

THE VEGETATION OF

THE

RUDALL RIVER AREA.

IN MAY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER, 1971, THROUGH THE COURTESY
OF MR RON GRAY, COLLECTING EXPEDITIONS WERE MADE TO THE
RUDALL RIVER WHICH FLOWS INTO LAKE DORA ON THE WESTERN



SPINIFEX STEPPE IN GRAVELLY COUNTRY NEAR THE UPPER
SUDAN RIVER. THE SCRUBS ARE GREVILLEA WICKHAMII



A SAND-DUNE SOUTH OF THE RUDALL RIVER. COVERING LARGE
AREAS IN THE DESERT, SUCH DUNES MAY BE PARALLEL AND
DUN FOR LONG DISTANCES, OR ARRANGED IN CONFUSED PATTERNS



A ROCKY HILL TO THE SOUTH OF THE RUDALL RIVER, WITH A
SPARSE VEGETATION OF SHRUBS AND HERBS. THE DARK SHRUBS



A SEMI-PERMANENT POOL IN THE BED OF THE RUDALL RIVER,
LINED WITH RIVER GUMS. SEVERAL AQUATIC PLANTS OCCUR
IN THESE POOLS, THE NARDOO FERN, MARSILEA HIRSUTA,



THE BED OF THE RUDALL RIVER. THE TREES ARE MOSTLY
RIVER GUMS, EUCALYPTUS CAMALDULENSIS, WHILE LESS



OPEN SANDY PLAIN SOUTH OF THE RUDALL RIVER WHERE
REGENERATION IS OCCURRING AFTER A BUSHFIRE. THE
AREA IS NORMALLY A SPINIFEX STEPPE, BUT MANY ANNUAL
AND PERENNIAL HERBS APPEAR FOR SEVERAL YEARS AFTER