

## Threatened Native Vegetation Community Information Sheet

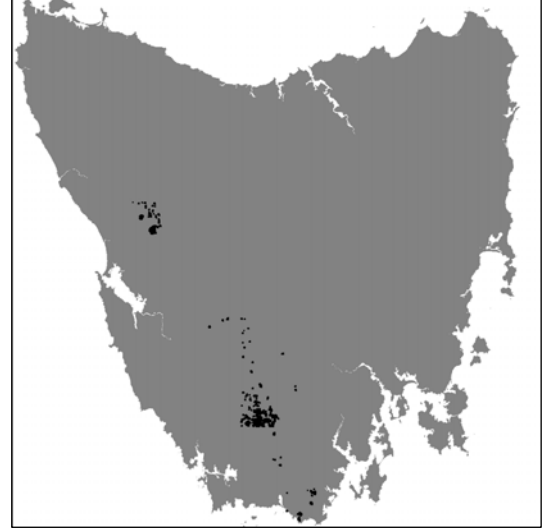
### ***BANKSIA MARGINATA WET SCRUB***

(TASVEG code - SBM)

**Conservation status: RARE**

#### **What is *Banksia marginata* Wet Scrub?**

- As the name suggests, *Banksia marginata* (honeysuckle) dominates this type of scrub, with other species such as scented paperbark (*Melaleuca squarrosa*), manuka (*Leptospermum scoparium*) and *L. nitidum* (shining tea-tree). Cutting grass (*Gahnia grandis*) and twining cord-rush (*Empodisma minus*) intertwine throughout the scrub making the understorey very dense and difficult to walk through - almost impenetrable. Occasionally, in long unburnt scrub, myrtle (*Nothofagus cunninghamii*), dwarf leatherwood (*Eucryphia milligani*), white waratah (*Agastachys odorata*) or native plum (*Cenarrhenes nitida*), start to appear as seedlings and small shrubs in the understorey.
- *Banksia marginata* Wet Scrub grows on peat soils on quartzites, conglomerate and siliceous volcanic rocks in western and south-western Tasmania.



#### **Where can I see examples of *Banksia marginata* Wet Scrub?**

- This type of scrub can be found on the plains at Sandfly Creek and at the base of Mt Eliza near Lake Pedder, and on the sides of ridges east of the Tyndall Range, near Tullah.

#### **Why is *Banksia marginata* Wet Scrub important and what are its management issues?**

- *Banksia marginata* Wet Scrub is rare, covering only about 3,300 hectares.
- Most occurs in reserves such as the Cradle Mountain – Lake St Clair National Park and South-West National Park.
- Appropriate fire regimes are important to maintain this vegetation community. Fires are often only occasional events in this scrub because it occurs on sites with high rainfall (e.g. south-western Tasmania). In the absence of fire, rainforest species may replace the scrub species, and in particular *Banksia marginata* may disappear. Too frequent fire will eliminate shrubs and the site may become dominated by buttongrass moorland and heathland.

## Do I have *Banksia marginata* Wet Scrub on my property?

The flow chart will help you to decide if *Banksia marginata* Wet Scrub may be on your property.




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Is your site **dominated by *Banksia marginata* (honeysuckle)?**  YES  NO

Is the vegetation growing on a **peat (black, organic) soil?**  YES  NO

Are tea-trees, paperbarks, wattles, cutting grass, leatherwood or myrtle **prominent** in the scrub?  YES  NO

 Use the boxes to record your decisions

**You may have *Banksia marginata* Wet Scrub**

**You don't have *Banksia marginata* Wet Scrub**

## What does it mean if I have *Banksia marginata* Wet Scrub on my property?

- If you want to **clear and convert** an area that **may be *Banksia marginata* Wet Scrub** you will need a forest practices plan. You should seek advice from the Forest Practices Authority. **Please check if you are in doubt.**
- Information on ways to make sure your management activities are compatible with environmental values can be obtained from the Forest Practices Authority or Dept Primary Industries and Water.



### Need help or more information on threatened native vegetation communities?

Forest Practices Authority: 30 Patrick St, Hobart 7000; phone – 6233 7966; Online - [www.fpa.tas.gov.au](http://www.fpa.tas.gov.au)

DPIW: 134 Macquarie St, Hobart 7000; phone – 6233 8538; Online – [www.dpiw.tas.gov.au](http://www.dpiw.tas.gov.au)

Information and assistance for landholders is also available from the Tasmanian Farmers & Graziers Association: cnr Cimitiere and Charles St, Launceston 7250; phone – 6332 1800