

SITE ASSESSMENT SHEET

ASSESSING WOODY VEGETATION

Place a tick (this is true) or a cross (this is not true) in the box for each area		Area 1	Area 2	Area 3
There are large mature trees, maybe with hollows that are important habitat for hollow dependent mammals and birds				
Trees of all ages are present (seedlings, saplings, trees of moderate and old age)				
Standing and/or fallen timber is common				
Trees are healthy with no signs of dieback				
Native shrubs are present in the understorey, even if they don't form a dense layer				
The groundlayer is mostly native grasses and herbs. There may still be patches of exotic grasses, but the native cover is above 50%				
Few weeds are present, or they are only on the edges				
The area is connected by woody vegetation to other areas of native vegetation, or the gap between them is within 100m				
The area is larger than 5 ha				
Total number of ticks				
Native Vegetation Score				
No. of Ticks (True)				
Native Vegetation Condition		5 R's?		
8-9	Near Natural (Remnant)	Retain		
6-8	Little Disturbed (Transformed)	Retain and Regenerate		
4-6	Moderately Disturbed (Transformed)	Regenerate and Reseed		
3-4	Degraded (Modified)	Regenerate and Revegetation		
0-3	Highly Degraded	Revegetation		

ASSESSING GRASSY ECOSYSTEMS

Ecosystem description	Quality	Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	5 R's?
Very few weeds, 75% of grasses are native species, diversity of native plants and wildflowers, orchids, lilies, spaces between the tussocks with moss and lichens					Retain
Sparse weeds, over 50% of grasses are native species, some tough native plants and wildflowers present (1-3 sp) e.g. Everlasting daisy, Vittadinia sp.					Retain, Regenerate
Weeds or non-native species abundant, native grass less than 50%, few or no other small native plants and wildflowers					Regenerate, Reseed