiolaris Marool or Blackberry Tree	Combretaceae	Semi	YES
<i>Thespesia populneoides</i>	Malvaceae		No
Ventilago viminalis (E) Medicine Bark or Suppleiack	Rhamnaceae		No
Shrubs or subshrubs			
Abutilon indicum Indian Lantern Flower	Malvaceae		No
Acacia hivenosa Cable Beach or Dune Wattle	Fabaceae		No
Acacia colei Candelabra Soan or Cole's Wattle	Fabaceae		No
Acacia erionoda (F) Broome Pindan Wattle	Fabaceae		No
Acacia monticola <b>Red Wattle</b>	Fabaceae		No
Acacia monticola aff. (F)	Fabaceae		No
Acacia platycarpa Chost Wattle	Fabaceae		No
Acacia wiekłamii (F)	Fabaceae		No
Adriana tomentosa var. hookari	Funhorbiaceae		No
*A arva javanica Kanok Rush or Pillow Wood	Amaranthaceae		No
Repuis computer	Dhyllonthaceae	Dociduous	VES
Bridalia tomantosa	Phyllanthaceae	Semi	VES
Calutrix arstipulata Kimborlov Hooth/Turkov Rush	Murtaceae	Senn	No
Carissa spinarum Conkorborry	Anocymacaaa		No
Clarodandrum floribundum var. ovatum	Apocynaceae Lamiaceae		No
Clerodendrum tomontosum var. mollissima	Lamiaceae		No
Coloneanar um tomentosum var. mottissima	Compation		No
Coatronocarpus connifonus (E) Desert Poplar	Gyrostemonaceae		INO Na
Crotalaria cunningnamii Parrot Pea/Green Birdflower	Fabaceae	Decit	INO VEC
Croton habrophyllus	Euphorbiaceae	Deciduous	YES
Cuuen martinu	гарасеае	<b>F</b>	INO MEG
Diospyros rugosula	Ebenaceae	Evergreen	YES
Distichostemon hispidulus (E)	Sapindaceae	F	N0
Dodonaea platyptera Broad-winged Hop Bush	Sapındaceae	Evergreen	MOSTLY
Ficus aculeata Sandpaper Fig	Moraceae	Evergreen	YES
Flueggea virosa subsp. melanthesoides Snowball Bush	Phyllanthaceae	Deciduous	MOSTLY
Glycosmis sp.	Rutaceae	Evergreen	YES
Gossypium australe (E)	Malvaceae		No
Grevillea refracta (E) Silverleaf Grevillea	Proteaceae		No
Grewia retusifolia <b>Dog's Balls</b>	Tiliaceae		No
Gyrostemon tepperi (E)	Gyrostemonaceae		No

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Species *donotes woods (A) annuals and (E) plants recorded only	Family	Deciduous	Kestricted
on the edges of vine thicket patches or in open groves.		OF Evergreen	to inickets
Helicteres rhynchocarpa (E)	Malvaceae	Evergreen	YES (edges)
Hibiscus apodus (E) <b>Yellow Hibiscus</b>	Malvaceae	Lieigieen	No
Hibiscus sp. (E)	Malvaceae		No
Hypoestes floribunda var. varia Musk-scented Plant	Acanthaceae	Evergreen	MOSTI Y
*Hyptis sugveolens Horehound	Lamiaceae	Lvergreen	No
	Rutaceae	Evergreen	MOSTI V
Luvanga monophyna Myonorum montanum Cowor Boobielle Netive Myrth	Scrophylariacoaa	Evergreen	No
Payetta kimbarlayana	Pubiacaaa		No
Dhyllouthus noticulatus	Dhullanthaaaaa	Sami	NU
Phylianthus reticulatus	Phylianthaceae	Semi	IES MOSTI V
	Plumbaginaceae	Evergreen	MOSILY
Psyarax penaulina	Kubiaceae	Evergreen	INO Nu
Ruingia loxophylla (E)	Malvaceae		NO Nu
Senna costata Kam's Horns	гарасеае		INO Na
Siaa nackettiana (E) Golden Kod	Iviaivaceae		INO Nu
Siaa ronienae subsp. occidentalis (E)	Malvaceae		INO Nu
Solanum cunninghamii (E)	Solanaceae		No
Tephrosia rosea (E) Flinders River poison	Fabaceae		No
Triumfetta sp. (E)	Malvaceae	-	No
Trophis scandens (E)	Moraceae	Evergreen	YES (edge)
Cyperus bulbosus (E) Bush Onion	Cyperaceae		No
Cumbers or vines	Debaaraa		N
Advis between helle set en enstable	Fabaceae	<b>E</b>	NO
Adenia neterophylia subsp. australis	Passifioraceae	Evergreen	YES
Asparagus racemosus Asparagus fern	Asparagaceae	Evergreen	MOSTLY
Caesalpinia major	Fabaceae	Evergreen	YES
Canavalia rosea $(E)$ Jack Bean or Beach Bean	Fabaceae	Г	No
Capparis jacobsii aff.	Capparaceae	Evergreen	YES
Capparis lasiantha Bush Caper	Capparaceae		No
Capparis sepiaria	Capparaceae	Evergreen	YES
Cassytha capillaris Slender Dodder	Lauraceae		No
Cassytha filiformis Yugulu	Lauraceae		No
*Clitoria ternatea Butterfly or Darwin Pea	Fabaceae		No
Cucumis maderaspatanus	Cucurbitaceae		No
Cynanchum carnosum (E)	Apocynaceae		No
Flagellaria indica Supplejack or Lawyer Vine	Flagellariaceae		YES
Gymnanthera oblonga Harpoon Bud	Apocynaceae		No
Ipomoea pes-caprae subsp. brasiliensis $(E)$	Qual 1		N.
Beach Morning Glory	Convolvulaceae	<b>D</b>	NO NEC
Jacquemontia paniculata	Convolvulaceae	Evergreen	YES
Jasminum didymium	Oleaceae		NO
*Macroptilium atropurpureum Siratro	Fabaceae		NO
*Merremia dissecta Hairy Morning Glory	Convolvulaceae		No
Operculina aequisepala (A)	Convolvulaceae	-	No
Opilia amentacea	Opiliaceae	Evergreen	YES
*Passiftora foetida var. hispida Wild Passionfruit	Passifloraceae	<b>.</b>	No
Sarcostemma sp.	Apocynaceae	Leafless	?

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Species $*$ denotes weads (A) annuals and (E) plants recorded only	ramily	Deciduous	Kestricted
on the edges of vine thicket patches or in open groves.		or Evergreen	to thickets
Sarcostemma viminale Caustic Vine or Milkbush	Apocynaceae	Leafless	YES
Secamone timoriensis	Apocynaceae	Semi	YES
Tinospora smilacina Snake Vine	Menispermaceae		No
Tylophora cinerascens Oyster-catcher Bill	Apocynaceae	Evergreen	YES
Tylophora flexuosa	Apocynaceae	Evergreen	YES
Vigna vexillata var. angustifolia Wild Cowpea	Fabaceae		No
Hemiparasites (Mistletoes)			
Amyema benthamii	Loranthaceae		No
Amyema bifurcata	Loranthaceae		No
Amyema sanguinea var. sanguinea Christmas Mistletoe	Loranthaceae		No
Cassytha capillaris (also under climbers)	Lauraceae		No
Cassytha filiformis (also under climbers)	Lauraceae		No
Dendrophthoe acacioides subsp. acacioides	Loranthaceae		No
Lysiana spathulata subsp. spathulata	Loranthaceae		No
Santalum lanceolatum (also under trees)	Santalaceae		No
Epiphytes			
Cymbidium canaliculatum Tree Orchid	Orchidaceae		No
Herbs			
Achyranthes aspera Chaff Flower	Amaranthaceae		No
Amaranthus sp. (A, E)	Amaranthaceae		No
Boerhavia sp. (A, E)	Nyctaginaceae		No
Cleome viscosa (A, E) Tick Weed or Mustard Bush	Cleomaceae		No
Crotalaria crispata (E) Walkabout	Fabaceae		No
Indigofera linifolia (A)	Fabaceae		No
Polycarpaea sp. (E)	Caryophyllaceae		No
Ptilotus exaltatus var. exaltatus (E) Pink Mulla Mulla	Amaranthaceae		No
Ptilotus polystachyus (E) Green MullaMulla/Seedy			
Head	Amaranthaceae		No
Sida sp.	Malvaceae		No
Spermacoce auriculata (E)	Rubiaceae		No
*Stylosanthes hamata Caribbean Stylo	Fabaceae		No
Tacca leontopetaloides (A)	Taccaceae		No
Trianthema portulacastrum Giant Pigweed	Aizoaceae		No
Trichodesma zeylanicum (E) <b>Camel Bush</b>	Boraginaceae		No
*Tridax procumbens <b>Tridax Daisy</b>	Asteraceae		No
Graminoids (Grasses)	_		
*Cenchrus biflorus Gallon's Curse	Poaceae		No
*Cenchrus ciliaris Buffel Grass	Poaceae		No
Cenchrus elymoides (E)	Poaceae		No
*Cenchrus setiger Birdwood Grass	Poaceae		No
*Chloris virgata Feathertop Rhodes Grass	Poaceae		No
Chrysopogon pallidus (E) Ribbon Grass	Poaceae		No
Cymbopogon sp. (E)	Poaceae		No
Enneapogon pallidus (E) Conetop Nineawn	Poaceae		No

Species	Family	<b>Deciduous Restricted</b>
*denotes weeds, (A) annuals, and (E) plants recorded only on the edges of vine thicket patches or in open groves.		or to thickets Evergreen
Heteropogon contortus (E) Bunch or Black Speargrass	Poaceae	No
Spinifex longifolius (E) Beach Spinifex	Poaceae	No
Triodia bitextura (E)	Poaceae	No
Triodia microstachya (E)	Poaceae	No
Triodia sp. (E)	Poaceae	No
Whiteochloa airoides (E) Creeping Panic	Poaceae	No

**Appendix 5.** List of vascular plant species recorded in each vine thicket patch on coastal sand dunes of Dampier Peninsula, West Kimberley, surveyed between 2000 and 2002. Plants are listed by life-form and arranged alphabetically by genus. Weeds are distinguished by \*, annuals by the suffix (A), and plants recorded on the edge of the patch or in open groves by the suffix (E).

### Patch 01 (60 ha)

### Trees

\*Azadirachta indica \*Carica papaya \*Peltophorum pterocarpum Atalaya hemiglauca Bauhinia cunninghamii Ehretia saligna Exocarpos latifolius Grewia breviflora Gyrocarpus americanus subsp. pachyphyllus Mallotus nesophilus Sersalisia sericea Premna acuminata Santalum lanceolatum Terminalia ferdinandiana Terminalia petiolaris

### Shrubs or subshrubs

\*Aerva javanica *\*Hyptis suaveolens* Abutilon indicum Acacia bivenosa Adriana tomentosa var. hookeri Brevnia cernua Bridelia tomentosa Carissa spinarum Clerodendrum tomentosum var. mollissima Crotalaria cunninghamii Ficus aculeata Flueggea virosa subsp. melanthesoides Hypoestes floribunda var. varia *Myoporum montanum* Pavetta kimberleyana Tephrosia rosea (E)

### Climbers or vines

\*Clitoria ternatea \*Macroptilium atropurpureum \*Merremia dissecta \*Passiflora foetida var. hispida Abrus precatorius Caesalpinia major Neem Tree Pawpaw Yellow Poinciana Western Whitewood Bauhinia Native Willow or Peachwood Mistletoe Tree Currant or Coffee Fruit Helicopter Tree or Stinkwood Yellow Ball Flower Mangarr Firestick Tree Tropical Sandalwood Gubinge Marool or Blackberry Tree

Kapok Bush or Pillow Weed Horehound Indian Lantern Flower Cable Beach or Dune Wattle

### Conkerberry

Parrot Pea or Green Birdflower Sandpaper Fig Snowball Bush Musk-scented Plant Gawar, Boobialla, Native Myrtle

Flinders River poison

Butterfly or Darwin Pea Siratro Hairy Morning Glory Wild Passionfruit Crabs Eye Bean

Capparis lasiantha
Cassytha capillaris
Cassytha filiformis
Gymnanthera oblonga
Jacquemontia paniculata
Jasminum didymum
Opilia amentacea
Tinospora smilacina
Tylophora cinerascens

### Hemiparasites (Mistletoes) Amyema benthamii

Herbs

Achyranthes aspera Trichodesma zeylanicum (E)

### Graminoids (Grasses)

\*Cenchrus biflorus \*Cenchrus ciliaris \*Cenchrus setiger \*Chloris virgata Spinifex longifolius (E) Triodia sp. (E) Whiteochloa airoides (E)

### Patch 02 (40 ha)

### Trees

Atalaya hemiglauca Bauhinia cunninghamii Ehretia saligna Exocarpos latifolius Grewia breviflora Gyrocarpus americanus subsp. pachyphyllus Mallotus nesophilus Sersalisia sericea Premna acuminata Santalum lanceolatum Terminalia ferdinandiana Terminalia petiolaris

### Shrubs or subshrubs

Abutilon indicum Acacia bivenosa Adriana tomentosa var. hookeri Breynia cernua Bridelia tomentosa Clerodendrum tomentosum var. mollissima Bush Caper Slender Dodder Yugulu Harpoon Bud

Snake Vine Oyster-catcher Bill

Chaff Flower Camel Bush

Gallon's Curse Buffel Grass Birdwood Grass Feathertop Rhodes Grass Beach Spinifex

**Creeping Panic** 

Western Whitewood Bauhinia Native Willow or Peachwood Mistletoe Tree Currant or Coffee Fruit Helicopter Tree or Stinkwood Yellow Ball Flower Mangarr Firestick Tree Tropical Sandalwood Gubinge Marool or Blackberry Tree

Indian Lantern Flower Cable Beach or Dune Wattle

Crotalaria cunninghamii Ficus aculeata Flueggea virosa subsp. melanthesoides Myoporum montanum Pavetta kimberleyana

### **Climbers** or vines

Abrus precatorius Caesalpinia major Capparis lasiantha Cassytha filiformis Gymnanthera oblonga Jacquemontia paniculata Jasminum didymum Tinospora smilacina Tylophora cinerascens

### Hemiparasites (Mistletoes)

Amyema benthamii

### Herbs

Achyranthes aspera

### Graminoids (Grasses)

\*Cenchrus biflorus \*Cenchrus ciliaris \*Cenchrus setiger

### Patch 03 (60 ha)

### Trees

Acacia platycarpa Acacia tumida (E) Bauhinia cunninghamii *Celtis australiensis (E)* Corymbia bella Corymbia flavescens Diospyros humilis Ehretia saligna Grewia breviflora Gyrocarpus americanus subsp. pachyphyllus Hakea arborescens (E) Hakea macrocarpa (E) Lophostemon grandiflorus subsp. grandiflorus Mallotus nesophilus Melaleuca dealbata (E) Pandanus spiralis Planchonia careya (E) Premna acuminata

Parrot Pea or Green Birdflower Sandpaper Fig Snowball Bush Gawar, Boobialla, Native Myrtle

#### Crabs Eye Bean

Bush Caper Yugulu Harpoon Bud

Snake Vine Oyster-catcher Bill

Chaff Flower

Gallon's Curse Buffel Grass Birdwood Grass

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Santalum lanceolatum Terminalia ferdinandiana Terminalia petiolaris Ventilago viminalis (E)

### Shrubs or subshrubs

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## Climbers or vines

\*Passiflora foetida var. hispida Abrus precatorius Caesalpinia major Capparis lasiantha Cassytha filiformis Gymnanthera oblonga Jacquemontia paniculata Jasminum didymum Tinospora smilacina Tylophora cinerascens

## Hemiparasites (Mistletoes)

Amyema benthamii

**Herbs** Crotalaria crispata (E)

## Graminoids (Grasses)

\*Cenchrus ciliaris \*Cenchrus setiger Cymbopogon sp. (E) Enneapogon pallidus (E) Heteropogon contortus (E) Tropical Sandalwood Gubinge Marool or Blackberry Tree Medicine Bark or Supplejack

Kapok Bush or Pillow Weed Indian Lantern Flower Cable Beach or Dune Wattle Candelabra, Soap/Cole's Wattle

Sandpaper Fig Snowball Bush

Dog's Balls Gawar, Boobialla, Native Myrtle Flinders River poison

Wild Passionfruit Crabs Eye Bean

Bush Caper Yugulu Harpoon Bud

Snake Vine Oyster-catcher Bill

Walkabout

Buffel Grass Birdwood Grass

Conetop Nineawn Bunch or Black Speargrass

## Patch 04 (40 ha)

#### Trees

\*Adansonia gregorii (cultivated?) Acacia tumida Atalava variifolia Bauhinia cunninghamii Brachychiton diversifolius subsp. diversifolius (E) Celtis australiensis Corymbia bella Corymbia greeniana Corymbia flavescens Diospyros humilis *Erythrophleum chlorostachys (E)* Exocarpos latifolius Grewia breviflora Gyrocarpus americanus subsp. pachyphyllus Hakea macrocarpa Mallotus nesophilus Mimusops elengi Persoonia falcata (E) Sersalisia sericea Premna acuminata Santalum lanceolatum Terminalia ferdinandiana *Terminalia petiolaris* 

### Shrubs or subshrubs

Abutilon indicum Acacia colei Acacia eriopoda (E) Acacia monticola (E) Acacia platycarpa Bridelia tomentosa Clerodendrum tomentosum var. mollissima Codonocarpus cotinifolius (E) Croton habrophyllus Distichostemon hispidulus (E) Ficus aculeata Gossypium australe (E) Grewia retusifolia Gyrostemon tepperi (E) *Myoporum montanum Triumfetta sp. (E)* 

### Climbers or vines

\*Merremia dissecta \*Passiflora foetida var. hispida Abrus precatorius Caesalpinia major Boab Wongai Wingleaf Whitewood Bauhinia Northern Kurrajong Goonj Weeping Ghost Gum Dampier's Bloodwood Apple or Cabbage Ghost Gum Ebony Wood Ironwood Mistletoe Tree Currant or Coffee Fruit Helicopter Tree or Stinkwood

Yellow Ball Flower Mamajen Wild Pear or Geebung Mangarr Firestick Tree Tropical Sandalwood Gubinge Marool or Blackberry Tree

Indian Lantern Flower Candelabra, Soap/Cole's Wattle Broome Pindan Wattle Red Wattle Ghost Wattle

## Desert Poplar

Sandpaper Fig

Dog's Balls

### Gawar, Boobialla, Native Myrtle

Hairy Morning Glory Wild Passionfruit Crabs Eye Bean

Capparis lasiantha	Bush Caper
Cassytha filiformis	Yugulu
Gymnanthera oblonga	Harpoon Bud
Jacquemontia paniculata	-
Jasminum didymum	
Tinospora smilacina	Snake Vine
Tylophora cinerascens	Oyster-catcher Bill
Hemiparasites (Mistletoes)	
Amyema sanguinea var. sanguinea	Christmas Mistletoe
Herbs	
*Stylosanthes hamata	Caribbean Stylo
Graminoids (Grasses)	

\*Cenchrus ciliaris \*Cenchrus setiger Cymbopogon sp. (E)

Buffel Grass Birdwood Grass

### Patch 05 (190)

#### Trees

\*Leucaena leucocephala Acacia tumida Bauhinia cunninghamii Brachychiton diversifolius subsp. diversifolius (E) *Celtis australiensis* Corymbia bella Corymbia polycarpa (E) Diospyros humilis Ehretia saligna *Erythrophleum chlorostachys (E) Eucalyptus miniata (E)* Exocarpos latifolius *Grevillea pyramidalis (E)* Grewia breviflora Gyrocarpus americanus subsp. pachyphyllus *Hakea macrocarpa* (*E*) Lophostemon grandiflorus subsp. grandiflorus Melaleuca dealbata Mimusops elengi Parinari nonda (E) Persoonia falcata (E) Pittosporum moluccanum (P4) Sersalisia sericea Premna acuminata (E) Santalum lanceolatum Terminalia ferdinandiana Terminalia petiolaris

Coffee Bush Wongai Bauhinia Northern Kurrajong Goonj Weeping Ghost Gum Long-fruited Bloodwood Ebony Wood Native Willow or Peachwood Ironwood Woollybutt or Manowan Mistletoe Tree Caustic Tree or Maangga Currant or Coffee Fruit Helicopter Tree or Stinkwood Lardik Garnboorr Mamajen Nonda Wild Pear or Geebung Mangarr **Firestick Tree Tropical Sandalwood** Gubinge Marool or Blackberry Tree

Ventilago viminalis (E)

## Shrubs or subshrubs

\*Aerva javanica Abutilon indicum Acacia colei Acacia eriopoda (E) Acacia monticola (E) Bridelia tomentosa Clerodendrum tomentosum var. mollissima Croton habrophyllus Ficus aculeata Flueggea virosa subsp. melanthesoides Glycosmis sp. Grevillea refracta (E) Myoporum montanum Plumbago zeylanica Solanum cunninghamii (E)

### Climbers or vines

\*Macroptilium atropurpureum \*Passiflora foetida var. hispida Abrus precatorius Caesalpinia major Capparis lasiantha Cassytha filiformis Gymnanthera oblonga Jacquemontia paniculata Jasminum didymum Sarcostemma viminale Tinospora smilacina Tylophora cinerascens

## Hemiparasites (Mistletoes)

Amyema benthamii Lysiana spathulata subsp. spathulata

*Epiphytes* Cymbidium canaliculatum

## Herbs

Hypoestes floribunda var. varia (E) Ptilotus polystachyus (E)

# Graminoids (Grasses)

\*Cenchrus ciliaris \*Cenchrus setiger Cymbopogon sp. (E) Enneapogon pallidus (E) Medicine Bark or Supplejack

Kapok Bush or Pillow Weed Indian Lantern Flower Gawar, Boobialla, Native Myrtle Broome Pindan Wattle Red Wattle

Sandpaper Fig Snowball Bush

Silverleaf Grevillea Gawar, Boobialla, Native Myrtle

Siratro Wild Passionfruit Crabs Eye Bean

Bush Caper Yugulu Harpoon Bud

Caustic Vine or Milkbush Snake Vine Oyster-catcher Bill

Tree Orchid

Musk-scented Plant Green Mulla Mulla/Seedy Head

Buffel Grass Birdwood Grass

Conetop Nineawn

### Patch 06 (20 ha)

#### Trees

Bauhinia cunninghamii Celtis australiensis Diospyros humilis Ehretia saligna Exocarpos latifolius Grewia breviflora Lophostemon grandiflorus subsp. grandiflorus Mallotus nesophilus Melaleuca dealbata Mimusops elengi Terminalia petiolaris

#### Shrubs or subshrubs

Abutilon indicum Croton habrophyllus Dodonaea platyptera Flueggea virosa subsp. melanthesoides Glycosmis sp. Hypoestes floribunda var. varia Plumbago zeylanica

#### Climbers or vines

Asparagus racemosus Capparis jacobsii aff. Jasminum didymum Opilia amentacea Tinospora smilacina Tylophora cinerascens

#### Herbs

Achyranthes aspera

Bauhinia Goonj Ebony Wood Native Willow or Peachwood Mistletoe Tree Currant or Coffee Fruit Lardik Yellow Ball Flower Garnboorr Mamajen Marool or Blackberry Tree

Indian Lantern Flower

Broad-winged Hop Bush Snowball Bush

Musk-scented Plant

Asparagus fern

Snake Vine Oyster-catcher Bill

Chaff Flower

### Patch 07 (10 ha)

#### Trees

Bauhinia cunninghamii Celtis australiensis Diospyros humilis Grewia breviflora Gyrocarpus americanus subsp. pachyphyllus Mallotus nesophilus Mimusops elengi Terminalia petiolaris

Shrubs or subshrubs Abutilon indicum Bauhinia Goonj Ebony Wood Currant or Coffee Fruit Helicopter Tree or Stinkwood Yellow Ball Flower Mamajen Marool or Blackberry Tree

Indian Lantern Flower

Crotalaria cunninghamii (E) Croton habrophyllus Flueggea virosa subsp. melanthesoides Glycosmis sp. Plumbago zeylanica

### Climbers or vines

Abrus precatorius Asparagus racemosus Jasminum didymum Operculina aequisepala (A)

### Herbs

Achyranthes aspera

Parrot Pea or Green Birdflower

Snowball Bush

Crabs Eye Bean Asparagus fern

Chaff Flower

## Patch 08 (3 ha)

#### Trees

Bauhinia cunninghamii Celtis australiensis Diospyros humilis Ehretia saligna Exocarpos latifolius Grewia breviflora Gyrocarpus americanus subsp. pachyphyllus Mallotus nesophilus Mimusops elengi Sersalisia sericea Premna acuminata Santalum lanceolatum Terminalia petiolaris

### Shrubs or subshrubs

Abutilon indicum Bridelia tomentosa Clerodendrum tomentosum var. mollissima Croton habrophyllus Dodonaea platyptera Ficus aculeata Flueggea virosa subsp. melanthesoides Glycosmis sp. Myoporum montanum Tephrosia rosea (E)

### Climbers or vines

Abrus precatorius Asparagus racemosus Caesalpinia major Capparis lasiantha Bauhinia Goonj Ebony Wood Native Willow or Peachwood Mistletoe Tree Currant or Coffee Fruit Helicopter Tree or Stinkwood Yellow Ball Flower Mamajen Mangarr Firestick Tree Tropical Sandalwood Marool or Blackberry Tree

Indian Lantern Flower

Broad-winged Hop Bush Sandpaper Fig Snowball Bush

Gawar, Boobialla, Native Myrtle Flinders River poison

Crabs Eye Bean Asparagus fern

### **Bush** Caper

Jasminum didymum Cucumis maderaspatanus Tinospora smilacina Tylophora cinerascens

Patch 10 (20 ha)

### Trees

Bauhinia cunninghamii Celtis australiensis Corymbia flavescens Cupaniopsis anacardioides Diospyros humilis Ehretia saligna Grewia breviflora Gyrocarpus americanus subsp. pachyphyllus Mimusops elengi Sersalisia sericea Premna acuminata Terminalia petiolaris

### Shrubs or subshrubs

Croton habrophyllus Dodonaea platyptera Flueggea virosa subsp. melanthesoides Glycosmis sp. Myoporum montanum Tephrosia rosea (E)

## **Climbers** or vines

Abrus precatorius Asparagus racemosus Cynanchum carnosum (E) Jacquemontia paniculata Opilia amentacea Sarcostemma sp.

Hemiparasites (Mistletoes) Amyema benthamii

Herbs Achyranthes aspera Ptilotus exaltatus var. exaltatus (E)

Graminoids (Grasses) \*Cenchrus setiger Snake Vine Oyster-catcher Bill

Bauhinia Goonj Apple or Cabbage Ghost Gum Tuckeroo Ebony Wood Native Willow or Peachwood Currant or Coffee Fruit Helicopter Tree or Stinkwood Mamajen Mangarr Firestick Tree Marool or Blackberry Tree

Broad-winged Hop Bush Snowball Bush

Gawar, Boobialla, Native Myrtle Flinders River poison

Crabs Eye Bean Asparagus fern

Chaff Flower Pink Mulla Mulla

Birdwood Grass

### Patch 11 (6 ha)

#### Trees

Bauhinia cunninghamii Celtis australiensis Diospyros humilis Exocarpos latifolius Grewia breviflora Gyrocarpus americanus subsp. pachyphyllus Mallotus nesophilus Melaleuca alsophila Mimusops elengi Terminalia petiolaris

#### Shrubs or subshrubs

Clerodendrum tomentosum var. mollissima Croton habrophyllus Dodonaea platyptera Flueggea virosa subsp. melanthesoides Glycosmis sp. Phyllanthus reticulatus

#### **Climbers** or vines

Abrus precatorius Asparagus racemosus Caesalpinia major Capparis jacobsii aff. Capparis lasiantha Cassytha filiformis Cynanchum carnosum (E) Jacquemontia paniculata Jasminum didymum Tinospora smilacina Tylophora cinerascens Tylophora flexuosa

### Herbs

Achyranthes aspera Cleome viscosa (A, E)

### Patch 12 (20 ha)

#### Trees

Bauhinia cunninghamii Celtis australiensis Corymbia flavescens Diospyros humilis Eucalyptus tectifica Grewia breviflora Bauhinia Goonj Ebony Wood Mistletoe Tree Currant or Coffee Fruit Helicopter Tree or Stinkwood Yellow Ball Flower Saltwater Paperbark Mamajen Marool or Blackberry Tree

Broad-winged Hop Bush Snowball Bush

Crabs Eye Bean Asparagus fern

Bush Caper Yugulu

Snake Vine Oyster-catcher Bill

Chaff Flower Tick Weed or Mustard Bush

Bauhinia Goonj Apple or Cabbage Ghost Gum Ebony Wood Grey Box or Darwin Box Currant or Coffee Fruit

Gyrocarpus americanus subsp. pachyphyllus Mallotus nesophilus Sersalisia sericea Premna acuminata Terminalia petiolaris

### Shrubs or subshrubs

Abutilon indicum Croton habrophyllus Dodonaea platyptera Ficus aculeata Flueggea virosa subsp. melanthesoides Glycosmis sp. Plumbago zeylanica Tephrosia rosea (E)

### Climbers or vines

Asparagus racemosus Caesalpinia major Capparis lasiantha Tinospora smilacina Tylophora cinerascens

#### Herbs

Crotalaria crispata (E)

## Patch 13 (10 ha)

### Trees

Acacia tumida (E) Bauhinia cunninghamii Celtis australiensis Diospyros humilis Ehretia saligna Grewia breviflora Gyrocarpus americanus subsp. pachyphyllus Mimusops elengi Persoonia falcata Santalum lanceolatum Terminalia petiolaris Ventilago viminalis (E)

#### Shrubs or subshrubs

Acacia colei Croton habrophyllus Dodonaea platyptera Glycosmis sp. Pavetta kimberleyana Tephrosia rosea (E) Helicopter Tree or Stinkwood Yellow Ball Flower Mangarr Firestick Tree Marool or Blackberry Tree

#### Indian Lantern Flower

Broad-winged Hop Bush Sandpaper Fig Snowball Bush

Flinders River poison

Asparagus fern

Bush Caper Snake Vine Oyster-catcher Bill

Walkabout

Wongai Bauhinia Goonj Ebony Wood Native Willow or Peachwood Currant or Coffee Fruit Helicopter Tree or Stinkwood Mamajen Wild Pear or Geebung Tropical Sandalwood Marool or Blackberry Tree Medicine Bark or Supplejack

Gawar, Boobialla, Native Myrtle

Broad-winged Hop Bush

Flinders River poison

Herbs

Crotalaria crispata (E) Plumbago zeylanica

## Walkabout

### Patch 14 (30 ha)

### Trees

Acacia tumida Bauhinia cunninghamii Celtis australiensis Diospyros humilis Grewia breviflora Melaleuca dealbata Mimusops elengi Pittosporum moluccanum (P4) Sersalisia sericea Premna acuminata Terminalia petiolaris

### Shrubs or subshrubs

Abutilon indicum Croton habrophyllus Dodonaea platyptera Flueggea virosa subsp. melanthesoides Glycosmis sp. Hypoestes floribunda var. varia Plumbago zeylanica Tephrosia rosea (E)

## Climbers or vines

Abrus precatorius Capparis jacobsii aff.

### Herbs

Achyranthes aspera Cleome viscosa (A, E)

**Graminoids (Grasses)** Enneapogon pallidus (E) Wongai Bauhinia Goonj Ebony Wood Currant or Coffee Fruit Garnboorr Mamajen

Mangarr Firestick Tree Marool or Blackberry Tree

## Indian Lantern Flower

Broad-winged Hop Bush Snowball Bush

Musk-scented Plant

Flinders River poison

Crabs Eye Bean

Chaff Flower Tick Weed or Mustard Bush

Conetop Nineawn

## Patch 15 (20 ha)

### Trees

Bauhinia cunninghamii Brachychiton diversifolius subsp. diversifolius Celtis australiensis Diospyros humilis Ehretia saligna Bauhinia Northern Kurrajong Goonj Ebony Wood Native Willow or Peachwood

Exocarpos latifolius Grewia breviflora Gyrocarpus americanus subsp. pachyphyllus Mallotus nesophilus Planchonia careya (E) Sersalisia sericea Santalum lanceolatum Terminalia petiolaris

## Shrubs or subshrubs

\*Aerva javanica Abutilon indicum Acacia colei Bridelia tomentosa Clerodendrum tomentosum var. mollissima Crotalaria cunninghamii (E) Croton habrophyllus Dodonaea platyptera Ficus aculeata(E) Flueggea virosa subsp. melanthesoides Myoporum montanum Plumbago zeylanica Tephrosia rosea (E)

### Climbers or vines

\*Passiflora foetida var. hispida Asparagus racemosus Caesalpinia major Capparis lasiantha Gymnanthera oblonga Jasminum didymum Cucumis maderaspatanus Tinospora smilacina Tylophora cinerascens

Hemiparasites (Mistletoes) Amyema benthamii

## Herbs

Achyranthes aspera Crotalaria crispata (E)

**Graminoids (Grasses)** Enneapogon pallidus (E) Spinifex longifolius (E) Mistletoe Tree Currant or Coffee Fruit Helicopter Tree or Stinkwood Yellow Ball Flower Cocky Apple Mangarr Tropical Sandalwood Marool or Blackberry Tree

Kapok Bush or Pillow Weed Indian Lantern Flower Gawar, Boobialla, Native Myrtle

Parrot Pea or Green Birdflower

Broad-winged Hop Bush Sandpaper Fig Snowball Bush Gawar, Boobialla, Native Myrtle

Flinders River poison

Wild Passionfruit Asparagus fern

Bush Caper Harpoon Bud

Snake Vine Oyster-catcher Bill

Chaff Flower Walkabout

Conetop Nineawn Beach Spinifex

## Patch 16 (20 ha)

### Trees

Bauhinia cunninghamii Brachychiton diversifolius subsp. diversifolius *Celtis australiensis* Corymbia bella Ehretia saligna *Exocarpos latifolius* Ficus virens Grewia breviflora Hakea arborescens Lophostemon grandiflorus subsp. grandiflorus Mallotus nesophilus Melaleuca alsophila Melaleuca dealbata Sersalisia sericea Premna acuminata Santalum lanceolatum *Terminalia petiolaris* 

### Shrubs or subshrubs

Abutilon indicum Bridelia tomentosa Clerodendrum tomentosum var. mollissima Crotalaria cunninghamii (E) Dodonaea platyptera Ficus aculeata Flueggea virosa subsp. melanthesoides Tephrosia rosea (E) Hibiscus apodus (E)

## Climbers or vines

\*Passiflora foetida var. hispida Asparagus racemosus Caesalpinia major Jasminum didymum Cucumis maderaspatanus Tylophora cinerascens

Hemiparasites (Mistletoes) Amyema benthamii

### Herbs

Achyranthes aspera Crotalaria crispata (E)

# Graminoids (Grasses)

\*Cenchrus setiger Cymbopogon sp. (E) Bauhinia Northern Kurrajong Gooni Weeping Ghost Gum Native Willow or Peachwood Mistletoe Tree Banyan or Strangler Fig Currant or Coffee Fruit Yellow Hakea or Tree Hakea Lardik Yellow Ball Flower Saltwater Paperbark Garnboorr Mangarr **Firestick Tree Tropical Sandalwood** Marool or Blackberry Tree

Indian Lantern Flower

Parrot Pea or Green Birdflower Broad-winged Hop Bush Sandpaper Fig Snowball Bush Flinders River poison Yellow Hibiscus

Wild Passionfruit Asparagus fern

Oyster-catcher Bill

Chaff Flower Walkabout

Birdwood Grass

Enneapogon pallidus (E)

Conetop Nineawn

## Patch 17 (10 ha)

### Trees

Bauhinia cunninghamii Brachychiton diversifolius subsp. diversifolius Celtis australiensis Corymbia bella Ehretia saligna Exocarpos latifolius Grewia breviflora Mallotus nesophilus Sersalisia sericea Santalum lanceolatum Terminalia petiolaris

### Shrubs or subshrubs

Abutilon indicum Acacia colei Bridelia tomentosa Clerodendrum tomentosum var. mollissima Crotalaria cunninghamii (E) Croton habrophyllus Dodonaea platyptera Ficus aculeata Flueggea virosa subsp. melanthesoides Myoporum montanum Tephrosia rosea (E)

### Climbers or vines

\*Passiflora foetida var. hispida Abrus precatorius Asparagus racemosus Caesalpinia major Capparis lasiantha Gymnanthera oblonga Jasminum didymum Cucumis maderaspatanus Tinospora smilacina Tylophora cinerascens

Hemiparasites (Mistletoes) Amyema benthamii

### *Herbs* Achyranthes aspera

Acnyrantnes aspera Crotalaria crispata (E) Bauhinia Northern Kurrajong Goonj Weeping Ghost Gum Native Willow or Peachwood Mistletoe Tree Currant or Coffee Fruit Yellow Ball Flower Mangarr Tropical Sandalwood Marool or Blackberry Tree

Indian Lantern Flower Gawar, Boobialla, Native Myrtle

### Parrot Pea or Green Birdflower

Broad-winged Hop Bush Sandpaper Fig Snowball Bush Gawar, Boobialla, Native Myrtle Flinders River poison

Wild Passionfruit Crabs Eye Bean Asparagus fern

Bush Caper Harpoon Bud

Snake Vine Oyster-catcher Bill

Chaff Flower Walkabout

## Graminoids (Grasses)

Cymbopogon sp. (E) Enneapogon pallidus (E) Heteropogon contortus (E) Spinifex longifolius (E)

### Patch 18 (20 ha)

### Trees

Bauhinia cunninghamii Celtis australiensis Exocarpos latifolius Grewia breviflora Hakea arborescens Mallotus nesophilus Sersalisia sericea Santalum lanceolatum Terminalia petiolaris

### Shrubs or subshrubs

Abutilon indicum Acacia colei Bridelia tomentosa Clerodendrum tomentosum var. mollissima Crotalaria cunninghamii (E) Croton habrophyllus Dodonaea platyptera Flueggea virosa subsp. melanthesoides Myoporum montanum Tephrosia rosea (E)

## Climbers or vines

\*Passiflora foetida var. hispida Abrus precatorius Caesalpinia major Capparis lasiantha Jacquemontia paniculata Jasminum didymum Cucumis maderaspatanus Tinospora smilacina

Hemiparasites (Mistletoes) Amyema benthamii

**Herbs** Crotalaria crispata (E)

Graminoids (Grasses) \*Cenchrus biflorus Conetop Nineawn Bunch or Black Speargrass Beach Spinifex

Bauhinia Goonj Mistletoe Tree Currant or Coffee Fruit Yellow Hakea or Tree Hakea Yellow Ball Flower Mangarr Tropical Sandalwood Marool or Blackberry Tree

Indian Lantern Flower Gawar, Boobialla, Native Myrtle

Parrot Pea or Green Birdflower

Broad-winged Hop Bush Snowball Bush Gawar, Boobialla, Native Myrtle Flinders River poison

Wild Passionfruit Crabs Eye Bean

Bush Caper

Snake Vine

Walkabout

Gallon's Curse

Cenchrus elymoides (E) Spinifex longifolius (E)

## **Beach Spinifex**

## Patch 19 (10 ha)

### Trees

Acacia tumida Bauhinia cunninghamii Celtis australiensis Grewia breviflora Gyrocarpus americanus subsp. pachyphyllus Mallotus nesophilus Terminalia petiolaris

*Shrubs or subshrubs Flueggea virosa subsp. melanthesoides* 

### **Climbers** or vines

\*Passiflora foetida var. hispida Asparagus racemosus Capparis lasiantha Tylophora cinerascens

#### Herbs

Achyranthes aspera

### Patch 20 (150 ha)

### Trees

Acacia tumida Bauhinia cunninghamii Celtis australiensis Corymbia bella Diospyros humilis Grewia breviflora Gyrocarpus americanus subsp. pachyphyllus Mallotus nesophilus Mimusops elengi Sersalisia sericea Terminalia petiolaris

### Shrubs or subshrubs

Abutilon indicum Bridelia tomentosa Dodonaea platyptera Flueggea virosa subsp. melanthesoides Wongai Bauhinia Goonj Currant or Coffee Fruit Helicopter Tree or Stinkwood Yellow Ball Flower Marool or Blackberry Tree

Snowball Bush

Wild Passionfruit Asparagus fern Bush Caper Oyster-catcher Bill

Chaff Flower

Wongai Bauhinia Goonj Weeping Ghost Gum Ebony Wood Currant or Coffee Fruit Helicopter Tree or Stinkwood Yellow Ball Flower Mamajen Mangarr Marool or Blackberry Tree

Indian Lantern Flower

Broad-winged Hop Bush Snowball Bush

### Climbers or vines

Abrus precatorius Asparagus racemosus Capparis lasiantha Jasminum didymum Tylophora cinerascens

### Herbs

Achyranthes aspera Plumbago zeylanica Crabs Eye Bean Asparagus fern Bush Caper

Oyster-catcher Bill

Chaff Flower

Styptic Tree Goonj

Ebony Wood

Lardik

Garnboorr

Mamajen

Mangarr

Mistletoe Tree

Marool or Blackberry Tree

Broad-winged Hop Bush

Snowball Bush

Wild Passionfruit

Crabs Eye Bean

### Patch 21 (60 ha)

### Trees

Canarium australianum Celtis australiensis Diospyros humilis Exocarpos latifolius Lophostemon grandiflorus subsp. grandiflorus Mallotus nesophillus Melaleuca dealbata Mimusops elengi Sersalisia sericea Terminalia petiolaris

## Shrubs or subshrubs

Bridelia tomentosa Dodonaea platyptera Flueggea virosa subsp. melanthesoides Pavetta kimberleyana Phyllanthus reticulatus

### **Climbers** or vines

\*Passiflora foetida var. hispida Abrus precatorius Caesalpinia major Capparis lasiantha Jasminum didymum

### *Herbs* Achyranthes aspera

Chaff Flower

**Bush Caper** 

## Patch 22 (130 ha)

**Trees** Acacia tumida Bauhinia cunninghamii Celtis australiensis

Wongai Bauhinia Goonj

Corymbia bella (E) Diospyros humilis Exocarpos latifolius Ficus virens Grewia breviflora Gyrocarpus americanus subsp. pachyphyllus (E) Hakea arborescens (E) Mallotus nesophilus Melaleuca alsophila (E) Melaleuca dealbata Mimusops elengi Sersalisia sericea Terminalia petiolaris

### Shrubs or subshrubs

Acacia colei Breynia cernua Bridelia tomentosa Dodonaea platyptera Flueggea virosa subsp. melanthesoides Luvunga monophylla Pavetta kimberleyana Phyllanthus reticulatus Tephrosia rosea (E)

## Climbers or vines

Abrus precatorius Adenia heterophylla subsp. australis Asparagus racemosus (E) Caesalpinia major Capparis lasiantha Gymnanthera oblonga (E) Jacquemontia paniculata

Hemiparasites (Mistletoes) Amyema benthamii

## Herbs

Achyranthes aspera Plumbago zeylanica (E)

**Graminoids (Grasses)** Cymbopogon sp. (E) Spinifex longifolius (E) Weeping Ghost Gum Ebony Wood Mistletoe Tree Banyan or Strangler Fig Currant or Coffee Fruit Helicopter Tree or Stinkwood Yellow Hakea or Tree Hakea Yellow Ball Flower Saltwater Paperbark Garnboorr Mamajen Mangarr Marool or Blackberry Tree

Gawar, Boobialla, Native Myrtle

Broad-winged Hop Bush Snowball Bush

Flinders River poison

Crabs Eye Bean

Asparagus fern

Bush Caper Harpoon Bud

Chaff Flower

**Beach Spinifex** 

## Patch 23 (30 ha)

**Trees** Acacia tumida

Wongai

Bauhinia cunninghamii Celtis australiensis Cupaniopsis anacardioides Diospyros humilis Exocarpos latifolius Grewia breviflora Mimusops elengi Premna acuminata Terminalia petiolaris

### Shrubs or subshrubs

Abutilon indicum Acacia colei Croton habrophyllus Dodonaea platyptera Flueggea virosa subsp. melanthesoides Pavetta kimberleyana Plumbago zeylanica Sida hackettiana (E)

### Climbers or vines

Abrus precatorius Capparis lasiantha Capparis sepiaria Flagellaria indica Jasminum didymum Tinospora smilacina Tylophora cinerascens

### Hemiparasites (Mistletoes) Amyema benthamii

#### Graminoids (Grasses)

\*Cenchrus setiger Cymbopogon sp. (E) Heteropogon contortus (E)

### Sedges

Cyperus bulbosus (E)

Bauhinia Goonj Tuckeroo Ebony Wood Mistletoe Tree Currant or Coffee Fruit Mamajen Firestick Tree Marool or Blackberry Tree

Indian Lantern Flower Gawar, Boobialla, Native Myrtle

Broad-winged Hop Bush Snowball Bush

Golden Rod

Crabs Eye Bean Bush Caper

Supplejack or Lawyer Vine

Snake Vine Oyster-catcher Bill

**Birdwood Grass** 

Bunch or Black Speargrass

**Bush Onion** 

## Patch 24 (10 ha)

### Trees

Acacia tumida Bauhinia cunninghamii Brachychiton diversifolius subsp. diversifolius Canarium australianum Celtis australiensis Corymbia bella Wongai Bauhinia Northern Kurrajong Styptic Tree Goonj Weeping Ghost Gum

Cupaniopsis anacardioides	Tuckeroo
Diospyros humilis	Ebony Wood
Grewia breviflora	Currant or Coffee Fruit
Hakea arborescens	Yellow Hakea or Tree Hakea
Hakea macrocarpa	
Mallotus nesophilus	Yellow Ball Flower
Mimusops elengi	Mamajen
Sersalisia sericea	Mangarr
Shrubs or subshrubs	
Acacia colei	Gawar, Boobialla, Native Myrtle
Bridelia tomentosa	
Flueggea virosa subsp. melanthesoides	Snowball Bush
Pavetta kimberleyana	
Sida rohlenae subsp. occidentalis (E)	
Climbers or vines	
Abrus precatorius	Crabs Eye Bean
Caesalpinia major	,
Capparis lasiantha	Bush Caper
Jacquemontia paniculata	-
Jasminum didymum	
Tylophora cinerascens	Oyster-catcher Bill
Tylophora flexuosa	
Hemiparasites (Mistletoes)	
Amyema benthamii	
Epiphytes	
Cymbidium canaliculatum	Tree Orchid
Herbs	
Achyranthes aspera	Chaff Flower
Tacca leontopetaloides (A)	
Graminoids (Grasses)	
Cymbopogon sp. (E)	
Enneapogon pallidus (E)	Conetop Nineawn

# Patch 25 (40 ha)

#### Trees

Bauhinia cunninghamii Canarium australianum Celtis australiensis Corymbia flavescens Cupaniopsis anacardioides Diospyros humilis Exocarpos latifolius Bauhinia Styptic Tree Goonj Apple or Cabbage Ghost Gum Tuckeroo Ebony Wood Mistletoe Tree

- Ficus virens
- Grewia breviflora Gyrocarpus americanus subsp. pachyphyllus Mallotus nesophilus Mimusops elengi Planchonia careya Sersalisia sericea Premna acuminata Psydrax pendulina (E) Terminalia ferdinandiana x T. petiolaris (hybrid) Terminalia petiolaris

### Shrubs or subshrubs

Abutilon indicum Acacia colei Breynia cernua Bridelia tomentosa Croton habrophyllus Dodonaea platyptera Flueggea virosa subsp. melanthesoides Glycosmis sp. Luvunga monophylla Plumbago zeylanica

#### **Climbers** or vines

Abrus precatorius Adenia heterophylla subsp. australis Asparagus racemosus (E) Caesalpinia major Capparis lasiantha Capparis sepiaria Cassytha filiformis Flagellaria indica Jacquemontia paniculata Cucumis maderaspatanus Sarcostemma viminale Secamone timoriensis Tinospora smilacina Tylophora cinerascens

# Hemiparasites (Mistletoes)

Amyema benthamii

## Herbs

\*Stylosanthes hamata Achyranthes aspera

## Graminoids (Grasses) \*Cenchrus ciliaris Cymbopogon sp. (E)

Banyan or Strangler Fig Currant or Coffee Fruit Helicopter Tree or Stinkwood Yellow Ball Flower Mamajen Cocky Apple Mangarr Firestick Tree

Red Gubinge Marool or Blackberry Tree

Indian Lantern Flower Gawar, Boobialla, Native Myrtle

Broad-winged Hop Bush Snowball Bush

### Crabs Eye Bean

Asparagus fern

Bush Caper

Yugulu Supplejack or Lawyer Vine

#### Caustic Vine or Milkbush

Snake Vine Oyster-catcher Bill

Caribbean Stylo Chaff Flower

Buffel Grass

### Patch 26 (50 ha)

#### Trees

Acacia tumida Bauhinia cunninghamii *Canarium australianum* Celtis australiensis Corymbia bella (E) *Corymbia polycarpa (E) Cupaniopsis anarcardioides* Diospyros humilis Ehretia saligna Exocarpos latifolius Ficus virens Grewia breviflora Gyrocarpus americanus subsp. pachyphyllus *Mallotus nesophilus* Mimusops elengi Persoonia falcata Sersalisia sericea Premna acuminata *Terminalia petiolaris* 

### Shrubs or subshrubs

Abutilon indicum Bridelia tomentosa Croton habrophyllus Diospyros rugosula Dodonaea platyptera Flueggea virosa subsp. melanthesoides Glycosmis sp. Hibiscus sp. (E) Luvunga monophylla Plumbago zeylanica Triumfetta sp. (E)

## Climbers or vines

Abrus precatorius Adenia heterophylla subsp. australis Asparagus racemosus Caesalpinia major Capparis lasiantha Capparis sepiaria Cassytha filiformis Jasminum didymum Sarcostemma viminale Tinospora smilacina Tylophora flexuosa Wongai Bauhinia Styptic Tree Goonj Weeping Ghost Gum Long-fruited Bloodwood

Ebony Wood Native Willow or Peachwood Mistletoe Tree Banyan or Strangler Fig Currant or Coffee Fruit Helicopter Tree or Stinkwood Yellow Ball Flower Mamajen Wild Pear or Geebung Mangarr Firestick Tree Marool or Blackberry Tree

Indian Lantern Flower

Broad-winged Hop Bush Snowball Bush

Crabs Eye Bean

Asparagus fern

**Bush** Caper

Yugulu

Caustic Vine or Milkbush Snake Vine

### Hemiparasites (Mistletoes)

Amyema benthamii

## **Epiphytes**

 $Cymbidium\ canaliculatum\ (E)$ 

Herbs Crotalaria crispata (E)

## Graminoids (Grasses)

Enneapogon pallidus (E) Triodia sp. (E)

### Tree Orchid

Walkabout

Conetop Nineawn

### Patch 27 (10 ha)

## Trees

Acacia tumida Canarium australianum Cupaniopsis anacardioides Diospyros humilis Grewia breviflora Gyrocarpus americanus subsp. pachyphyllus Lophostemon grandiflorus subsp. grandiflorus Melaleuca dealbata Planchonia careya Sersalisia sericea Terminalia ferdinandiana

### Shrubs or subshrubs

Acacia colei Croton habrophyllus Dodonaea platyptera Flueggea virosa subsp. melanthesoides Pavetta kimberleyana Phyllanthus reticulatus Rulingia loxophylla (E)

## **Climbers** or vines

Abrus precatorius Adenia heterophylla subsp. australis Cassytha filiformis Flagellaria indica

### Herbs

\*Stylosanthes hamata Achyranthes aspera Wongai Styptic Tree Tuckeroo Ebony Wood Currant or Coffee Fruit Helicopter Tree or Stinkwood Lardik Garnboorr Cocky Apple Mangarr Gubinge

## Gawar, Boobialla, Native Myrtle

Broad-winged Hop Bush Snowball Bush

Crabs Eye Bean

Yugulu Supplejack or Lawyer Vine

Caribbean Stylo Chaff Flower

### Patch 28 (50 ha)

#### Trees

Acacia tumida Bauhinia cunninghamii Brachychiton diversifolius subsp. diversifolius Canarium australianum Celtis australiensis Corymbia bella Diospyros humilis Ehretia saligna Exocarpos latifolius Ficus virens Grewia breviflora Hakea arborescens Hakea macrocarpa Mallotus nesophilus Melaleuca dealbata Mimusops elengi Pandanus spiralis Planchonia careya Sersalisia sericea Premna acuminata Santalum lanceolatum Syzygium eucalyptoides subsp. bleeseri Terminalia petiolaris

#### Shrubs or subshrubs

Acacia colei Bridelia tomentosa Croton habrophyllus Dodonaea platyptera (E) Flueggea virosa subsp. melanthesoides Glycosmis sp. Hypoestes floribunda var. varia Luvunga monophylla Sida hackettiana (E)

### Climbers or vines

\*Passiflora foetida var. hispida Abrus precatorius Adenia heterophylla subsp. australis Asparagus racemosus Capparis lasiantha Capparis sepiaria Cassytha filiformis Flagellaria indica Gymnanthera oblonga Jasminum didymum Sarcostemma viminale Wongai Bauhinia Northern Kurrajong Styptic Tree Goonj Weeping Ghost Gum Ebony Wood Native Willow or Peachwood Mistletoe Tree Banyan or Strangler Fig Currant or Coffee Fruit Yellow Hakea or Tree Hakea

Yellow Ball Flower Garnboorr Mamajen Iidool or Common Srewpine Cocky Apple Mangarr Firestick Tree Tropical Sandalwood Wild Apple Marool or Blackberry Tree

Gawar, Boobialla, Native Myrtle

Broad-winged Hop Bush Snowball Bush

Musk-scented Plant

Golden Rod

Wild Passionfruit Crabs Eye Bean

Asparagus fern Bush Caper

Yugulu Supplejack or Lawyer Vine Harpoon Bud

Caustic Vine or Milkbush

Tinospora smilacina Tylophora cinerascens Tylophora flexuosa Vigna vexillata var. angustifolia

### Hemiparasites (Mistletoes) Amyema benthamii

*Epiphytes Cymbidium canaliculatum* 

*Herbs* Achyranthes aspera Spermacoce auriculata (E)

**Graminoids (Grasses)** Enneapogon pallidus (E) Triodia sp. (E) Snake Vine Oyster-catcher Bill

Wild Cowpea

Tree Orchid

Chaff Flower

Conetop Nineawn

### Patch 29 (20 ha)

### Trees

Acacia tumida Canarium australianum *Celtis australiensis* Diospyros humilis Ehretia saligna Exocarpos latifolius Ficus virens Grewia breviflora Gyrocarpus americanus subsp. pachyphyllus Mallotus nesophilus Mimusops elengi Sersalisia sericea Premna acuminata Santalum lanceolatum *Terminalia petiolaris* Thespesia populneoides

### Shrubs or subshrubs

Clerodendrum floribundum var. ovatum Croton habrophyllus Dodonaea platyptera Flueggea virosa subsp. melanthesoides Glycosmis sp. Hibiscus sp. (E) Pavetta kimberleyana Phyllanthus reticulatus Wongai Styptic Tree Goonj Ebony Wood Native Willow or Peachwood Mistletoe Tree Banyan or Strangler Fig Currant or Coffee Fruit Helicopter Tree or Stinkwood Yellow Ball Flower Mamajen Mangarr Firestick Tree Tropical Sandalwood Marool or Blackberry Tree

Broad-winged Hop Bush Snowball Bush

**Climbers** or vines

\*Passiflora foetida var. hispida Abrus precatorius Adenia heterophylla subsp. australis Asparagus racemosus Capparis lasiantha Capparis sepiaria Flagellaria indica Jasminum didymum Sarcostemma viminale Tylophora flexuosa Wild Passionfruit Crabs Eye Bean

Asparagus fern Bush Caper

Supplejack or Lawyer Vine

Caustic Vine or Milkbush

### Patch 30 (50 ha)

#### Trees

Bauhinia cunninghamii Canarium australianum Celtis australiensis Diospyros humilis Ehretia saligna Exocarpos latifolius Ficus virens Grewia breviflora Gyrocarpus americanus subsp. pachyphyllus Mallotus nesophilus Mimusops elengi Pandanus spiralis Sersalisia sericea Premna acuminata Santalum lanceolatum Syzygium eucalyptoides subsp. bleeseri Terminalia ferdinandiana Terminalia petiolaris

### Shrubs or subshrubs

Abutilon indicum Breynia cernua Croton habrophyllus Diospyros rugosula Dodonaea platyptera Flueggea virosa subsp. melanthesoides Glycosmis sp. Pavetta kimberleyana Phyllanthus reticulatus Plumbago zeylanica Sida hackettiana (E) Tephrosia rosea (E) Triumfetta sp. (E) Bauhinia Styptic Tree Goonj Ebony Wood Native Willow or Peachwood Mistletoe Tree Banyan or Strangler Fig Currant or Coffee Fruit Helicopter Tree or Stinkwood Yellow Ball Flower Mamajen Iidool or Common Srewpine Mangarr Firestick Tree Tropical Sandalwood Wild Apple Gubinge Marool or Blackberry Tree

Indian Lantern Flower

Broad-winged Hop Bush Snowball Bush

Golden Rod Flinders River poison
# Climbers or vines

Abrus precatorius Adenia heterophylla subsp. australis Caesalpinia major Canavalia rosea (E) Capparis lasiantha Capparis sepiaria Cassytha filiformis Flagellaria indica Ipomoea pes-caprae subsp. brasiliensis (E) Jasminum didymum Cucumis maderaspatanus Sarcostemma viminale Tinospora smilacina Tylophora cinerascens Tylophora flexuosa

# Hemiparasites (Mistletoes)

Amyema benthamii

# Herbs

Achyranthes aspera Cleome viscosa (A, E) Crotalaria crispata (E) Indigofera linifolia (A) Ptilotus exaltatus var. exaltatus (E)

# Graminoids (Grasses)

\*Cenchrus setiger Cymbopogon sp. (E) Triodia sp. (E) Crabs Eye Bean

Jack Bean or Beach Bean Bush Caper

Yugulu Supplejack or Lawyer Vine Beach Morning Glory

Caustic Vine or Milkbush Snake Vine Oyster-catcher Bill

Chaff Flower Tick Weed or Mustard Bush Walkabout

Pink Mulla Mulla

**Birdwood Grass** 

# Patch 31 (1 ha)

# Trees

Canarium australianum Celtis australiensis Diospyros humilis Ehretia saligna Exocarpos latifolius Grewia breviflora Gyrocarpus americanus subsp. pachyphyllus Mimusops elengi Sersalisia sericea Premna acuminata

# Shrubs or subshrubs

Breynia cernua Croton habrophyllus Styptic Tree Goonj Ebony Wood Native Willow or Peachwood Mistletoe Tree Currant or Coffee Fruit Helicopter Tree or Stinkwood Mamajen Mangarr Firestick Tree

Diospyros rugosula Flueggea virosa subsp. melanthesoides Hibiscus sp. (E) Senna costata

# Climbers or vines

Abrus precatorius Adenia heterophylla subsp. australis Capparis lasiantha Capparis sepiaria Flagellaria indica Jasminum didymum Tinospora smilacina Tylophora cinerascens

Graminoids (Grasses) \*Cenchrus setiger

Patch 32 (60 ha)

### Trees

Canarium australianum Celtis australiensis Diospyros humilis Exocarpos latifolius Ficus virens Grewia breviflora Mallotus nesophilus Melaleuca dealbata Mimusops elengi Sersalisia sericea Premna acuminata Santalum lanceolatum Terminalia petiolaris

### Shrubs or subshrubs

Abutilon indicum Breynia cernua Croton habrophyllus Diospyros rugosula Pavetta kimberleyana

### **Climbers** or vines

Abrus precatorius Adenia heterophylla subsp. australis Asparagus racemosus Caesalpinia major Capparis lasiantha Snowball Bush

Ram's Horns

Crabs Eye Bean

Bush Caper

Supplejack or Lawyer Vine

Snake Vine Oyster-catcher Bill

Birdwood Grass

Styptic Tree Goonj Ebony Wood Mistletoe Tree Banyan or Strangler Fig Currant or Coffee Fruit Yellow Ball Flower Garnboorr Mamajen Mangarr Firestick Tree Tropical Sandalwood Marool or Blackberry Tree

Indian Lantern Flower

Crabs Eye Bean

Asparagus fern

**Bush** Caper

Capparis sepiaria Cassytha filiformis Flagellaria indica Ipomoea pes-caprae subsp. brasiliensis (E) Jasminum didymum Cucumis maderaspatanus Sarcostemma viminale Tinospora smilacina Tylophora flexuosa

Hemiparasites (Mistletoes) Amyema benthamii

#### Herbs

Achyranthes aspera Boerhavia sp. (E, A) Yugulu Supplejack or Lawyer Vine Beach Morning Glory

Caustic Vine or Milkbush Snake Vine

Chaff Flower

### Patch 33 (<0.1 ha)

#### Trees

Celtis australiensis Diospyros humilis Mallotus nesophilus Mimusops elengi Terminalia petiolaris

### Shrubs or subshrubs

Diospyros rugosula

### Climbers or vines

Abrus precatorius Capparis sepiaria Flagellaria indica Jasminum didymum Goonj Ebony Wood Yellow Ball Flower Mamajen Marool or Blackberry Tree

Crabs Eye Bean

Supplejack or Lawyer Vine

### Patch 34 (<0.1 ha)

#### Trees

Canarium australianum Diospyros humilis Exocarpos latifolius Grewia breviflora Mallotus nesophilus Mimusops elengi Sersalisia sericea Terminalia petiolaris Styptic Tree Ebony Wood Mistletoe Tree Currant or Coffee Fruit Yellow Ball Flower Mamajen Mangarr Marool or Blackberry Tree

### Shrubs or subshrubs Bridelia tomentosa Diospyros rugosula Flueggea virosa subsp. melanthesoides Snowball Bush Plumbago zeylanica Climbers or vines Abrus precatorius Crabs Eye Bean Adenia heterophylla subsp. australis Capparis sepiaria Tinospora smilacina Snake Vine Herbs Achyranthes aspera Chaff Flower

# Patch 35 (50 ha)

### Trees

Celtis australiensis Diospyros humilis Exocarpos latifolius Grewia breviflora Mallotus nesophilus Mimusops elengi Sersalisia sericea Terminalia petiolaris

### Shrubs or subshrubs

Breynia cernua Diospyros rugosula

# Climbers or vines

Abrus precatorius Asparagus racemosus Caesalpinia major Capparis sepiaria Cassytha filiformis Flagellaria indica Gymnanthera oblonga Jasminum didymum Cucumis maderaspatanus Sarcostemma viminale Tinospora smilacina Tylophora cinerascens

*Herbs Achyranthes aspera* 

# Goonj Ebony Wood Mistletoe Tree Currant or Coffee Fruit Yellow Ball Flower Mamajen Mangarr Marool or Blackberry Tree

Crabs Eye Bean Asparagus fern

Yugulu Supplejack or Lawyer Vine Harpoon Bud

Caustic Vine or Milkbush Snake Vine Oyster-catcher Bill

Chaff Flower

# Patch 36 (20 ha)

### Trees

Acacia tumida Atalaya variifolia Bauhinia cunninghamii Canarium australianum Celtis australiensis *Corymbia opaca (E) Corymbia polycarpa (E)* Diospyros humilis Ehretia saligna Exocarpos latifolius Grewia breviflora Gyrocarpus americanus subsp. pachyphyllus Mallotus nesophilus Mimusops elengi Sersalisia sericea Premna acuminata *Terminalia petiolaris* 

#### Shrubs or subshrubs

Abutilon indicum Bridelia tomentosa Croton habrophyllus Diospyros rugosula Dodonaea platyptera Flueggea virosa subsp. melanthesoides Glycosmis sp. Grewia retusifolia Pavetta kimberleyana Phyllanthus reticulatus Plumbago zeylanica

### Climbers or vines

\*Passiflora foetida var. hispida Abrus precatorius Adenia heterophylla subsp. australis Asparagus racemosus Caesalpinia major Capparis lasiantha Capparis sepiaria Flagellaria indica Jasminum didymum (E) Sarcostemma viminale Tinospora smilacina Tylophora cinerascens Tylophora flexuosa

Wongai Wingleaf Whitewood Bauhinia Styptic Tree Goonj Long-fruited Bloodwood Ebony Wood Native Willow or Peachwood Mistletoe Tree Currant or Coffee Fruit Helicopter Tree or Stinkwood Yellow Ball Flower Mamaien Mangarr **Firestick Tree** Marool or Blackberry Tree

Indian Lantern Flower

# Broad-winged Hop Bush Snowball Bush

Dog's Balls

Wild Passionfruit Crabs Eye Bean

Asparagus fern

**Bush** Caper

Supplejack or Lawyer Vine

Caustic Vine or Milkbush Snake Vine Oyster-catcher Bill

# Hemiparasites (Mistletoes)

Amyema benthamii

Herbs

Cleome viscosa (A, E) Crotalaria crispata (E)

Graminoids (Grasses)

Enneapogon pallidus (E)

# Patch 37 (10 ha)

#### Trees

Acacia tumida Atalaya variifolia Bauhinia cunninghamii Canarium australianum Celtis australiensis Corymbia flavescens Corymbia polycarpa

Diospyros humilis Ehretia saligna Exocarpos latifolius Grewia breviflora Gyrocarpus americanus subsp. pachyphyllus Mallotus nesophilus Mimusops elengi Parinari nonda Sersalisia sericea Premna acuminata Santalum lanceolatum Terminalia canescens (E) Terminalia ferdinandiana Terminalia petiolaris

### Shrubs or subshrubs

Abutilon indicum Acacia wickhamii (E) Breynia cernua Bridelia tomentosa Croton habrophyllus Diospyros rugosula Dodonaea platyptera Flueggea virosa subsp. melanthesoides Plumbago zeylanica Solanum cunninghamii (E) Tick Weed or Mustard Bush Walkabout

Conetop Nineawn

Wongai Wingleaf Whitewood Bauhinia Styptic Tree Goonj Apple or Cabbage Ghost Gum Long-fruited Bloodwood

Ebony Wood Native Willow or Peachwood Mistletoe Tree Currant or Coffee Fruit Helicopter Tree or Stinkwood Yellow Ball Flower Mamajen Nonda Mangarr Firestick Tree Tropical Sandalwood Wingnut Tree Gubinge Marool or Blackberry Tree

Indian Lantern Flower

Broad-winged Hop Bush Snowball Bush

### Climbers or vines

Abrus precatorius Adenia heterophylla subsp. australis Asparagus racemosus Capparis lasiantha Capparis sepiaria Cassytha filiformis Flagellaria indica Jasminum didymum Sarcostemma viminale Tinospora smilacina

#### Hemiparasites (Mistletoes)

Amyema benthamii

# Graminoids (Grasses)

Chrysopogon pallidus (E)

Crabs Eye Bean

Asparagus fern Bush Caper

Yugulu Supplejack or Lawyer Vine

Caustic Vine or Milkbush Snake Vine

**Ribbon Grass** 

### Patch 38 (10 ha)

### Trees

Acacia tumida Atalaya variifolia Bauhinia cunninghamii Celtis australiensis Corymbia bella Diospyros humilis Ehretia saligna Exocarpos latifolius Grewia breviflora Gyrocarpus americanus subsp. pachyphyllus Hakea macrocarpa Mimusops elengi Sersalisia sericea Premna acuminata Terminalia petiolaris

### Shrubs or subshrubs

\*Aerva javanica Abutilon indicum Bridelia tomentosa Croton habrophyllus Diospyros rugosula Dodonaea platyptera Flueggea virosa subsp. melanthesoides Luvunga monophylla

### Climbers or vines

\*Clitoria ternatea

Wongai Wingleaf Whitewood Bauhinia Goonj Weeping Ghost Gum Ebony Wood Native Willow or Peachwood Mistletoe Tree Currant or Coffee Fruit Helicopter Tree or Stinkwood

Mamajen Mangarr Firestick Tree Marool or Blackberry Tree

Kapok Bush or Pillow Weed Indian Lantern Flower

Broad-winged Hop Bush Snowball Bush

Butterfly or Darwin Pea

\*Passiflora foetida var. hispida Abrus precatorius Adenia heterophylla subsp. australis Asparagus racemosus Capparis lasiantha Capparis sepiaria Sarcostemma viminale Tinospora smilacina

### Hemiparasites (Mistletoes)

Dendrophthoe acacioides subsp. acacioides

### Herbs

\*Stylosanthes hamata Sida sp.

# Graminoids (Grasses)

\*Cenchrus setiger Chrysopogon pallidus (E)

# Wild Passionfruit Crabs Eye Bean

Asparagus fern Bush Caper

Caustic Vine or Milkbush Snake Vine

Caribbean Stylo

Birdwood Grass Ribbon Grass

# Patch 39 (90 ha)

### Trees

Bauhinia cunninghamii Brachychiton diversifolius subsp. diversifolius Celtis australiensis Corymbia flavescens Diospyros humilis Ehretia saligna Grewia breviflora Gyrocarpus americanus subsp. pachyphyllus Mimusops elengi Premna acuminata Terminalia petiolaris

# Shrubs or subshrubs

Acacia colei Acacia monticola Croton habrophyllus Diospyros rugosula Dodonaea platyptera Flueggea virosa subsp. melanthesoides Glycosmis sp. Helicteres rhynchocarpa (E) Luvunga monophylla

# Climber

\*Macroptilium atropurpureum Abrus precatorius Bauhinia Northern Kurrajong Goonj Apple or Cabbage Ghost Gum Ebony Wood Native Willow or Peachwood Currant or Coffee Fruit Helicopter Tree or Stinkwood Mamajen Firestick Tree Marool or Blackberry Tree

Gawar, Boobialla, Native Myrtle Red Wattle

Broad-winged Hop Bush Snowball Bush

Siratro Crabs Eye Bean

Adenia heterophylla subsp. australis Caesalpinia major Capparis lasiantha Capparis sepiaria Flagellaria indica Sarcostemma viminale Tylophora cinerascens

### Herbs

\*Stylosanthes hamata

**Bush Caper** 

Supplejack or Lawyer Vine Caustic Vine or Milkbush Oyster-catcher Bill

Caribbean Stylo

### Patch 40 (20 ha)

#### Trees

Celtis australiensis Diospyros humilis Exocarpos latifolius Ficus virens Grewia breviflora Gyrocarpus americanus subsp. pachyphyllus Mimusops elengi Sersalisia sericea Premna acuminata Terminalia petiolaris

### Shrubs or subshrubs

\*Hyptis suaveolens Abutilon indicum Croton habrophyllus Diospyros rugosula Dodonaea platyptera Flueggea virosa subsp. melanthesoides Glycosmis sp. Hibiscus sp. (E) Luvunga monophylla

# Climbers or vines

\*Macroptilium atropurpureum Adenia heterophylla subsp. australis Capparis lasiantha Capparis sepiaria Flagellaria indica Jasminum didymum Sarcostemma viminale Tinospora smilacina Tylophora cinerascens

*Herbs* Achyranthes aspera Goonj Ebony Wood Mistletoe Tree Banyan or Strangler Fig Currant or Coffee Fruit Helicopter Tree or Stinkwood Mamajen Mangarr Firestick Tree Marool or Blackberry Tree

Horehound Indian Lantern Flower

Broad-winged Hop Bush Snowball Bush

Siratro

**Bush Caper** 

# Supplejack or Lawyer Vine

Caustic Vine or Milkbush Snake Vine Oyster-catcher Bill

Chaff Flower

# Patch 41 (10 ha)

### Trees

Acacia neurocarpa (E) Canarium australianum Celtis australiensis Diospyros humilis Ehretia saligna *Exocarpos latifolius* Ficus virens Grewia breviflora Gyrocarpus americanus subsp. pachyphyllus Melaleuca alsophila (E) Mimusops elengi Sersalisia sericea Premna acuminata Santalum lanceolatum (E) Terminalia ferdinandiana (E) Terminalia petiolaris

### Shrubs or subshrubs

Bridelia tomentosa Carissa spinarum (E) Croton habrophyllus Diospyros rugosula Dodonaea platyptera Flueggea virosa subsp. melanthesoides Glycosmis sp. Helicteres rhynchocarpa (E) Hibiscus sp. (E) Luvunga monophylla Pavetta kimberleyana Plumbago zeylanica Sida hackettiana (E) Trophis scandens (E)

# Climbers or vines

\*Passiflora foetida var. hispida Abrus precatorius Adenia heterophylla subsp. australis Asparagus racemosus Caesalpinia major Capparis lasiantha Capparis sepiaria Flagellaria indica Gymnanthera oblonga Jasminum didymum Sarcostemma viminale Tinospora smilacina Tylophora flexuosa Styptic Tree Goonj Ebony Wood Native Willow or Peachwood Mistletoe Tree Banyan or Strangler Fig Currant or Coffee Fruit Helicopter Tree or Stinkwood Saltwater Paperbark Mamajen Mangarr Firestick Tree Tropical Sandalwood Gubinge Marool or Blackberry Tree

Conkerberry

Broad-winged Hop Bush Snowball Bush

# Golden Rod

Wild Passionfruit Crabs Eye Bean

Asparagus fern

**Bush Caper** 

Supplejack or Lawyer Vine Harpoon Bud

Caustic Vine or Milkbush Snake Vine

# Hemiparasites (Mistletoes)

Amyema benthamii

Herbs

\*Stylosanthes hamata Achyranthes aspera

### Graminoids (Grasses)

\*Cenchrus setiger Chrysopogon pallidus (E) Triodia microstachya (E)

### Patch 42 (60 ha)

### Trees

Acacia neurocarpa (E) Acacia tumida Bauhinia cunninghamii Canarium australianum *Celtis australiensis* Corymbia bella Corymbia polycarpa Diospyros humilis Ehretia saligna Exocarpos latifolius Ficus virens Grewia breviflora Gyrocarpus americanus subsp. pachyphyllus Hakea arborescens (E) Hakea macrocarpa Mallotus nesophilus Mimusops elengi Pandanus spiralis Sersalisia sericea Premna acuminata Santalum lanceolatum Terminalia ferdinandiana Terminalia petiolaris

### Shrubs or subshrubs

Acacia colei Bridelia tomentosa Croton habrophyllus Diospyros rugosula Dodonaea platyptera Ficus aculeata Flueggea virosa subsp. melanthesoides Glycosmis sp. Phyllanthus reticulatus Caribbean Stylo Chaff Flower

Birdwood Grass Ribbon Grass

Wongai Bauhinia Styptic Tree Goonj Weeping Ghost Gum Long-fruited Bloodwood Ebony Wood Native Willow or Peachwood Mistletoe Tree Banyan or Strangler Fig Currant or Coffee Fruit Helicopter Tree or Stinkwood Yellow Hakea or Tree Hakea

Yellow Ball Flower Mamajen Iidool or Common Srewpine Mangarr Firestick Tree Tropical Sandalwood Gubinge Marool or Blackberry Tree

Gawar, Boobialla, Native Myrtle

Broad-winged Hop Bush Sandpaper Fig Snowball Bush Plumbago zeylanica Tephrosia rosea (E)

Climbers or vines \*Passiflora foetida var. hispida Abrus precatorius Adenia heterophylla subsp. australis Asparagus racemosus Caesalpinia major Canavalia rosea (E) Capparis lasiantha Capparis sepiaria Cassytha filiformis Flagellaria indica Jacquemontia paniculata Jasminum didymum *Cucumis maderaspatanus* Tinospora smilacina *Tylophora cinerascens* Tylophora flexuosa

Hemiparasites (Mistletoes) Amyema benthamii

### Herbs

\*Stylosanthes hamata Achyranthes aspera Boerhavia sp. (E, A) Cleome viscosa (A, E)

**Graminoids (Grasses)** Triodia microstachya (E)

# Patch 43 (30 ha)

# Trees

Acacia tumida Canarium australianum Celtis australiensis Corymbia bella Diospyros humilis Ehretia saligna Exocarpos latifolius Ficus virens Grewia breviflora Gyrocarpus americanus subsp. pachyphyllus Hakea arborescens Hakea macrocarpa Mallotus nesophilus Flinders River poison

Wild Passionfruit Crabs Eye Bean

Asparagus fern

Jack Bean or Beach Bean Bush Caper

Yugulu Supplejack or Lawyer Vine

Snake Vine Oyster-catcher Bill

Caribbean Stylo Chaff Flower

Tick Weed or Mustard Bush

Wongai Styptic Tree Goonj Weeping Ghost Gum Ebony Wood Native Willow or Peachwood Mistletoe Tree Banyan or Strangler Fig Currant or Coffee Fruit Helicopter Tree or Stinkwood Yellow Hakea or Tree Hakea

Yellow Ball Flower

Melaleuca alsophila Mimusops elengi Sersalisia sericea Premna acuminata Santalum lanceolatum Terminalia ferdinandiana Terminalia petiolaris Thespesia populneoides (E)

# Shrubs or subshrubs

Abutilon indicum Acacia colei Bridelia tomentosa Croton habrophyllus Diospyros rugosula Dodonaea platyptera Flueggea virosa subsp. melanthesoides Glycosmis sp. Phyllanthus reticulatus Plumbago zeylanica

# Climbers or vines

\*Passiflora foetida var. hispida Abrus precatorius Capparis lasiantha Capparis sepiaria Cassytha filiformis Cynanchum carnosum (E) Flagellaria indica Tinospora smilacina Tylophora cinerascens Tylophora flexuosa

# Hemiparasites (Mistletoes)

Amyema benthamii

# Epiphytes

Cymbidium canaliculatum

# Herbs

Achyranthes aspera Amaranthus sp. (A, E) Boerhavia sp. (E, A)

**Graminoids (Grasses)** Spinifex longifolius (E) Triodia sp. (E) Saltwater Paperbark Mamajen Mangarr Firestick Tree Tropical Sandalwood Gubinge Marool or Blackberry Tree

Indian Lantern Flower Gawar, Boobialla, Native Myrtle

Broad-winged Hop Bush Snowball Bush

Wild Passionfruit Crabs Eye Bean Bush Caper

# Yugulu

Supplejack or Lawyer Vine Snake Vine Oyster-catcher Bill

Tree Orchid

Chaff Flower

**Beach Spinifex** 

### Patch 44 (10 ha)

#### Trees

Acacia tumida Canarium australianum Celtis australiensis Diospyros humilis Ehretia saligna Grewia breviflora Gyrocarpus americanus subsp. pachyphyllus Hakea macrocarpa Mimusops elengi Planchonia careya (E) Sersalisia sericea Premna acuminata Terminalia petiolaris

### Shrubs or subshrubs

Abutilon indicum Croton habrophyllus Diospyros rugosula Dodonaea platyptera Flueggea virosa subsp. melanthesoides Phyllanthus reticulatus Plumbago zeylanica

### Climbers or vines

\*Passiflora foetida var. hispida Abrus precatorius Capparis lasiantha Capparis sepiaria Flagellaria indica Jasminum didymum Tinospora smilacina Misteltoes Amyema benthamii

### Graminoids (Grasses)

\*Cenchrus setiger Chrysopogon pallidus (E)

# Patch 45 (5 ha)

#### Trees

Acacia tumida Celtis australiensis Diospyros humilis Ehretia saligna Exocarpos latifolius Wongai Styptic Tree Goonj Ebony Wood Native Willow or Peachwood Currant or Coffee Fruit Helicopter Tree or Stinkwood

Mamajen Cocky Apple Mangarr Firestick Tree Marool or Blackberry Tree

Indian Lantern Flower

Broad-winged Hop Bush Snowball Bush

Wild Passionfruit Crabs Eye Bean Bush Caper

### Supplejack or Lawyer Vine

Snake Vine

Birdwood Grass Ribbon Grass

Wongai Goonj Ebony Wood Native Willow or Peachwood Mistletoe Tree

Grewia breviflora Mimusops elengi Sersalisia sericea Terminalia petiolaris

### Shrubs or subshrubs

Acacia colei Bridelia tomentosa Croton habrophyllus Diospyros rugosula Plumbago zeylanica

### **Climbers** or vines

Abrus precatorius Adenia heterophylla subsp. australis Capparis lasiantha Flagellaria indica Tinospora smilacina Tylophora flexuosa

**Graminoids (Grasses)** Triodia sp. (E)

### Patch 46 (10 ha)

#### Trees

Canarium australianum Celtis australiensis Diospyros humilis Ehretia saligna Exocarpos latifolius Ficus virens Grewia breviflora Mimusops elengi Sersalisia sericea Premna acuminata Terminalia petiolaris

### Shrubs or subshrubs

Abutilon indicum Bridelia tomentosa Calytrix exstipulata Croton habrophyllus Dodonaea platyptera Glycosmis sp. Plumbago zeylanica

Climbers or vines \*Passiflora foetida var. hispida Currant or Coffee Fruit Mamajen Mangarr Marool or Blackberry Tree

Gawar, Boobialla, Native Myrtle

Crabs Eye Bean

Bush Caper Supplejack or Lawyer Vine Snake Vine

Styptic Tree Goonj Ebony Wood Native Willow or Peachwood Mistletoe Tree Banyan or Strangler Fig Currant or Coffee Fruit Mamajen Mangarr Firestick Tree Marool or Blackberry Tree

Indian Lantern Flower

Kimberley Heath/Turkey Bush

Broad-winged Hop Bush

Wild Passionfruit

Abrus precatorius Adenia heterophylla subsp. australis Capparis sepiaria Cassytha filiformis Flagellaria indica Jacquemontia paniculata Jasminum didymum Sarcostemma viminale Tinospora smilacina Tylophora cinerascens Tylophora flexuosa Crabs Eye Bean

Yugulu Supplejack or Lawyer Vine

Caustic Vine or Milkbush Snake Vine Oyster-catcher Bill

# Hemiparasites (Mistletoes)

Amyema benthamii

### Herbs

Crotalaria crispata (E)

### Walkabout

**Graminoids (Grasses)** Triodia sp. (E)

### Patch 47 (110 ha)

### Trees

Bauhinia cunninghamii Brachychiton diversifolius subsp. diversifolius Canarium australianum Celtis australiensis Corymbia bella Diospyros humilis Ehretia saligna Exocarpos latifolius Ficus virens Grewia breviflora Gyrocarpus americanus subsp. pachyphyllus Mallotus nesophilus Mimusops elengi Sersalisia sericea Premna acuminata *Terminalia petiolaris* 

# Shrubs or subshrubs

Abutilon indicum Bridelia tomentosa Crotalaria cunninghamii (E) Croton habrophyllus Dodonaea platyptera Ficus aculeata Glycosmis sp. Bauhinia Northern Kurrajong Styptic Tree Goonj Weeping Ghost Gum Ebony Wood Native Willow or Peachwood Mistletoe Tree Banyan or Strangler Fig Currant or Coffee Fruit Helicopter Tree or Stinkwood Yellow Ball Flower Mamajen Mangarr Firestick Tree Marool or Blackberry Tree

Indian Lantern Flower

Parrot Pea or Green Birdflower

Broad-winged Hop Bush Sandpaper Fig Grewia retusifolia Pavetta kimberleyana Plumbago zeylanica

# Climbers or vines

Abrus precatorius Adenia heterophylla subsp. australis Asparagus racemosus Caesalpinia major Capparis lasiantha Capparis sepiaria Cassytha filiformis Flagellaria indica Jacquemontia paniculata Jasminum didymum Cucumis maderaspatanus Tinospora smilacina Tylophora cinerascens Tylophora flexuosa

# Hemiparasites (Mistletoes)

Amyema benthamii

# Epiphytes

Cymbidium canaliculatum

# Herbs

Achyranthes aspera Amaranthus sp. (A, E) Boerhavia sp. (E, A) Cleome viscosa (A, E) Crotalaria crispata (E)

# Graminoids (Grasses)

\*Cenchrus ciliaris Cymbopogon sp. (E) Enneapogon pallidus (E) Spinifex longifolius (E) Triodia sp. (E) Crabs Eye Bean

Dog's Balls

# Asparagus fern

Bush Caper

Yugulu Supplejack or Lawyer Vine

Snake Vine Oyster-catcher Bill

Tree Orchid

Chaff Flower

Tick Weed or Mustard Bush Walkabout

# **Buffel Grass**

Conetop Nineawn Beach Spinifex

# Patch 48 (20 ha)

### Trees

Canarium australianum Celtis australiensis Diospyros humilis Exocarpos latifolius Grewia breviflora Gyrocarpus americanus subsp. pachyphyllus Styptic Tree Goonj Ebony Wood Mistletoe Tree Currant or Coffee Fruit Helicopter Tree or Stinkwood

Mallotus nesophilus Mimusops elengi Terminalia petiolaris

#### Shrubs or subshrubs

\*Senna surattensis subsp. sulfurea Acacia colei Crotalaria cunninghamii (E) Croton habrophyllus Diospyros rugosula Dodonaea platyptera Flueggea virosa subsp. melanthesoides Tephrosia rosea (E)

### **Climbers** or vines

Abrus precatorius Caesalpinia major Capparis lasiantha Capparis sepiaria Cassytha filiformis Flagellaria indica Jasminum didymum Tinospora smilacina Tylophora cinerascens Tylophora flexuosa

Herbs Crotalaria crispata (E)

# Graminoids (Grasses)

Triodia sp. (E)

### Patch 49 (5 ha)

# Trees

Acacia neurocarpa Acacia tumida Bauhinia cunninghamii Celtis australiensis Corymbia bella Corymbia polycarpa Diospyros humilis Exocarpos latifolius Gyrocarpus americanus subsp. pachyphyllus Hakea macrocarpa Mallotus nesophilus Mimusops elengi Persoonia falcata Sersalisia sericea Yellow Ball Flower Mamajen Marool or Blackberry Tree

Gawar, Boobialla, Native Myrtle Parrot Pea or Green Birdflower

Broad-winged Hop Bush Snowball Bush Flinders River poison

### Crabs Eye Bean

**Bush** Caper

Yugulu Supplejack or Lawyer Vine

Snake Vine Oyster-catcher Bill

Walkabout

Wongai Bauhinia Goonj Weeping Ghost Gum Long-fruited Bloodwood Ebony Wood Mistletoe Tree Helicopter Tree or Stinkwood

Yellow Ball Flower Mamajen Wild Pear or Geebung Mangarr

Terminalia ferdinandiana Terminalia petiolaris

### Shrubs or subshrubs

Bridelia tomentosa Croton habrophyllus Dodonaea platyptera Ficus aculeata Flueggea virosa subsp. melanthesoides

*Climbers or vines Tylophora flexuosa* 

*Hemiparasites (Mistletoes) Amyema bifurcata* 

**Graminoids (Grasses)** Triodia sp. (E)

#### Patch 50 (10 ha)

### Trees

Bauhinia cunninghamii Celtis australiensis Diospyros humilis Ehretia saligna Exocarpos latifolius Grewia breviflora Gyrocarpus americanus subsp. pachyphyllus Melaleuca alsophila Mimusops elengi Sersalisia sericea Premna acuminata Terminalia petiolaris

### Shrubs or subshrubs

\*Senna surattensis subsp. sulfurea Abutilon indicum Acacia colei Bridelia tomentosa Croton habrophyllus Diospyros rugosula Dodonaea platyptera Flueggea virosa subsp. melanthesoides Plumbago zeylanica

### Climbers or vines

Abrus precatorius Adenia heterophylla subsp. australis Gubinge Marool or Blackberry Tree

Broad-winged Hop Bush Sandpaper Fig Snowball Bush

Bauhinia Goonj Ebony Wood Native Willow or Peachwood Mistletoe Tree Currant or Coffee Fruit Helicopter Tree or Stinkwood Saltwater Paperbark Mamajen Mangarr Firestick Tree Marool or Blackberry Tree

Indian Lantern Flower Gawar, Boobialla, Native Myrtle

Broad-winged Hop Bush Snowball Bush

Crabs Eye Bean

Asparagus racemosus Capparis lasiantha Capparis sepiaria Flagellaria indica Jacquemontia paniculata Jasminum didymum Tinospora smilacina Tylophora flexuosa

# Hemiparasites (Mistletoes)

Amyema benthamii

# Herbs

Amaranthus sp. (A, E) Cleome viscosa (A, E)

**Graminoids (Grasses)** Heteropogon contortus (E) Triodia sp. (E) Asparagus fern Bush Caper

Supplejack or Lawyer Vine

Snake Vine

Tick Weed or Mustard Bush

Bunch or Black Speargrass

# Patch 51 (40 ha)

# Trees

Acacia tumida Atalaya variifolia Bauhinia cunninghamii *Brachychiton diversifolius subsp. diversifolius (E)* Canarium australianum Celtis australiensis Corymbia bella *Erythrophleum chlorostachys (E) Eucalyptus tectifica (E)* Exocarpos latifolius Grevillea pyramidalis (E) Grewia breviflora Gyrocarpus americanus subsp. pachyphyllus Hakea macrocarpa (E) Mimusops elengi *Persoonia falcata (E)* Sersalisia sericea Premna acuminata Syzygium eucalyptoides subsp. bleeseri (E) Terminalia ferdinandiana Terminalia petiolaris

Shrubs or subshrubs Abutilon indicum Acacia monticola aff (E) Croton habrophyllus Wongai Wingleaf Whitewood Bauhinia Northern Kurrajong Styptic Tree Goonj Weeping Ghost Gum Ironwood Grey Box or Darwin Box Mistletoe Tree Caustic Tree or Maangga Currant or Coffee Fruit Helicopter Tree or Stinkwood

Mamajen Wild Pear or Geebung Mangarr Firestick Tree Wild Apple Gubinge Marool or Blackberry Tree

Indian Lantern Flower

Diospyros rugosula Dodonaea platyptera Glycosmis sp. Hibiscus sp. (E)

# Climbers or vines

Abrus precatorius Asparagus racemosus Caesalpinia major Capparis lasiantha Capparis sepiaria Flagellaria indica Tylophora flexuosa

Hemiparasites (Mistletoes) Amyema benthamii

### Graminoids (Grasses)

\*Cenchrus setiger Heteropogon contortus (E)

### Patch 52 (10 ha)

### Trees

Acacia tumida Bauhinia cunninghamii Celtis australiensis Diospyros humilis Ehretia saligna Exocarpos latifolius Ficus virens Grewia breviflora Mallotus nesophilus (E) Mimusops elengi Planchonia careya (E) Sersalisia sericea Premna acuminata Santalum lanceolatum Syzygium eucalyptoides subsp. bleeseri Terminalia ferdinandiana Terminalia petiolaris

### Shrubs or subshrubs

Abutilon indicum Acacia colei Acacia monticola (E) Bridelia tomentosa Clerodendrum floribundum var. ovatum Croton habrophyllus Broad-winged Hop Bush

Crabs Eye Bean Asparagus fern

Bush Caper

Supplejack or Lawyer Vine

Birdwood Grass Bunch or Black Speargrass

Wongai Bauhinia Gooni Ebony Wood Native Willow or Peachwood Mistletoe Tree Banyan or Strangler Fig Currant or Coffee Fruit Yellow Ball Flower Mamajen Cocky Apple Mangarr **Firestick Tree Tropical Sandalwood** Wild Apple Gubinge Marool or Blackberry Tree

Indian Lantern Flower Gawar, Boobialla, Native Myrtle Red Wattle

Diospyros rugosula (E) Dodonaea platyptera Flueggea virosa subsp. melanthesoides Glycosmis sp. Phyllanthus reticulatus Plumbago zeylanica

# Climbers or vines

Abrus precatorius Adenia heterophylla subsp. australis Asparagus racemosus Caesalpinia major Capparis sepiaria Cynanchum carnosum (E) Flagellaria indica Jasminum didymum Cucumis maderaspatanus Sarcostemma viminale Tinospora smilacina Tylophora cinerascens

# Herbs

Achyranthes aspera

### Graminoids (Grasses)

Enneapogon pallidus (E) Spinifex longifolius (E)

### Patch 53 (10 ha)

### Trees

Acacia tumida (E) Celtis australiensis Diospyros humilis Ehretia saligna Exocarpos latifolius Grewia breviflora Gyrocarpus americanus subsp. pachyphyllus Hakea macrocarpa Mimusops elengi Sersalisia sericea Premna acuminata Santalum lanceolatum Terminalia ferdinandiana Terminalia petiolaris

# Shrubs or subshrubs

Abutilon indicum Acacia colei Broad-winged Hop Bush Snowball Bush

Crabs Eye Bean

Asparagus fern

Supplejack or Lawyer Vine

Caustic Vine or Milkbush Snake Vine Oyster-catcher Bill

Chaff Flower

Conetop Nineawn Beach Spinifex

Wongai Goonj Ebony Wood Native Willow or Peachwood Mistletoe Tree Currant or Coffee Fruit Helicopter Tree or Stinkwood

Mamajen Mangarr Firestick Tree Tropical Sandalwood Gubinge Marool or Blackberry Tree

Indian Lantern Flower Gawar, Boobialla, Native Myrtle

Bridelia tomentosa Carissa spinarum (E) Croton habrophyllus Dodonaea platyptera Flueggea virosa subsp. melanthesoides Myoporum montanum Phyllanthus reticulatus Sida hackettiana (E) Tephrosia rosea (E)

# Climbers or vines

Abrus precatorius Adenia heterophylla subsp. australis Caesalpinia major Capparis lasiantha Capparis sepiaria Cassytha filiformis Cynanchum carnosum (E) Flagellaria indica Ipomoea pes-caprae subsp. brasiliensis (E) Jacquemontia paniculata Jasminum didymum Tinospora smilacina Tylophora cinerascens

Hemiparasites (Mistletoes) Amyema benthamii

# Herbs

\*Stylosanthes hamata \*Trianthema portulacastrum \*Tridax procumbens Amaranthus sp. (A, E) Cleome viscosa (A, E) Polycarpaea sp. (E) Sida sp. (E)

### Graminoids (Grasses)

\*Cenchrus setiger Cymbopogon sp. (E) Enneapogon pallidus (E) Heteropogon contortus (E) Triodia bitextura (E)

# Conkerberry

Broad-winged Hop Bush Snowball Bush Gawar, Boobialla, Native Myrtle

Golden Rod Flinders River poison

Crabs Eye Bean

Bush Caper

Yugulu

Supplejack or Lawyer Vine Beach Morning Glory

Snake Vine Oyster-catcher Bill

Caribbean Stylo Giant Pigweed Tridax Daisy

Tick Weed or Mustard Bush

Birdwood Grass

Conetop Nineawn Bunch or Black Speargrass

### Patch 54 (50 ha)

**Trees** Acacia tumida Bauhinia cunninghamii

Wongai Bauhinia

Celtis australiensis Diospyros humilis Ehretia saligna Eucalyptus camaldulensis subsp. obtusa Exocarpos latifolius Grewia breviflora Gyrocarpus americanus subsp. pachyphyllus Mallotus nesophilus Mimusops elengi Sersalisia sericea Premna acuminata Santalum lanceolatum Terminalia petiolaris

#### Shrubs or subshrubs

Abutilon indicum Acacia colei Breynia cernua Bridelia tomentosa Dodonaea platyptera Flueggea virosa subsp. melanthesoides

# Climbers or vines

Abrus precatorius Adenia heterophylla subsp. australis Asparagus racemosus Caesalpinia major Capparis lasiantha Jacquemontia paniculata Jasminum didymum Cucumis maderaspatanus Sarcostemma viminale Tinospora smilacina Tylophora cinerascens

*Epiphytes Cymbidium canaliculatum* 

### Patch 55 (60 ha)

#### Trees

Acacia tumida Atalaya variifolia Bauhinia cunninghamii Canarium australianum Celtis australiensis Corymbia bella Diospyros humilis Ehretia saligna Goonj Ebony Wood Native Willow or Peachwood River Red Gum Mistletoe Tree Currant or Coffee Fruit Helicopter Tree or Stinkwood Yellow Ball Flower Mamajen Mangarr Firestick Tree Tropical Sandalwood Marool or Blackberry Tree

Indian Lantern Flower Gawar, Boobialla, Native Myrtle

Broad-winged Hop Bush Snowball Bush

Crabs Eye Bean

Asparagus fern

Bush Caper

Caustic Vine or Milkbush Snake Vine Oyster-catcher Bill

Tree Orchid

Wongai Wingleaf Whitewood Bauhinia Styptic Tree Goonj Weeping Ghost Gum Ebony Wood Native Willow or Peachwood

# Exocarpos latifolius Grewia breviflora Gyrocarpus americanus subsp. pachyphyllus Lophostemon grandiflorus subsp. grandiflorus (E) Mallotus nesophilus Melaleuca alsophila Melaleuca dealbata (E) Mimusops elengi Sersalisia sericea Premna acuminata Santalum lanceolatum Terminalia ferdinandiana Terminalia petiolaris

### Shrubs or subshrubs

Abutilon indicum Bridelia tomentosa Croton habrophyllus Dodonaea platyptera Flueggea virosa subsp. melanthesoides Pavetta kimberleyana Phyllanthus reticulatus

### **Climbers** or vines

Abrus precatorius Asparagus racemosus Caesalpinia major Capparis lasiantha Cassytha filiformis Cynanchum carnosum (E) Gymnanthera oblonga Jacquemontia paniculata Jasminum didymum Cucumis maderaspatanus Sarcostemma viminale Tinospora smilacina Tylophora cinerascens

Hemiparasites (Mistletoes) Amyema benthamii

**Herbs** Achyranthes aspera Plumbago zeylanica

# Patch 56 (30 ha)

**Trees** Acacia tumida Mistletoe Tree Currant or Coffee Fruit Helicopter Tree or Stinkwood Lardik Yellow Ball Flower Saltwater Paperbark Garnboorr Mamajen Mangarr Firestick Tree Tropical Sandalwood Gubinge Marool or Blackberry Tree

Indian Lantern Flower

Broad-winged Hop Bush Snowball Bush

Crabs Eye Bean Asparagus fern

Bush Caper Yugulu

Harpoon Bud

Caustic Vine or Milkbush Snake Vine Oyster-catcher Bill

Chaff Flower

Wongai

Bauhinia cunninghamii Brachychiton diversifolius subsp. diversifolius Canarium australianum Celtis australiensis Corymbia bella Corymbia polycarpa Diospyros humilis Ehretia saligna Exocarpos latifolius Ficus virens Grewia breviflora Gyrocarpus americanus subsp. pachyphyllus Mallotus nesophilus Mimusops elengi Sersalisia sericea Premna acuminata Santalum lanceolatum Terminalia ferdinandiana x T. petiolaris (hybrid) Terminalia petiolaris

### Shrubs or subshrubs

Abutilon indicum Bridelia tomentosa Dodonaea platyptera Flueggea virosa subsp. melanthesoides Pavetta kimberleyana Tephrosia rosea (E)

### **Climbers** or vines

Abrus precatorius Asparagus racemosus Caesalpinia major Capparis lasiantha Jasminum didymum Sarcostemma viminale Tinospora smilacina Tylophora cinerascens

### Hemiparasites (Mistletoes)

Amyema sanguinea var. sanguinea

**Herbs** Achyranthes aspera Plumbago zeylanica

**Graminoids (Grasses)** Enneapogon pallidus (E) Triodia bitextura (E) Bauhinia Northern Kurrajong Styptic Tree Goonj Weeping Ghost Gum Long-fruited Bloodwood Ebony Wood Native Willow or Peachwood Mistletoe Tree Banyan or Strangler Fig Currant or Coffee Fruit Helicopter Tree or Stinkwood Yellow Ball Flower Mamaien Mangarr **Firestick Tree Tropical Sandalwood Red Gubinge** Marool or Blackberry Tree

### Indian Lantern Flower

Broad-winged Hop Bush Snowball Bush

Flinders River poison

Crabs Eye Bean Asparagus fern

#### **Bush Caper**

Caustic Vine or Milkbush Snake Vine Oyster-catcher Bill

Christmas Mistletoe

Chaff Flower

### Conetop Nineawn

# Patch 57 (4 ha)

### Trees

Acacia neurocarpa Bauhinia cunninghamii Celtis australiensis Ehretia saligna Grewia breviflora Gyrocarpus americanus subsp. pachyphyllus Hakea arborescens Melaleuca alsophila Pandanus spiralis Santalum lanceolatum Terminalia petiolaris

### Shrubs or subshrubs

Abutilon indicum Bridelia tomentosa Dodonaea platyptera Flueggea virosa subsp. melanthesoides Psydrax pendulina Tephrosia rosea (E)

# Climbers or vines

\*Passiflora foetida var. hispida Abrus precatorius Caesalpinia major Tinospora smilacina Bauhinia Goonj Native Willow or Peachwood Currant or Coffee Fruit Helicopter Tree or Stinkwood Yellow Hakea or Tree Hakea Saltwater Paperbark Iidool or Common Srewpine Tropical Sandalwood Marool or Blackberry Tree

Indian Lantern Flower

Broad-winged Hop Bush Snowball Bush

Flinders River poison

Wild Passionfruit Crabs Eye Bean

Snake Vine

# Patch 58 (10 ha)

### Trees

Bauhinia cunninghamii Brachychiton diversifolius subsp. diversifolius Celtis australiensis Exocarpos latifolius Grewia breviflora Gyrocarpus americanus subsp. pachyphyllus Mallotus nesophilus Sersalisia sericea Premna acuminata Santalum lanceolatum Terminalia petiolaris

Shrubs or subshrubs Abutilon indicum Bridelia tomentosa Dodonaea platyptera Flueggea virosa subsp. melanthesoides Bauhinia Northern Kurrajong Goonj Mistletoe Tree Currant or Coffee Fruit Helicopter Tree or Stinkwood Yellow Ball Flower Mangarr Firestick Tree Tropical Sandalwood Marool or Blackberry Tree

### Indian Lantern Flower

Broad-winged Hop Bush Snowball Bush Myoporum montanum Tephrosia rosea (E)

### Climbers or vines

\*Passiflora foetida var. hispida Abrus precatorius Caesalpinia major Canavalia rosea (E) Cassytha filiformis Ipomoea pes-caprae subsp. brasiliensis (E) Jacquemontia paniculata Jasminum didymum Tinospora smilacina Tylophora cinerascens

**Graminoids (Grasses)** Spinifex longifolius (E) Gawar, Boobialla, Native Myrtle Flinders River poison

Wild Passionfruit Crabs Eye Bean

Jack Bean or Beach Bean Yugulu Beach Morning Glory

Snake Vine Oyster-catcher Bill

**Beach Spinifex** 

### Patch 59 (20 ha)

#### Trees

Atalaya variifolia Bauhinia cunninghamii Celtis australiensis Corymbia bella Ehretia saligna Exocarpos latifolius Grewia breviflora Gyrocarpus americanus subsp. pachyphyllus Hakea macrocarpa Pandanus spiralis Sersalisia sericea Psydrax pendulina (E) Santalum lanceolatum Terminalia petiolaris

# Shrubs or subshrubs

Abutilon indicum Acacia colei Bridelia tomentosa Crotalaria cunninghamii (E) Dodonaea platyptera Myoporum montanum Tephrosia rosea (E)

# Climbers or vines

Abrus precatorius Adenia heterophylla subsp. australis Caesalpinia major Wingleaf Whitewood Bauhinia Goonj Weeping Ghost Gum Native Willow or Peachwood Mistletoe Tree Currant or Coffee Fruit Helicopter Tree or Stinkwood

Iidool or Common Srewpine Mangarr

Tropical Sandalwood Marool or Blackberry Tree

Indian Lantern Flower Gawar, Boobialla, Native Myrtle

Parrot Pea or Green Birdflower Broad-winged Hop Bush Gawar, Boobialla, Native Myrtle Flinders River poison

Crabs Eye Bean

Capparis lasiantha Ipomoea pes-caprae subsp. brasiliensis (E) Jacquemontia paniculata Tinospora smilacina Tylophora flexuosa

Herbs

Crotalaria crispata (E)

# Graminoids (Grasses)

Chrysopogon pallidus (E) Cymbopogon sp. (E) Bush Caper Beach Morning Glory

Snake Vine

Walkabout

**Ribbon Grass** 

### Patch 60 (1 ha)

### Trees

Acacia tumida Bauhinia cunninghamii Celtis australiensis Diospyros humilis Ehretia saligna Exocarpos latifolius Grewia breviflora Gyrocarpus americanus subsp. pachyphyllus Hakea macrocarpa Mimusops elengi Persoonia falcata Sersalisia sericea Terminalia ferdinandiana Terminalia petiolaris

### Shrubs or subshrubs

Acacia colei Acacia monticola Bridelia tomentosa Clerodendrum tomentosum var. mollissima Croton habrophyllus Flueggea virosa subsp. melanthesoides Myoporum montanum Plumbago zeylanica

#### Climbers or vines

Abrus precatorius Asparagus racemosus Capparis lasiantha Cassytha filiformis Jacquemontia paniculata Jasminum didymum Tinospora smilacina Wongai Bauhinia Goonj Ebony Wood Native Willow or Peachwood Mistletoe Tree Currant or Coffee Fruit Helicopter Tree or Stinkwood

Mamajen Wild Pear or Geebung Mangarr Gubinge Marool or Blackberry Tree

Gawar, Boobialla, Native Myrtle Red Wattle

Snowball Bush Gawar, Boobialla, Native Myrtle

Crabs Eye Bean Asparagus fern Bush Caper Yugulu

Snake Vine

# Hemiparasites (Mistletoes)

Amyema benthamii

*Herbs* Achyranthes aspera

**Graminoids (Grasses)** \*Cenchrus setiger Enneapogon pallidus (E)

# Patch 61 (<0.1 ha)

# Trees

Celtis australiensis Corymbia polycarpa Diospyros humilis Exocarpos latifolius Ficus virens Grewia breviflora Gyrocarpus americanus subsp. pachyphyllus Mimusops elengi Santalum lanceolatum Terminalia petiolaris

# Shrubs or subshrubs

Abutilon indicum Acacia colei Bridelia tomentosa Croton habrophyllus Dodonaea platyptera

# Climbers or vines

Abrus precatorius Adenia heterophylla subsp. australis Caesalpinia major Capparis sepiaria Jacquemontia paniculata Operculina aequisepala (A) Tinospora smilacina

# Herbs

Amaranthus sp. (A, E) Cleome viscosa (A, E)

**Graminoids (Grasses)** Enneapogon pallidus (E) Chaff Flower

Birdwood Grass Conetop Nineawn

Goonj Long-fruited Bloodwood Ebony Wood Mistletoe Tree Banyan or Strangler Fig Currant or Coffee Fruit Helicopter Tree or Stinkwood Mamajen Tropical Sandalwood Marool or Blackberry Tree

Indian Lantern Flower Gawar, Boobialla, Native Myrtle

Broad-winged Hop Bush

Crabs Eye Bean

Snake Vine

Tick Weed or Mustard Bush

Conetop Nineawn

# Patch 64 (<0.1 ha)

**Trees** Acacia tumida Diospyros humilis (dominant) Ficus virens Terminalia petiolaris (one specimen and dead) (Surveyed but not in analysis)

Wongai Ebony Wood Banyan or Strangler Fig Marool or Blackberry Tree