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Flora and Vegetation Survey Calingiri-Goomalling Road: SLK 0.00 – SLK 30.32

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Executive Summary

Natural Area Consulting Management Services (Natural Area) was contracted by the Shire of Goomalling to undertake a level 2 flora and vegetation survey, with opportunistic fauna being noted, between SLK 0.00 and SLK 30.32 along the Calingiri-Goomalling Road. Outcomes of the survey activities will inform a clearing permit application to enable road widening activities to occur.

The flora and vegetation survey included the identification of native and non-native flora species present, along with an assessment of vegetation type and condition. The flora survey confirmed:

- a total of 199 flora species from 50 families present; including 157 dicotyledons, 40 monocotyledons and two conifers, of which 147 were native and 52 were introduced species
- one declared pest listed under the Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007 (WA) was recorded, namely Echium plantagineum (Paterson's Curse) with no weeds of national significance (WoNS) recorded
- the presence of two vegetation types, Eucalyptus Woodland and Samphire Open Low Heath
- vegetation condition ranging from Completely Degraded to Very Good, with the majority of the site being Degraded
- one conservation significant species, the Priority 3 Eucalyptus sargentii subsp. onesis was recorded.

Opportunistic fauna observations included direct observation and noting evidence of their presence such as tracks, scats and calls, and confirmed the presence of:

- 15 vertebrate fauna species, of which ten were birds, two were mammals and three were reptiles
- the European Red Fox (*Vulpes vulpes*) was recorded; this species is listed as a category C3 declared pest under the *Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007* (WA)
- no conservation significant species were recorded.

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1.0 Introduction

Natural Area Consulting Management Services (Natural Area) was contracted by the Shire of Goomalling to undertake a level 2 flora and vegetation survey along a 30km stretch of Calingiri-Goomalling Road between SLK 0.00 and SLK 30.32 within the Shire of Goomalling. The survey was undertaken to determine flora and vegetation communities present, including conservation significant species and communities, vegetation condition; opportunistic fauna observations were noted. Survey outcomes will inform a clearing permit for road widening purposes.

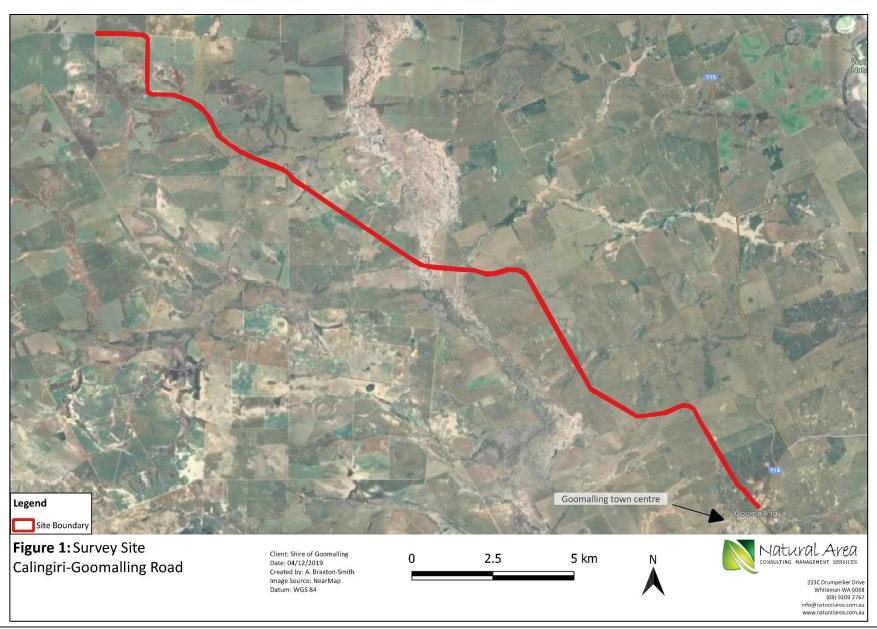
1.1 Location

As seen in Figure 1 the survey site is approximately 30 km in length along the Calingiri-Goomalling Road reserve, starting in the town of Goomalling (SLK 0.00) and ending at the Shire of Goomalling's border (SLK 30.32).

1.2 Scope

Natural Area's scope of works included:

- desktop database searches to identify flora, fauna, and ecological communities that may be present at the site, including any conservation significant species and ecological communities
- a desktop review of available data for the site including vegetation complex, soils characteristics, and topography
- a site survey to:
 - install three quadrats per vegetation type, recording landform, soil complex, leaf litter and the abundance of each species within the quadrat
 - determine native and non-native flora species present
 - opportunistically sight or observe evidence of fauna species
 - record vegetation condition and type
 - undertake a targeted search for conservation significant flora likely to be present
- documenting survey outcomes in a report that will inform the clearing permit application process.



2.0 Site Characteristic

2.1 Regional Context

The site is located within the northern portion of the Avon Wheatbelt 2 (AW2) IBRA subregion. This region is characterised by gently undulating landscapes, with some breakaways. Soils are generally comprised of lateritic uplands and sandplain lowlands, with formation through in situ weathering or colluvial action (Beecham, 2001). Eucalyptus woodlands with Casuarina and Jam Wattle are typical of this area (Beecham, 2001).

2.2 Climate

The climate experienced in the area is semi-arid warm Mediterranean, with dry, hot summers and cool, dry winters (Beecham, 2001). According to the Bureau of Meteorology (2019), Goomalling (Site number 010058) climate and weather averages include:

- rainfall of 365 mm pa, with the majority falling between May and August
- average maximum temperatures ranging from 17.2 °C in winter to 34.8 °C in summer, with the highest recorded being 46.9 °C
- average minimum temperatures ranging from 6.3 °C in winter to 17.4 °C in summer, with the lowest recorded being -1.5 °C
- winds are predominantly from the west or north-west during winter and the east or south-east during summer, with average speeds ranging from 5.9 – 10.8 km/h, with gusts of more than 100 km/h possible during storm events.

2.3 Soils

According to the Natural Resource Information (NRInfo) data maintained by the Department Primary industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) (2019), eight soil types are present along the Calingiri – Goomalling Road within the survey site (Table 1, Figure 2).

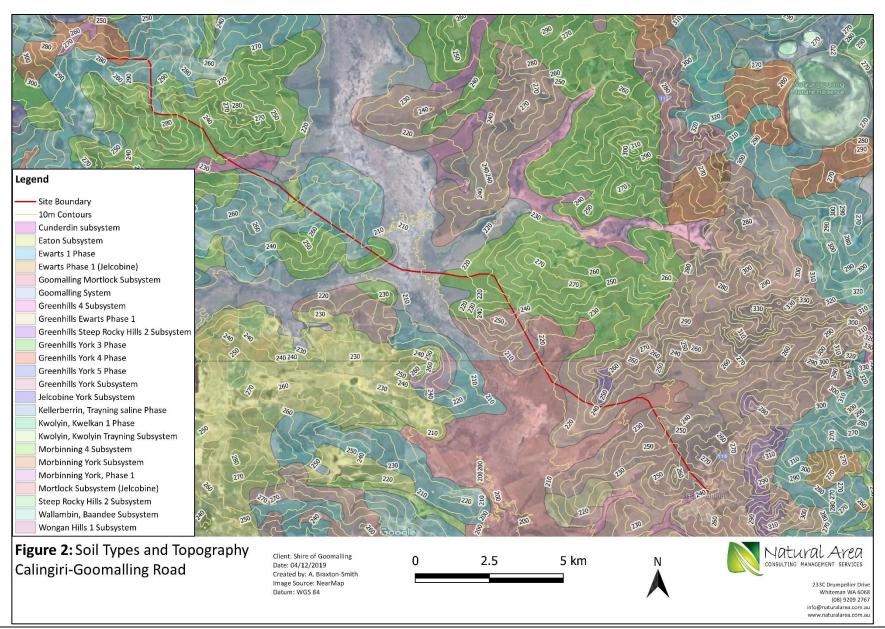
Table 1: Soil type descriptions

Code	Name	Description
256GhYO4	Greenhills York 4 Phase	Gradual rise to undulating low hills of mainly sandy and loamy
		duplex soils, alkaline sandy and loamy duplex, sandy earth;
		associated with York Gum, Wandoo, Salmon Gum, Jam Wattles.
256GhYO3	Greenhills York 3 Phase	Undulating rises to undulating low hills on Migmataitic rocky
		outcrops in the sandy earth, shallow and deep sandy duplex,
		shallow to deep loamy duplex, deep sandy gravel and stony soil.
		Associated with York Gum, wandoo, Salmon Gum, Jam Wattles.
256MbES1	Greenhills Ewarts 1 Phase	Hillslopes containing sand and loamy sand over yellowish clay soils,
		with some gravel ridges, and some heavier soils that often occur
		immediately below a breakaway.

Code	Name	Description
256Gh_4	Greenhills 4 Subsystem	Tributaries of the Mortlock river, expressing as flat narrow valleys
		with saline soils, semi-wet soils and grey sandy duplexes,
		vegetated by Wandoo-Salmon-York Gum woodlands, east of
		Northam and Beverley.
256Go	Goomalling System	Poorly drained valley flats, in the northern Zone of Rejuvenated
		Drainage, with grey deep sandy duplex (sometimes alkaline) and
		saline wet soil. Associated with York Gum-Jam-Wandoo-Salmon
		Gum-Sheoak woodland.
256GhYO	Greenhills York Subsystem	Areas of soils derived from freshly exposed rock. This unit is
		typified by the red soils of the Avon Valley but also includes areas
		of similar, but often greyer and lighter textured soils to the east of
		the valley.
256GoMO	Goomalling Mortlock	Valley floors of the Mortlock River and other similar creeks that
	Subsystem	predominantly contain sand over yellowish clay soils. Prone to
		salinity and waterlogging.
256Mb_4	Morbinning 4 Subsystem	Narrow tributary valleys of the Goomalling system with duplex
		soils under Wandoo vegetation.

2.4 Topography

The site is located on an undulating landscape, from 210 m Australian Height Datum (AHD) in the valley floors to approximately 250 m at several points along the road with a single peak of 290 m at the north west end of the site (Figure 2).



3.0 Methodology

3.1 Desktop and Literature Review

The desktop survey for the fauna and flora survey components included reviewing online databases to determine preliminary site characteristics, including:

- National Map to determine soil types (Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development) and IBRA subregions
- NatureMap to indicate the flora and fauna species (native and introduced) that could potentially occur (Appendix 1)
- Protected Matters Search Tool to assess the determine if any matters of national environmental significance were likely (Appendix 2)
- the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions database search for flora, fauna and ecological communities previously recorded in the local area
- FloraBase to review the habitat associated with conservation significant species to infer the likelihood of their presence within the survey boundary.

3.2 Flora and Vegetation On-ground Methodology

The flora and vegetation survey activities were carried out in accordance with *EPA Technical Guidance* – *Flora and Vegetation Surveys for Environmental Impact Assessment* (Environmental Protection Authority, 2016), and included a desktop review of literature and databases before undertaking the on-ground survey.

3.2.1 Field Assessment

Natural Area personnel Harley Taylor and Aster Braxton-Smith undertook the on-ground level 2 flora survey over two days on 20 and 26 September 2019, with activities including:

- setting up of three transects/quadrats per vegetation type within the road reserve, with a total of six installed; 100 m² transects/quadrats were used to assess understorey species and 400 m² to assess overstorey species
- recording GPS coordinates in the north-west corner of each quadrat/transect using GDA94 datum
- recording landscape characteristics including soil types and colour, aspect, slope, presence of surface rock, topography and drainage using a modified recording sheets based on the NAIA templates developed for the Perth Biodiversity Project
- determining leaf litter depth, percentage cover, and percentage of bare ground
- recording vegetation type based on dominant over, middle and understorey species (Government of Western Australia, 2000)
- recording vegetation condition using the scale attributed to Keighery (Government of Western Australia, 2000)
- recording the presence of significant flora
- for each flora species in the quadrats, the following was recorded:
 - percentage cover and height
 - habit and life form
- recording any opportunistic sightings or evidence of fauna use within the sites.

3.2.2 Flora Species

Flora species were recorded within transects, with additional species recorded whilst the site was being traversed. The list of potential declared rare or priority flora species (Appendix 3) was used to guide targeted searches for those species.

3.2.3 Vegetation Type

The vegetation type was determined using the structural classes described in Bush Forever Volume 2 (Government of Western Australia, 2000), and records dominant over, middle and understorey species. A tablet equipped with GPS mapping software was used to mark the change in vegetation type across the site. A description of the various structural classes is provided in Table 2.

Table 2: Vegetation structural classes

Life Form/Height	Canopy Percentage Cover					
Class	100 – 70%	70 – 30%	30 - 10%	10 – 2 %		
Trees over 30 m	Tall closed forest	Tall open forest	Tall woodland	Tall open woodland		
Trees 10 – 30 m	Closed forest	Open forest	Woodland	Open woodland		
Trees under 10 m	Low closed forest	Low open forest	Low woodland	Low open woodland		
Tree Mallee	Closed tree mallee	allee Tree mallee Open tree malle		Very open tree mallee		
Shrub Mallee	Closed shrub mallee	Shrub mallee	Open shrub mallee	Very open shrub mallee		
Shrubs over 2 m	Closed tall scrub	Tall open scrub	Tall shrubland	Tall open shrubland		
Shrubs 1 – 2 m	Closed heath	Open heath	Shrubland	Open shrubland		
Shrubs under 1 m	Closed low heath	Open low heath	Low shrubland	Low open shrubland		
Grasses	Closed grassland	Grassland	Open grassland	Very open grassland		
Herbs	Closed herbland	Herbland	Open herbland	Very open herbland		
Sedges	Closed sedgeland	Sedgeland	Open sedgeland	Very open sedgeland		

(Source: Government of Western Australia, 2000)

3.2.4 Vegetation Condition

Vegetation condition was assessed using the rating scale attributed to Keighery in in *Bush Forever Volume 2* (Government of Western Australia, 2000); Table 3 provides a description of the rating scale. A tablet equipped with GPS mapping software was used to mark the vegetation condition across the site.

Table 3: Vegetation condition rating scale

Category		Description
1	Excellent	Pristine or nearly so, no obvious signs of damage caused by human activities since European settlement.
2	Very Good	Some relatively slight signs of damage caused by human activities since European settlement. For example, some signs of damage to tree trunks caused by repeated fire, the presence of some relatively non-aggressive weeds, or occasional vehicle tracks.
3	Good	More obvious signs of damage caused by human activities since European settlement, including some obvious impact on the vegetation structure such as that caused by low levels of grazing or slightly less aggressive weeds.
4	Poor	Still remains basic vegetation structure or ability to regenerate to it after very obvious impacts of human activities since European settlement, such as grazing, partial clearing, frequent fires or aggressive weeds.
5	Very Poor	Severely impacted by grazing, very frequent fires, clearing or a combination of these activities. Scope for some regeneration but not to a state approaching good condition without intensive management. Usually with a number of weed species present including very aggressive species.
6	Completely Degraded	Areas that are completely or almost completely without native species in the structure of their vegetation; i.e. areas that are cleared or 'parkland cleared' with their flora comprising of weed or crop species with isolated native trees or shrubs.

(Source: Government of Western Australia, 2000)

3.2.5 Limitations

A number of limitations associated with both desktop and on-site flora surveys exist, including:

- database searches provide an indication of what flora species may be present, with on ground surveys required to confirm those actually present
- the differing databases are reliant on information submitted via various reporting mechanisms, so all records of a particular species or ecological community within a specified area may not be complete
- information on flora species provided on some databases include out-of-date species names,
 meaning that names need to be checked for currency
- herbarium records are largely limited to vouchered specimens
- plant species flower at different times and are not always able to be identified
- not all species flower every year.

Despite these limitations, Natural Area estimates that 80 - 90% of species within the Calingiri-Goomalling Road survey area have been identified.

4.0 Results

4.1 Desktop Survey – Flora Species

A review of NatureMap (2019c) with a 20 km search radius around the site indicated the potential for 574 flora species, of which 408 were dicotyledons, 160 monocotyledons, two gymnosperms and four ferns within the study area. Of these, 29 were listed as conservation significant (approximately 5%), including four species listed as Declared Rare Flora (Table 4, Appendix 1). A review of species listed as matters of national environmental significance (MNES) under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cwlth) was undertaken using the Protected Matters Search Tool (PMST) using a 20 km search radius; 21 species were listed as having the potential to occur (Table 4, Appendix 2). A review of the DBCA database of conservation significant flora indicated 21 species which have previously been recorded in the area (Table 4). Overall, these database searches indicated the combined potential for 48 conservation significant species occurring within the survey area.

Available information relating to those species listed as conservation significant, including photographs where possible, was obtained from FloraBase (2019) and summarised in a field reference guide (Appendix 3). For those species without a description or a photograph, a visit to the WA herbarium was undertaken prior to the field survey and photos of voucher specimens taken for plants for these taxa. Of the conservation significant flora listed in the databases, the habitat may be suitable for 38 species (Table 4). Targeted searches were undertaken for all taxa for which habitat suitability could not be determined. A description of the conservation codes is provided in Appendix 4.

Table 4: Threatened and Priority flora species listed by NatureMap and PMST

Species	Cons	NM	PMST	DBCA	Likelihood
	Code				of occurrence on site
Acacia ataxiphylla subsp. magna	Т	Χ		Χ	Soils may be suitable
Acacia campylophylla	Р3	Χ			Soils may be suitable
Acacia cochlocarpa subsp. cochlocarpa	Т		Х		Soils may be suitable
Acacia cochlocarpa subsp. velutinosa	CR		Х		Soils may be suitable
Acacia trinalis	P1	Х		Х	Soils may be suitable
Acacia vassalii	Т		Х		Soils may be suitable
Banksia horrida	Р3	Χ			Soils may be suitable
Caladenia drakeoides	T/EN	Χ	Х	Х	Soils may be suitable
Caladenia huegelii	EN		Х		Soils may be suitable
Chorizema humile	EN		Х		Soils may be suitable
Conospermum eatoniae	Р3	Χ		Х	Soils may be suitable
Conostylis caricina subsp. elachys	P1	Χ		Х	Soils may be suitable
Cryptandra beverleyensis	Р3	Χ		Х	Soils may be suitable
Dasymalla axillaris	CR		Х		Occurs approx. 270km north
Daviesia dielsii	Т		Х		Soils may be suitable
Daviesia euphorbioides	T/EN	Х	Х	Х	Soils may be suitable

Species	Cons Code	NM	PMST	DBCA	Likelihood of occurrence on site
Daviesia nudiflora subsp. drummondii	Р3	Х		Х	Soils may be suitable
Eucalyptus macrocarpa x pyriformis	Р3	Х		Х	Soils may be suitable
Eucalyptus recta	Т		Х		Soils may be suitable
Eucalyptus sargentii subsp. onesis	Р3	Х		Х	Soils may be suitable
Frankenia glomerata	P4	Х		Х	Soils may be suitable
Gastrolobium appressum	Т		Х		Soils may be suitable
Gastrolobium hamulosum	EN		Х		Soil suitable but usually occu more North
Grevillea christineae	T/EN	Χ	Χ	Х	Soils may be suitable
Grevillea dryandroides subsp. hirsuta	EN		Х		Soils may be suitable
Grevillea roycei	Р3				Soils may be suitable
Grevillea sp. Trayning	P1	Χ		Χ	Soils may be suitable
Guichenotia impudica	Р3	Χ		Χ	Soils may be suitable
Hemiandra gardneri	Т		Х		Soils may be suitable
Hibbertia leptopus	P2	Χ		Χ	Soils may be suitable
Hydrocotyle lemnoides	P4	Χ		Χ	Soils not suitable
Jacksonia debilis	P1	Χ			Soils may be suitable
Jacksonia rubra	P2	Χ		Χ	Soils may be suitable
Lepidosperma sp. Meckering	Р3	Χ		Х	Soils may be suitable
Lilaeopsis polyantha	P2	Х		Х	Soils not suitable
Lysiosepalum abollatum	CR/T		Х		Soils may be suitable
Lysiosepalum aromaticum	P2	Х	Х		Soils may be suitable
Melaleuca sciotostyla	EN				Soils may be suitable
Persoonia chapmaniana	Р3	Χ			Soils may be suitable
Philotheca wonganensis	Т		Х		Soil not suitable
Roycea pycnophylloides	EN		Χ		Soils may be suitable
Scaevola tortuosa	P1	Χ			Soils may be suitable
Schoenus capillifolius	Р3	Х			Soils not suitable
Schoenus natans	P4	Х		Х	Soils not suitable
Scholtzia halophila subsp. mortlockensis	Р3	Х		Х	Soils not suitable
Symonanthus bancroftii	EN		Х		Soils not suitable
Thomasia tenuivestita	Р3	Χ			Soils not suitable
Verticordia staminosa subsp. staminosa	EN		Х		Soils may be suitable

(Source: Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions, 2019b; Department of the Environment and Energy, 2019).

4.2 Desktop Survey – Ecological Communities

A review of the priority and threatened ecological community database held by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions indicated the presence of one conservation significant ecological community in proximity to the survey site (Table 5). Each listing includes a designated 200 m buffer around the ecological community, with the Calingiri-Goomalling Road most likely being within the buffer area for the community rather than having the community present within the road reserve in most instances.

Table 5: Conservation significant ecological community

Name	Description	WA Cons Code	Cwlth Cons Code
Eucalypt	The dominant trees are eucalypts that usually	Р3	CE
Woodlands of the	have a single trunk (not mallee) and occur as a		
Western Australian	complex mosaic of around 30 different species		
Wheatbelt	depending where they are found		
	topographically, for example, Eucalyptus recta		
	in breakaways and gravel rises, Eucalyptus		
	salmonophloia in plains and valley floors, and		
	Eucalyptus loxophleba and Eucalyptus rudis		
	near water courses and wetlands. The		
	understory is quite variable and can range		
	from wildflowers, mixed herbs to more grassy		
	and even bare.		

(Department of Environment and Energy, 2016)

4.3 Field Survey Results

4.3.1 Flora

A total of 199 flora species were recorded from 50 families during the field survey. Of the 199 species, 157 were dicotyledons, 40 were monocotyledons and two were conifers. Of these, 147 were species native to Avon Wheatbelt 2 bioregion and 52 were introduced species. Examples of native flora species recorded are provided in Figure 3 and non-native species in Figure 4; the flora species list is provided in Appendix 5 and quadrat data in Appendix 6.

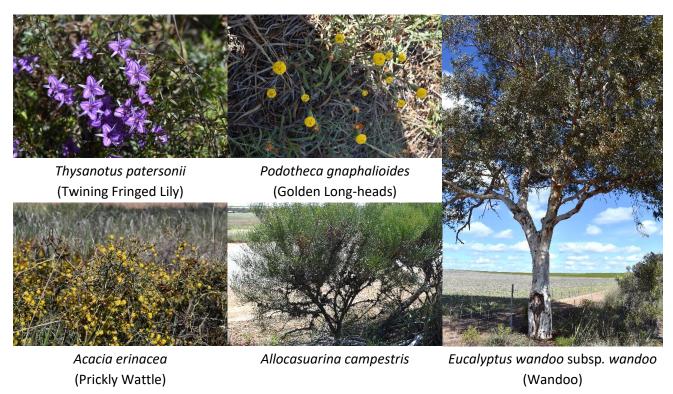


Figure 3: Examples of native flora species recorded



Figure 4: Examples of weed flora species recorded

4.3.2 Conservation significant species

One conservation significant flora species was confirmed, the Priority 3 *Eucalyptus sargentii* subsp. *onesis* (Figure 5). Two individuals of this species was recorded in or adjacent to quadrat 5 ('Q5' in Figure 6) in association with the Eucalyptus Woodland; as the identification of this species was not confirmed in the field, it is uncertain how many additional plants are present in the area.



Figure 5: Priority 3 Eucalyptus sargentii subsp. onesis

4.3.3 Vegetation Type

Two vegetation types were recorded along the road reserves of Calingiri-Goomalling Road (Table 6), namely:

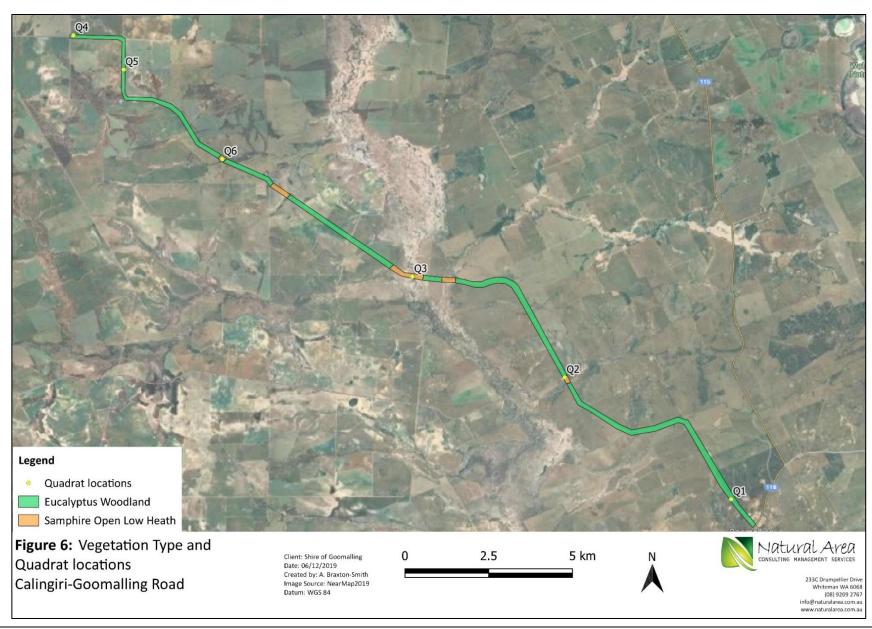
- Eucalyptus Woodland
- Samphire Open Low Heath.

As per Figure 6, the dominant vegetation type along Calingiri-Goomalling Road is the Eucalyptus Woodland, with five small pockets of Samphire Open Low Heath in the lower lying areas (Figure 6; note the vegetation type boundaries have been extrapolated for ease of viewing).

Table 6: Vegetation types within the site

Vegetation Type	Description	Photo
Eucalyptus Woodland	Eucalyptus woodland dominated by Eucalyptus spp., over Acacia acuminata, Santalum spicatum, Grevillea spp. and Allocasuarina spp., with an understory of mixed Acacia spp. shrubs, Dianella revoluta, Austrostipa spp. and a mix of herbs and weedy grasses.	
Samphire Open Low Heath	Samphire Open Low Heath dominated by Tecticornia spp., *Juncus acutus over Atriplex spp., Cotula cotuloides and a mix of weedy grasses and herbs.	

^{*}Denotes introduced flora species



4.3.4 Vegetation Condition

Vegetation condition ranged from Completely Degraded to Very Good, with the majority of the site being Degraded (47.04%) to Completely Degraded (23.77%) with a few pockets of Good (23.45%) and Very Good (5.75%) (Table 7, Figure 8). The Vegetation Condition boundaries in Figure 8 have been extrapolated for ease of viewing.

Table 7: Vegetation condition

Vegetation Condition	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Degraded	Completely Degraded	Total
Area (ha)	0	10.53	42.97	86.20	43.56	183.26
Area (%)	0	5.75	23.45	47.04	23.77	100

Note: These are based on estimates due to the quality of the aerial imagery and the linear nature of the site.

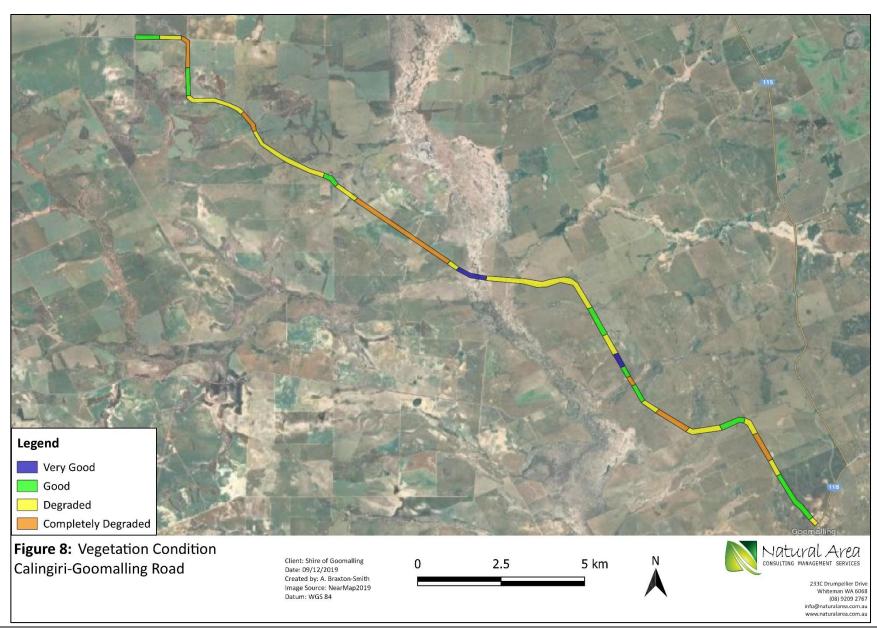




Figure 7: Examples of Vegetation Condition along Calingiri-Goomalling Road

Good

Very Good



4.3.5 Ecological Communities

The September 2019 survey confirmed that no priority or threatened ecological communities present within the Calingiri-Goomalling Road. It is recognised that while the *Eucalypt Woodland of the Western Australian Wheatbelt* ecological community is present within nearby bushland areas, and was probably present within the area cleared for the Calingiri-Goomalling Road and its associated road reserve, the level of disturbance and degradation means the vegetation present no longer meets the description of that community type.

4.3.6 Fauna

A total of 15 vertebrate species were recorded via observation or other signs of their presence along Calingiri-Goomalling Road. Of these, ten were birds, two were mammals and three were reptiles (Table 8, Figure 9). No conservation significant fauna species were recorded for the site.

Table 8: Incidental recorded fauna species within Calingiri- Goomalling survey area

Vertebrate Group	Family	Species	Common Name			
Mammal	Canidae	*Vulpes vulpes	Red Fox			
	Macropodidae sp		Kangaroo (tracks)			
Bird	Cacatuidae	Cacatua roseicapilla	Galah			
	Cacatuidae	Cacatua sanguinea	Little Corella			
	Campephagidae	Coracina novaehollandiae	Black Faced Cuckoo Shrike			
	Columbidae	Phaps chalcoptera	Common Bronzewing			
	Corvidae	Corvus coronoides	Australian Raven			
	Cracticidae	Cracticus tibicen	Australian Magpie			
	Cracticidae	Cracticus torquatus	Grey Butcherbird			
	Falconidae	Falco berigora berigora	Brown Falcon			
	Hirundinidae	Hirundo neoxena	Welcome Swallow			
	Psittacidae	Platycercus zonarius	Australian Ringneck			
Reptile	Elapidae	Pseudechis australis	Mulga Snake			
	Scincidae	Cruntahlanharus hushananii	Buchanan's Snake-eyed			
	Sciricidae	Cryptoblepharus buchananii	Skink			
	Scincidae	Tiliqua rugosa rugosa	Bobtail Lizard			

^{*}Denotes introduced Species



Figure 9: Examples of Fauna species recorded

5.0 Implications of Results

5.1 Flora and Vegetation

Natural Area's September 2019 survey of the Calingiri-Goomalling Road recorded 199 flora species from 50 families, of which 147 were native and 52 were introduced. This represents a high level of flora diversity that is probably due to the length and linear nature of the survey site. Two vegetation types were identified, namely *Eucalyptus* Woodland and Samphire Open Low Heath. Vegetation condition ranged from Completely Degraded to Very Good, with the majority of the site (70%) being assessed as Degraded or Completely Degraded. The areas identified as Degraded and Completely Degraded are the result of previous road clearing activities and agricultural land use in the adjoining properties.

5.2 Significant Flora

The DBCA database search (2019d) identified the presence of threatened and priority flora within a 20 km radius of the survey site, with two species previously recorded along the road reserve, namely the Priority 1 *Acacia trinalis* and the threatened *Daviesia euphorbioides*, but the survey confirmed these individuals are no longer present. No declared rare or threatened flora species were found during the September 2019 survey, although one priority flora species was identified, namely the Priority 3 *Eucalyptus sargentii* subsp. *onesis*. If possible, the presence of these individuals will be avoided; where that is not possible, the feasibility of collecting seed from these species will be considered according to the timing of the collection, seed maturity and availability.

Two individuals of *Eucalyptus sargentii* subsp. *onesis* were found in Quadrat 5, within the Eucalyptus Woodland vegetation type. GPS coordinates are available in Appendix 6 for the location of Quadrat 5. The DBCA has recorded this species within the vicinity of the survey site, with a plant recorded approximately 2 km to the west (2019d). This species is known from the Goomalling and surrounding local government areas, including Lake Grace some 325km to the south. On the basis of the range of the recorded population, the loss of these individuals within the road reserve is unlikely to have a significant impact.

There was a single individual of a *Frankenia* sp. found within Quadrat 3 of the Samphire Open Low Heath vegetation type, and while it could not be identified down to species level it cannot be ruled out as potentially being the Priority 4 *Frankenia glomerata*, which has a preferred soil type of white sand (DBCA, 2019b) as found within the survey site. According to the DBCA database search (2019d), the closest recorded *F. glomerata* individual was found 3 km to the south of Quadrat 3 along the edge of a saline river with lightly compacted grey sand. Quadrat 3 where the *Frankenia* sp. was recorded, the soil type present was a light grey silty sand or clay. Accordingly, the nature of the soil type and the recording of the species in a similar habitat type nearby means that Natural Area cannot rule out the possibility that this species is the Priority 4 *Frankenia glomerata*. According to FloraBase (2019b), this species has been previously recorded in Goomalling and surrounding local government area, including over 800 km to the east as far as Laverton and 900 km to the north as Wiluna. In the event that the Frankenia is the P4 listed species, based on the range of the recorded population, the loss of one individual within the road reserve is unlikely to have a significant impact on the population.

5.3 Threatened Ecological Communities

The DBCA threatened and priority ecological community database search identified the presence of the *Eucalypt Woodlands of the Western Australian Wheatbelt* that is listed as Priority 3 under the *Biodiversity Conservation Act* 2016 (WA) and Critically Endangered under the *EPBC Act* 1999 (Cwlth) within 200 m of the Calingiri-Goomalling Road. However, the road reserve itself was within the designated buffer zone around the community rather than being located within the community itself.

The survey confirmed that there were no threatened or priority ecological communities present within the Calingiri-Goomalling Road site. Of the 10 Eucalypt species identified during the survey, the *Eucalyptus salmonophloia* (Salmon Gum) and *Eucalyptus loxophleba* (York Gum) are listed as being dominant species of the *Eucalypt Woodlands of the WA Wheatbelt* ecological community. However, associated middle and understorey species for this community were absent, the patch size was small, and the dominant condition of the survey area was Degraded or Completely Degraded (70% of the site), meaning that the vegetation on site does not meet the definition of this community type.

5.4 Fauna

A total of 15 vertebrate fauna species (ten birds, two mammals and three reptiles) were recorded during the September 2019 survey with no conservation significant species identified nor indicators of their presence found. A review of the flora species identified during the survey identified few species that are preferred by threatened black cockatoo species as a food source. The absence of sufficient number and variety of flora species used for foraging along with the largely degraded nature of the site suggests that impacts to conservation significant fauna is unlikely.

5.5 Assessment Against Clearing Principles

An assessment of survey outcomes against the Western Australian clearing principles is provided in Table 9. Based on that the outcomes suggest that the clearing application may be at variance to one of the ten clearing principles (Table 9). As the clearing is occurring in the Western Australian Wheatbelt which is an area that has already been extensively cleared, the condition of the site is primarily Degraded to Completely Degraded (70% of the site). Although the site has a high diversity of native flora species and one priority flora species was identified, this is most likely a reflection of the length and linear nature of the site.

 Table 9: Assessment against clearing principles

Clearing Principle		Comment					
A	Native vegetation should not be cleared if it comprises a high level of biological diversity.	 The area to be cleared may be at variance with this principle: 147 native species were recorded within the road reserve that comprised the survey area; however, this is probably a reflection of the long, linear nature of the survey area 30% of the area is in Good or Very Good condition one Priority listed species was recorded (Priority 3 <i>Eucalyptus sargentii</i> subsp. <i>onesis</i> (a few individuals); being recorded in surrounding local government areas previously areas within the proposed clearing footprint are located within a designated road reserve 					
В	Native vegetation should not be cleared if it comprises the whole or a part of, or is necessary for the maintenance of, a significant habitat for fauna indigenous to Western Australia.	 The area to be cleared is not likely to be at variance with this principle: fauna observations during the survey were limited no conservation significant fauna species were identified, nor indicators of their presence during the survey activities the flora survey recorded few species that are recognised as a preferred food source by threatened black cockatoos, indicating that the site is not likely to be a significant foraging location for these species 					
С	Native vegetation should not be cleared if it includes, or is necessary for the continued existence of, rare flora.	 The area to be cleared is not likely to be at variance with this principle: the September 2019 survey recorded no declared rare or threatened flora species the DBCA database search (2019d) identified the presence of threatened and priority flora within a 20 km radius of the survey site, with the two species previously recorded directly along the road reserve, namely the Priority 1 Acacia trinalis and the Threatened Daviesia euphorbioides, but the survey confirmed these individuals are no longer present one Priority listed species was recorded (Priority 3 Eucalyptus sargentii subsp. onesis (a few individuals); being recorded in surrounding local government areas previously 					
D	Native vegetation should not be cleared if it comprises the whole or a part of, or is necessary for the maintenance	 The area to be cleared is not likely to be at variance with this principle: the DBCA threatened and priority ecological community database search identified the presence of the Eucalypt Woodlands of the Western Australian Wheatbelt that is listed as Priority 3 ecological community under the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 (WA) and Critically Endangered under the EPBC Act 1999 (Cwlth) was present within 200 m of Calingiri-Goomalling Road; however, the road reserve itself was within some of the designated buffers but outside of the actual community boundary 					

Clearing Principle		Comment					
	of a threatened ecological community.	 no threatened or priority ecological communities were recorded during the September 2019 survey 					
E	Native vegetation should not be cleared if it is significant as a remnant of native vegetation in an area that has been extensively cleared.	 The area to be cleared is not likely to be at variance with this principle: the area surrounding the site includes vegetated areas and cleared agricultural land the predominant condition of the vegetation within the road reserve is Degraded or Completely Degraded (70% of the site) several areas of remnant bushland are present adjacent to and in close proximity to the proposed clearing footprint The area to be cleared is not likely to be at variance to this principle: 					
r	Native vegetation should not be cleared if it is growing in, or in association with, an environment associated with a watercourse or wetland.	 the Calingiri-Goomalling Road is an existing road constructed over or near to several inter-linked water courses, with widening unlikely to result in a significant increase in impact to their hydrology or the presence of riparian vegetation as long as the drains adjacent to or beneath the roads are adequately retained/upgraded 					
G	Native Vegetation should not be cleared if the clearing of the vegetation is likely to cause appreciable land degradation.	 The area to be cleared is not likely to be at variance with this principle: the widening of the Calingiri-Goomalling Road is unlikely to result in an increased level of land degradation as the clearing will occur within the gazetted road reserve and constructed in accordance with Shire engineering standards for roads 					
Н	Native vegetation should not be cleared if the clearing of the vegetation is likely to have an impact on the environmental values of any adjacent or nearby conservation area.	 The area to be cleared is not likely to be at variance with this principle the area surrounding the site is includes vegetated areas and cleared agricultural land the predominant condition of the vegetation within the road reserve is Degraded or Completely Degraded (70% of the site) several areas of remnant bushland are present adjacent to and in proximity to the proposed clearing footprint the road reserve is located within the nominated buffer area of several locations of the Eucalypt Woodland of the WA Wheatbelt, but is outside of the actual ecological community area 					
Ι	Native vegetation should not be cleared if the clearing of	The area to be cleared is not likely to be at variance with this principle: the Calingiri-Goomalling Road is an existing road constructed over or near to several inter-linked water courses, with widening unlikely to result in a significant increase in impact to water quality					

Clearing Principle	Comment
the vegetation is likely to	
cause deterioration in the	
quality of surface or	
underground water.	
J Native vegetation should not	The area to be cleared is an extension of the area cleared when the road was originally constructed, with the
be cleared if clearing the	management of flooding considered during that process
vegetation is likely to cause, or	
exacerbate, the incidence of	
flooding.	

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Appendix 1: NatureMap Report (20 km buffer)

Appendix 2: Protected Matters Search Tool Report

Appendix 3: Potential Conservation Significant Flora

Picture	Common Name	Description	Flowering Period	Habitat Type	Cons Code	Likelihood (Y/N)	Comment
Acacia ataxiphylla subsp. magna Photos JM Collins	Large-fruited Tammin Wattle	Spreading to ascending shrub, 0.3-0.6 m high. Fl. yellow	Jun to Jul	Sandy soils. Lateritic ironstone rises, flats	EN/T	Y	Soils may be suitable
Acacia campylophylla Photo: S.D. Hopper		Dense, rigid, spreading shrub, 0.1-0.6 m high. Fl. yellow	Jul to Aug	Lateritic gravelly soils	, P3	Y	Soils may be suitable, recorded in local area

Picture	Common Name	Description	Flowering Period	Habitat Type	Cons Code	Likelihood (Y/N)	Comment
Acacia cochlocarpa subsp. cochlocarpa Photos: B.R. Maslin & D. Papenfu	Spiral fruited wattle	Glabrous, sprawling shrub, 0.3-0.7(-1.5) m high. Fl. yellow.		Clayey, sandy, often gravelly soils.	Т	Y	Soils may be suitable
Acacia cochlocarpa subsp. velutinosa Photos S.J. Parick	Velvety Spiral Pod Wattle	Velutinous, sprawling shrub, 0.3-0.7(-1.5) m high. Fl. yellow.		Sandy clay or laterite.	CR/T	Y	Soils may be suitable

Picture	Common Name	Description	Flowering Period	Habitat Type	Cons Code	Likelihood (Y/N)	Comment
Acacia trinalis		Dense, rounded, bushy shrub or tree, 1.5-4 m high. Fl. yellow	Sep	Brown sand, clay loam. Salt lakes & flats, swampy areas	P1	Y	Soils suitable, recorded in local area previously
Acacia vassalii Photos: P. Roberts & R. Evan	Vassal's Wattle	Semi-prostrate, spreading, rounded shrub, 0.15-0.3 m high. Fl. yellow	Jun to Jul	Grey/brown or yellow sand, sandy loam.	Т	Y	Soils may be suitable

Picture	Common Name	Description	Flowering Period	Habitat Type	Cons Code	Likelihood (Y/N)	Comment
Banksia horrida Photos. M. Pieroni	Prickly Dryandra	Upright, lignotuberous shrub, 0.6-1.6 m high. Fl. yellow- orange	Apr to Jun or Aug	Sand, sometimes with gravel	P3	Y	Soils may be suitable
Caladenia drakeoides Photos I & M Greeve, A P. Brown & S.D. Hoppe	Hinged Dragon Orchid	Tuberous, perennial, herb, 0.12-0.3 m high. Fl. green	Sep to Oct.	Grey clayey sand, red sandy loam, in damp situations. Margins of salt lakes	EN/T	Υ	Drainage line in area, soils may be suitable
Caladenia huegelii Photos: I. & M. Greeve & J.L. Robson	Grand Spider Orchid	Tuberous, perennial, herb, 0.25-0.6 m high. Fl. green & cream & red	Sep to Oct	Grey or brown sand, clay loam	EN/T	Y	Soils may be suitable

Picture	Common Name	Description	Flowering Period	Habitat Type	Cons Code	Likelihood (Y/N)	Comment
Charizema humile Photos: A. Doley & D. Papenfus	Prostrate Flame Pea	Sprawling, prostrate or decumbent shrub. Fl. yellow & red/brown	Jul to Sep	Sandy clay or loam. Plains	EN/T	Y	Soils may be suitable, occurs in adjacent LGA
Conospermum eatoniae Photo C. Chapmar		Spreading, intricately branched shrub, 0.3-1 m high. Fl. blue	Aug to Oct	Deep white sand, sandy clay loam	P3	Y	Soils may be suitable
Conostylis caricina subsp. elachys		Rhizomatous, tufted perennial, grass-like or herb, 0.05-0.1 m high. Fl. cream-yellow	Jul to Aug	Gravel, clayey loam, sand	P1	Υ	Soils may be suitable
Cryptandra beverleyensis		Shrub, 0.4-1.3 m high, branchlets not spinescent		Clay soils with sand, laterite gravel.	P3	Υ	Soils may be suitable

Picture	Common Name	Description	Flowering Period	Habitat Type	Cons Code	Likelihood (Y/N)	Comment
				Undulating landscape, plains			
Dasymalla axillaris	Native Foxglove	low, diffuse shrub that can grow to 0.3 m high. The flowers are red to yellowish-scarlet, vivid in appearance	July to December	Sandy soils	CR	N	Occurs in the Morawa, app 275 km north
Daviesia dielsii Photos: S.D. Hopper, A. Doley & J.A. Cochrane	Diels Daviesia	Divaricate shrub, 0.5-0.9 m high. Fl. orange & red	Jul	Sandy, often gravelly soils	Т	Y	Soils may be suitable

Picture	Common Name	Description	Flowering Period	Habitat Type	Cons Code	Likelihood (Y/N)	Comment
Daviesia euphorbioides Photos: S.D. Hopper	Wongan Cactus	Shrub, 0.4-0.8 m high. Fl. yellow & red	Jul to Sep	Clayey sand, sandy gravel. Flats, sandplains	EN/T	Υ	Soils may be suitable, occurs within 50 km of site
Daviesia nudiflora subsp. drummondi	i	Bushy shrub, 0.3- 1.5 m high. Fl. orange/yellow & red	Jul to Aug	White or grey sand. Undulating low rises	P3	Y	Soils may be suitable
Eucalyptus macrocarpa x pyriformis		Erect, open mallee tree, 1.2- 6m high. Fl. red	Apr or Aug to Oct	Sand, lateritic sandy soils. Hills, rocky ironstone ridges, sandplains	P3	Υ	Soils may be suitable
Eucalyptus recta		Tree, to 15 m high, bark smooth		Sandy laterite	Т	Υ	Soils may be suitable

Picture	Common Name	Description	Flowering Period	Habitat Type	Cons Code	Likelihood (Y/N)	Comment
Eucalyptus sargentii subsp. onesis		Mallee to 6 m tall, smooth greenish grey to coppery bark, green to blue green slightly glossy leaves	Aug- Nov.	Associated with salt lakes and creeks	P3	Y	Soils may be suitable
Frankenia glomerata (jeans_photo)	Cluster Head Frankenia	Prostrate shrub. Fl. pink-white	Nov.	White sand	P4	Y	Soils may be suitable
Gastrolobium appressum Photos: S.J. Patric	Scale-leaf Poison	Erect shrub, to 0.3 m high. Fl. yellow, orange, red, purple.	Aug to Dec	White/yellow sand with quartz gravel. Sandplains, low rises.	Т	Y	Soils may be suitable

Picture	Common Name	Description	Flowering Period	Habitat Type	Cons Code	Likelihood (Y/N)	Comment
Gastrolobium hamulosum Photos: J.A. Cochrane, A.D. Crawford & S.D. Hoppe	Hook-point Poison	Low shrub, 0.2- 0.45 m high. Fl. Yellow & orange & red & purple	Aug to Oct	Sandy, often gravelly soils or clay. Flats, slopes, ridges	EN/T	N	Distribution further north (> 75 km)
Grevillea christineae Photos: S.F. Patric	Christine's Grevillea	Erect, wiry shrub, 0.5-0.6 m high. Fl. white-cream	Aug to Sep.	Clay loam, sandy clay, often moist	EN/T	Υ	Soils may be suitable, recorded in local area
Grevillea dryandroides subsp. hirsuta Photos: A.P. Brown, S. Harper & S.J. Patric	Hairy Phalanx Grevillea	Prostrate, vigorously suckering shrub, 0.05-0.3 m high. Fl. red/pink-red	May or Sep to Nov	White or yellow sand, laterite	EN/T	Y	Within area of extent, can exist in roadsides

Picture	Common Name	Description	Flowering Period	Habitat Type	Cons Code	Likelihood (Y/N)	Comment
Grevillea roycei		Erect to spreading shrub, 1.2-2.1 m high. Fl. white	Aug to Oct	White or yellow sand	P3	Y	Previously recorded in local area
Grevillea sp. Trayning (W. Johnston WJ017) Photos: W. Johnston		Compact shrub, to 1 m high (to 1m wide). Fl. green/cream	Dec	White sandy clay. Plains, disturbed road verges.	P1	Υ	Site location is a road reserve, with parts being disturbed.
Guichenotia impudica		Shrub, 0.25-1 m high. Fl. pink- purple	Aug to Oct	Laterite	Р3	Υ	Soils may be suitable
Hemiandra gardneri Photos: A.P. Brown, C. Chapman & M. Hancock	Red Snakebush	Prostrate, pungent shrub, 0.1-0.2 m high, to 1 m wide. Fl. red/pink-red	Aug to Oct	Grey or yellow sand, clayey sand. Sandplains.	Т	Υ	Soil type may be suitable

Picture	Common Name	Description	Flowering Period	Habitat Type	Cons Code	Likelihood (Y/N)	Comment
Hibbertia leptopus (Kevin Thiele)		Erect shrubs to 0.5 m high; Leaves erect to spreading, somewhat fasciculate on short shoots, not petiolate, slightly expanded and stem-clasping at the base, linear to very narrowly obovate, (8–)10–15(–30) mm long; Flowers solitary, axillary	Unknown		P2	Y	Previously recorded in local area
Hydrocotyle lemnoides Photos: S.D. Hopper & J.L. Robson	Aquatic Pennywort	Aquatic, floating annual, herb. Fl. purple	Aug to Oct.	Swamps.	P4	N	Road doesn't intersect any swamps

Picture	Common Name	Description	Flowering Period	Habitat Type	Cons Code	Likelihood (Y/N)	Comment
Jacksonia de bilis Photos J Chappil		Prostrate shrub. Fl. yellow & red	Sep to Oct.	White or grey clayey sand.	P1	Y	Soil type may be suitable
Jacksonia rubra Photos: M. Gniffith		Tangled dwarf shrub, ca 0.2 m high. Fl. orange.	Oct	Clayey sand	P2	Υ	Soil type may be suitable close to Samphire veg type.
Lepidosperma sp. Meckering (R. Davis WW 27-32)					Р3	Υ	Previously recorded in local area.
Lilaeopsis polyantha		Rhizomatous, perennial, herb, 0.02-0.25(-0.4) m high. Fl. purple/red- brown	Nov.	Sandy mud. Lake margins.	P2	N	Soil type not suitable

Picture	Common Name	Description	Flowering Period	Habitat Type	Cons Code	Likelihood (Y/N)	Comment
Lysiosepalum aromaticum		Thick, bushy shrub, to 0.75 m high, with a peppery scent. Fl. pink-purple	Nov.	Brown loam over granite. Slopes, moist area at foot of outcrops	P2	Y	Occurs in LGA, soils may be suitable
Lysiosepalum abollatum Photos J.A. Coshrane	Woolly Lysiosepalum	Dense, erect shrub, to 1.5 m high. Fl. pink- blue-purple	Aug to Sep	Red clay	CR/T	Y	Occurs in adjacent LGA, soils may be suitable
Melaleuca sciotosiyla Photo: P. Brown	Wongan Melaleuca	Spreading shrub, 0.6-1.5 m high	Aug	Orange clayey sand with lateritic pebbles. Scree slopes	EN	Y	Soils may be suitable

Picture	Common Name	Description	Flowering Period	Habitat Type	Cons Code	Likelihood (Y/N)	Comment
Personia chapmaniana Photos A Dele		Erect, spreading shrub, 1-2 m high. Fl. yellow	Sep to Nov.	White sandy clay, yellow sand. Vicinity of salt lakes.	P3	Y	Soil type may be suitable
Philotheca wonganensis Photos: K. Bettink & K. Dixor	Wongan Eriostemon	Erect shrub, 0.3-1 m high. Fl. white & pink	Aug to Oct.	Red sandy soils.	Т	N	Soil type not suitable

Picture	Common Name	Description	Flowering Period	Habitat Type	Cons Code	Likelihood (Y/N)	Comment
Roycea pycnophylloides Photos: P. Roberts & L. Sweedman	Saltmat	Perennial, herb, forming densely branched, silvery mats to 1 m wide	Sep	Sandy soils, clay Saline flats	· EN/T	Y	Soils may be suitable
Scaevola tortuosa	Tortuous- stem Scaevola	Ascending perennial, herb, 0.1-0.2m high. Fl. blue/purple/pink	Oct	Margins of Salt Lakes	P1	Y	Some saline areas present
Schoenus capillifolius		Semi-aquatic tufted annual, grass-like or herb (sedge), 0.05 m high. Fl. green	Oct-Nov	Brown mud. Claypans	P3	N	Soil type not suitable

Picture	Common Name	Description	Flowering Period	Habitat Type	Cons Code	Likelihood (Y/N)	Comment
Schoenus natans Photos: G.J. Keighery & J.L. Robson	Floating Bog- rush	Aquatic annual, grass-like or herb (sedge), 0.3 m high. Fl. brown	Oct	Winter-wet depressions	P4	N	Soil type not suitable
Scholtzia halophila subsp. mortlockensis		See paper for Key			Р3		No information available
Symonanthus bancroftii Photo: G. Durel		Shrub, 0.15-0.25 m high. Fl. white	Sep.		EN	N	Not recorded in the region

Picture	Common Name	Description	Flowering Period	Habitat Type	Cons Code	Likelihood (Y/N)	Comment
Thomasia tenuivestita Photos: J.A. Cochrane		Shrub, 0.6-2.5 m high. Fl. purple- pink	Jul to Oct.	Granite, loam.	P3	N	Soil type not suitable
Verticordia staminosa subsp. staminosa Photos S.D. Hopper, E.A. George & B. & B. Wells	Wongan Featherflower	Spreading shrub, 0.15-0.6 m high. Fl. green- yellow/yellow- brown	Jul to Oct	Soil pockets. Granite outcrops	EN	Y	Soils may be suitable

Appendix 4: Conservation Codes

Conservation codes are used to describe the status of species and ecological communities that are no longer common and under threat of extinction. Species and communities can be listed under state legislation and/or commonwealth legislation.

Western Australia

Conservation Code	Name	Description
Т	Threatened	Flora and fauna listed by order of the Minister as Threatened in the category of critically endangered, endangered or vulnerable under section 19(1), or is a rediscovered species to be regarded as threatened species under section 26(2) of the <i>Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016</i> (BC Act).
EX	Extinct species	Flora or fauna Species where "there is no reasonable doubt that the last member of the species has died", and listing is otherwise in accordance with the ministerial guidelines (section 24 of the BC Act).
EW	Extinct in the wild species	Species that "is known only to survive in cultivation, in captivity or as a naturalised population well outside its past range; and it has not been recorded in its known habitat or expected habitat, at appropriate seasons, anywhere in its past range, despite surveys over a time frame appropriate to its life cycle and form", and listing is otherwise in accordance with the ministerial guidelines (section 25 of the BC Act).
MI	Migratory Species	Fauna that periodically or occasionally visit Australia or an external Territory or the exclusive economic zone; or the species is subject of an international agreement that relates to the protection of migratory species and that binds the Commonwealth; and listing is otherwise in accordance with the ministerial guidelines (section 15 of the BC Act).
CD	Species of special conservation interest (conservation dependent fauna)	Fauna of special conservation need being species dependent on ongoing conservation intervention to prevent it becoming eligible for listing as threatened, and listing is otherwise in accordance with the ministerial guidelines (section 14 of the BC Act).
OS	Specially Protected	Fauna otherwise in need of special protection to ensure their conservation, and listing is otherwise in accordance with the ministerial guidelines (section 18 of the BC Act).
Schedule 1	species that are ran	ked by the DBCA according to their level of threat using IUCN Red List criteria
CR	Critically endangered	Species facing an extremely high risk of extinction in the wild in the immediate future
EN	Endangered	Species facing a very high risk of extinction in the wild in the near future

Conservation Code	Name	Description			
VU	Vulnerable	Species considered to be facing a high risk of extinction in the wild in the medium-term future			
Taxa that ha	Taxa that have not been adequately surveyed for listing under Schedule 1 or 2 of the Wildlife Protection				
Act are addea	I to the Priority List	ts under priorities 1, 2 or 3, according to the priority for further survey and evaluation of their conservation status.			
1	Priority One	Species that are known from one or a few locations (generally five or less) which are potentially at risk. All occurrences are either: very small; or on lands not managed for conservation, e.g. agricultural or pastoral lands, urban areas, road and rail reserves, gravel reserves and active mineral leases; or otherwise under threat of habitat destruction or degradation. Species may be included if they are comparatively well known from one or more locations but do not meet adequacy of survey requirements and appear to be under immediate threat from known threatening processes. Such species are in urgent need of further survey			
2	Priority Two	Species that are known from one or a few locations (generally five or less), some of which are on lands managed primarily for nature conservation, e.g. national parks, conservation parks, nature reserves and other lands with secure tenure being managed for conservation. Species may be included if they are comparatively well known from one or more locations but do not meet adequacy of survey requirements and appear to be under threat from known threatening processes. Such species are in urgent need of further survey.			
3	Priority Three	Species that are known from several locations, and the species does not appear to be under imminent threat, or from few but widespread locations with either large population size or significant remaining areas of apparently suitable habitat, much of it not under imminent threat. Species may be included if they are comparatively well known from several locations but do not meet adequacy of survey requirements and known threatening processes exist that could affect them. Such species are in need of further survey.			
4	Priority Four	 (a) Rare. Species that are considered to have been adequately surveyed, or for which sufficient knowledge is available, and that are considered not currently threatened or in need of special protection but could be if present circumstances change. These species are usually represented on conservation lands. (b) Near Threatened. Species that are considered to have been adequately surveyed and that are close to qualifying for vulnerable but are not listed as Conservation Dependent. (c) Species that have been removed from the list of threatened species during the past five years for reasons other than taxonomy. 			

Conservation Code	Name	Description
		Taxa that have been removed from the list of threatened species
		during the past five years for reasons other than taxonomy.

(Source: Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions, 2019)

Commonwealth

Category	Description
Critically Endangered	Taxa facing an extremely high risk of extinction in the wild in the immediate
	future
Endangered	Taxa facing a very high risk of extinction in the wild in the near future
Vulnerable	Taxa facing a high risk of extinction in the wild in the medium term

(Source: Department of the Environment and Energy, 2019)

Appendix 5: Flora Species List

Below is the complete list of flora species recorded during the 2019 Spring survey at the Calingiri-Goomalling Road site; list is sorted by species and * denotes introduced species, with introduced species listed first.

Family	Species Name	Common Name
Fabaceae	*Acacia iteaphylla	Flinders Range Wattle
Poaceae	*Aira cupaniana	Silvery Hairgrass
Asteraceae	*Arctotheca calendula	Capeweed
Poaceae	*Avena barbata	Wild Oat
Brassicaceae	*Brassica tournefortii	Mediterranean Turnip
Brassicaceae	*Brassica x napus	Canola
Poaceae	*Briza maxima	Blowfly Grass
Poaceae	*Bromus driandrus	Great Brome
Poaceae	*Bromus hordaceus	Soft Brome
Poaceae	*Bromus rubens	Red Brome
Fabaceae	*Chamaecytisus palmensis	Tagasaste
Poaceae	*Chloris gayana	Rhodes Grass
Asteraceae	*Conyza sumatrensis	Fleabane
Asteraceae	*Cotula bipinnata	Ferny Cotula
Asteraceae	*Cotula coronopifolia	Water Buttons
Poaceae	*Cynodon dactylon	Couch Grass
Boraginaceae	*Echium plantagineum	Paterson's Curse
Poaceae	*Ehrharta longiflora	Annual Veldt Grass
Poaceae	*Eragrostis curvula	African Lovegrass
Geraniaceae	*Erodium botrys	Long Storksbill
Myrtaceae	*Eucalyptus camaldulensis subsp. camaldulensis	Murray Red gum
Myrtaceae	*Eucalyptus leucoxylon subsp. megalocarpa	Large-fruited yellow or Blue Gum
Poaceae	*Hordeum leporinum	Barley Grass
Asteraceae	*Hypochaeris radicata	Flatweed
Juncaceae	*Juncus acutus	Spiny Rush
Plumbaginaceae	*Limonium sinuatum	Perennial Sea Lavender
Poaceae	*Lolium rigidum	Rye grass
Fabaceae	*Lupinus cosentinii	
Fabaceae	*Medicago polymorpha	Burr Medic
Aizoaceae	*Mesembryanthemum crystallinum	Iceplant
Aizoaceae	*Mesembryanthemum nodiflorum	
Asteraceae	*Monoculus monstrosus	Stinking Roger
Iridaceae	*Moraea lewisiae	
Iridaceae	*Moraea setifolia	
Fabaceae	*Ornithopus compressus	Yellow Serradella
Oxalidaceae	*Oxalis pes-caprae	Soursob
Oxalidaceae Pinaceae		Soursob Radiata Pine
	*Oxalis pes-caprae	

Family	Species Name	Common Name
Iridaceae	*Romulea rosea	Guilford Grass
Caryophyllaceae	*Sagina apetala	Annual Pearlwort
Brassicaceae	*Sisymbrium orientale	Indian Hedge Mustard
Solanaceae	*Solanum nigrum	Blackberry Nightshade
Solanaceae	*Sonchus asper	Rough Sowthistle
Asteraceae	*Sonchus oleraceus	Common Sowthistle
Fabaceae	*Trifolium resupinatum	Shaftal Clover
Fabaceae	*Trifolium tomentosum	Woolly Clover
Asteraceae	*Ursinia anthemoides	Ursinia
Poaceae	*Vulpia bromoides	Squirrel Tail Fescue
Poaceae	*Vulpia myuros	Rat's Tail Fescue
Campanulaceae	*Wahlenbergia capensis	Cape Bluebell
Scrophulariaceae	*Zaluzianskya divaricata	Spreading Night Phlox
Fabaceae	Acacia acuaria	
Fabaceae	Acacia acuminata	Jam Wattle
Fabaceae	Acacia aestivalis	
Fabaceae	Acacia ericksoniae	
Fabaceae	Acacia erinacea	Prickly Wattle
Fabaceae	Acacia jennerae	•
Fabaceae	Acacia lasiocarpa var. sedifolia	
Fabaceae	Acacia microbotrya subsp. microbotrya	Manna Wattle
Fabaceae	Acacia moirii subsp. recurristipula	
Fabaceae	Acacia multispicata	Spiked Wattle
Fabaceae	Acacia restiacea	·
Fabaceae	Acacia saligna	Orange Wattle
Fabaceae	Acacia sulcata var. platyphylla	-
Fabaceae	Acacia lineolata subsp. lineolata	
Casuarinaceae	Allocasuarina campestris	
Casuarinaceae	Allocasuarina huegeliana	Rock Sheoak
Loranthaceae	Amyema preissii	Wireleaf Mistletoe
Asparagaceae	Arthropodium dyer	
Ericaceae	Astroloma serratifolium	Kondrung
Chenopodiaceae	Atriplex exilifolia	
Chenopodiaceae	Atriplex hymenotheca	
Chenopodiaceae	Atriplex semibaccata	Berry Saltbush
Chenopodiaceae	Atriplex semilunaris	·
Poaceae	Austrostipa elegantissima	
Poaceae	Austrostipa tenuifolia	
Proteaceae	Banksia fraseri	
Hemerocallidaceae	Caesia occidentalis	
Montiaceae	Calandrinia eremaea	Twining Purslane
Cupressaceae	Callitris arenaria	Sandplain Cypress
Lauraceae	Cassytha glabella	Tangled Dodder Laurel

Family	Species Name	Common Name
Poaceae	Chloris gayana	Rhodes Grass
Ranunculaceae	Clematis delicata	
Polygalaceae	Comesperma integerrimum	
Haemodoraceae	Conostylis androstemma	Trumpets
Convolvulaceae	Convolvulus remotus	
Hemerocallidaceae	Corynotheca micrantha	Sand Lily
Asteraceae	Cotula coronopilfolia	Waterbuttons
Asteraceae	Cotula cotuloides	Smooth Cotula
Crassulaceae	Crassula colorata var. colorata	
Crassulaceae	Crassula decumbens var. decumbens	
Rhamnaceae	Cryptandra nutans	
Goodeniaceae	Dampiera lavandulacea	
Goodeniaceae	Dampiera tenuicaulis var tenuicaulis	
Fabaceae	Daviesia brachyphylla	
Fabaceae	Daviesia divaricata subsp. divaricata	
Fabaceae	Daviesia triflora	
Fabaceae	Daviesia hakeoides subsp. subnuda	
Restionaceae	Desmocladus asper	
Hemerocallidaceae	Dianella revoluta	Blueberry Lily
Chenopodiaceae	Didymanthus roei	
Orchidaceae	Diuris hazeliae	Donkey Orchid
Chenopodiaceae	Enchylaena lanata	
Chenopodiaceae	Enchylaena tomentosa var. tomentosa	Barrier Saltbush
Poaceae	Eragrostis dielsii	Mallee Lovegrass
Scrophulariaceae	Eremophila lehmanniana	
Scrophulariaceae	Eremophila decipiens subsp. decipiens	
Myrtaceae	Eucalyptus astringens subsp. astringens	Brown Mallee
Myrtaceae	Eucalyptus camaldulensis subsp. arida	River Red Gum
Myrtaceae	Eucalyptus camaldulensis	Red River Gum
Myrtaceae	Eucalyptus capillosa	Wheatbelt Wandoo
Myrtaceae	Eucalyptus loxophleba subsp. loxophleba	York Gum
Myrtaceae	Eucalyptus myriadena	
Myrtaceae	Eucalyptus obtusiflora	Dongara Mallee
Myrtaceae	Eucalyptus rudis	Flooded Gum
Myrtaceae	Eucalyptus salmonophloia	Salmon Gum
Myrtaceae	Eucalyptus sargentii subsp. onesis	Mallee Salt Gum
Myrtaceae	Eucalyptus sporadica	Burngup Mallee
Myrtaceae	Eucalyptus stricklandii	Strickland's Gum
Myrtaceae	Eucalyptus wandoo subsp. wandoo	Wandoo
Santalaceae	Exocarpos aphyllus	Leafless Ballart
Frankeniaceae	Frankenia sp.	
Fabaceae	Gastrolobium asperum	
Fabaceae	Gastrolobium obovatum	Boat-leaved Posion

Family	Species Name	Common Name
Fabaceae	Gastrolobium spinosum	Prickly Poison
Haloragaceae	Glischrocaryon aureum	Common Popflower
Haloragaceae	Gonocarpus nodulosus	
Goodeniaceae	Goodenia drummondii subsp. Drummondii	
Proteaceae	Grevillea eriostachya	Yellow Flame Grevillea
Proteaceae	Grevillea huegelii	Comb Grevillea
Proteaceae	Grevillea paniculata	Vanilla-scented Grevillea
Proteaceae	Hakea marginata	
Proteaceae	Hakea scoparia subsp. scoparia	
Dilleniaceae	Hibbertia hypericoides	Yellow Buttercups
Dilleniaceae	Hibbertia exasperata	
Asteraceae	Hyalochlamys globifera	
Araliaceae	Hydrocotyle pilifera	
Fabaceae	Jacksonia foliosa	
Asteraceae	Lawrencella rosea	
Cyperaceae	Lepidosperma pubisquameum	
Cyperaceae	Lepidosperma squamatum	
Cyperaceae	Lepidosperma tenue	
Myrtaceae	Leptospermum erubescens	Roadside Teatree
Asparagaceae	Lomandra effusa	Scented Matrush
Chenopodiaceae	Maireana brevifolia	Small Leaf Bluebush
Chenopodiaceae	Maireana enchylaenoides	
Chenopodiaceae	Maireana marginata	
Myrtaceae	Melaleuca concreta	
Myrtaceae	Melaleuca hamata	
Myrtaceae	Melaleuca haplantha	
Myrtaceae	Melaleuca lateriflora	Gorada
Myrtaceae	Melaleuca marginata	
Myrtaceae	Melaleuca radula	Graceful Honeymyrtle
Myrtaceae	Melaleuca scalena	
Myrtaceae	Melaleuca thyoides	
Myrtaceae	Melaleuca viminalis	
Myrtaceae	Melaleuca viminea	Mohan
Myrtaceae	Melaleuca halmaturorum	
Cyperaceae	Mesomelaena stygia	
Asteraceae	Millotia tenuifolia	Soft Millotia
Polygalaceae	Muehlenbeckia adpressa	Climbing Lignum
Poaceae	Neurachne alopecuroidea	Foxtail Mulga Grass
Asteraceae	Olearia sp Eremicola	
Rubiaceae	Opercularia vaginata	Dog Weed
Loganiaceae	Phyllangium sulcatum	Rock Mitrewort
Asteraceae	Podolepis capillaris	Wiry Podolepis
Asteraceae	Podolepis lessonii	

Family	Species Name	Common Name
Asteraceae	Podotheca gnaphalioides	Golden Long-heads
Asteraceae	Pogonolepis stricta	Stiff Angianthus
Amaranthaceae	Ptilotus divaricatus	Climbing Mulla Mulla
Amaranthaceae	Ptilotus polystachyus	Prince of Wales Feather
Chenopodiaceae	Rhagodia drummondii	
Chenopodiaceae	Rhagodia preissii	
Chenopodiaceae	Rhagodia preissii subsp. preissii	
Asteraceae	Rhodanthe citrina	
Poaceae	Rytidosperma acerosum	
Santalaceae	Santalum spicatum	Sandalwood
Myrtaceae	Scholtzia drummondii	
Myrtaceae	Scholtzia involucrata	Spiked Scholtzia
Fabaceae	Senna artemisioides subsp. filifolia	
Malvaceae	Seringia integrifolia	Common Firebush
Rhamnaceae	Stenanthemum notiale	
Surianaceae	Stylobasium australe	
Chenopodiaceae	Tecticornia indica	
Chenopodiaceae	Tecticornia pergranulata subsp. divaricata	
Fabaceae	Templetonia smithiana	
Asparagaceae	Thysanotus manglesianus	Fringed Lily
Asparagaceae	Thysanotus thyrsoideus	
Asparagaceae	Thysanotus patersonii	Twining Fringed Lily
Araliaceae	Trachymene cyanopetala	
Araliaceae	Trachymene ornata	Spongefruit
Hemerocallidaceae	Tricoryne elatior	Yellow Autumn Lily
Juncaginaceae	Triglochin calcitrapa	
Rhamnaceae	Trymalium ledifolium var. rosmarinifolium	
Myrtaceae	Verticordia acerosa var. preissii	-
Apocynaceae	Vincetoxicum lineare	Bush Bean
Campanulaceae	Wahlenbergia gracilenta	Annual Bluebell
Asteraceae	Waitzia acuminata var. acuminata	

Appendix 6: Quadrat Data

*Locations are found in Figure 6.

Quadrat Number: 1

Survey Date: 20/09/2019
Personnel: HT, ABS
Latitude: -31.2873
Longitude: 116.8246

Location: Calingiri-Goomalling Road

Topography: Upper slope **Aspect:** North north west

Slope: 1-3%

Soil: Red/Brown silty sandy clay

Rock: 0% Leaf Litter: 2% Bare Ground: 1%

Drainage: Well drained **Condition:** Very Good





Notes: Eucalyptus Woodland

Native Species	Cover (%)	Height (m)	Native Species	Cover (%)	Height (m)
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Acacia acuminata	40	5	Wahlenbergia gracilenta	0.1	0.1
Austrostipa elegantissima	1	0.5	Waitzia acuminata var.	7	0.1
, ,			acuminata		
Austrostipa tenuifolia	0.5	0.2	Vincetoxicum lineare	0.5	0.5
Calandrinia eremaea	0.1	0.1	Invasive Species	Cover (%)	Height (m)
Diuris hazeliae	0.5	0.2	*Aira cupaniana	2	0.1
Enchylaena tomentosa	0.5	0.4	*^	0.5	0.4
var. tomentosa	0.5	0.1	*Arctotheca calendula	0.5	0.1
Eucalyptus myriadena	10	14	*Avena barbata	0.1	0.5
Gonocarpus nodulosus	0.1	0.1	*Briza maxima	7	0.2
Grevillea paniculata	4	1	*Bromus rubens	0.5	0.2
Hydrocotyle pilifera	0.1	0.1	*Cotula bipinnata	0.1	0.1
Millotia tenuifolia	0.5	0.1	*Erodium botrys	0.5	0.1
Phyllangium sulcatum	0.1	0.1	*Hypochaeris radicata	5	0.2
Podolepis lessonii	2	0.1	*Lupinus cosentinii	0.1	0.2
Rytidosperma acerosum	20	0.1	*Monoculus monstrosus	0.1	0.2
Thysanotus patersonii	0.1	0.5	*Moraea lewisiae	0.5	0.1
Trachymene cyanopetala	3	0.1	*Moraea setifolia	0.1	0.1
Trachymene ornata	2	0.1	*Oxalis pes-caprae	0.1	0.1
Tricoryne elatior	0.5	0.2	*Ursinia anthemoides	0.1	0.2

 Survey Date:
 20/09/2019

 Personnel:
 HT, ABS

 Latitude:
 -31.248183

 Longitude:
 116.771746

Location: Calingiri-Goomalling Road

Topography:BasinAspect:FlatSlope:0%

Soil: Brown silty clay

Rock: 0% Leaf Litter: 0% Bare Ground: 0%

Drainage: Poorly drained

Condition: Good





Note: Samphire Open Low Heath

Native Species	Cover (%)	Height (m)	Invasive Species	Cover (%)	Height (m)
Cotula cotuloides	2	0.1	*Arctotheca calendula	0.5	0.1
Eragrostis dielsii	0.5	0.1	*Bromus driandrus	0.1	0.2
Eucalyptus obtusiflora	1	2	*Bromus rubens	15	0.2
Maireana brevifolia	2	1	*Lolium rigidum	1	0.2
Stylobasium australe	0.5	0.3	*Medicago polymorpha	3	0.1
Tecticornia indica	15	0.5	*Mesembryanthemum nodiflorum	5	0.1
			*Plantago coronopus subsp. commutata	0.1	0.1
			*Trifolium tomentosum	0.1	0.1

Survey Date: 20/09/2019
Personnel: HT, ABS
Latitude: -31.21660
Longitude: 116.72399

Location: Calingiri-Goomalling Road

Topography:BasinAspect:EastSlope:0%

Soil: Light grey silty sandy clay

Rock: 0% Leaf Litter: 0% Bare Ground: 40%

Drainage: Poorly drained **Condition:** Very Good



Note: Samphire Open Low Heath

Native Species	Cover (%)	Height (m)	Invasive Species	Cover (%)	Height (m)
Atriplex hymenotheca	1	0.3	*Arctotheca calendula	0.1	0.1
Crassula colorata var. colorata	0.5	0.1	*Bromus hordaceus	0.5	0.2
Frankenia sp	0.5	0.5	*Cotula coronopilfolia	5	0.1
Hyalochlamys globifera		0.1	*Lolium rigidum	1	0.2
Pogonolepis stricta	5	0.1	*Monoculus monstrosus	0.1	0.2
Tecticornia indica	20	0.5	*Plantago coronopus subsp. commutata	0.1	0.1
Tecticornia pergranulata subsp. divaricata	10	1	*Romulea rosea	1	0.1
Triglochin calcitrapa	0.1	0.1	*Trifolium tomentosum	0.5	0.1

 Survey Date:
 20/09/2019

 Personnel:
 HT, ABS

 Latitude:
 -31.140878

 Longitude:
 116.617756

Location: Calingiri-Goomalling Road

Topography: Mid slope
Aspect: West
Slope: 1-3%

Soil: Light brown silty sand

Rock: 0% Leaf Litter: 4% Bare Ground: 1%

Drainage: Well drained **Condition:** Very Good





Note: Eucalyptus Woodland

Native Species	Cover (%)	Height (m)	Native Species	Cover (%)	Height (m)
Acacia lasiocarpa var. sedifolia	1.5	1	Opercularia vaginata	1	0.2
Acacia sulcata var. platyphylla	1	1	Rhagodia drummondii	4	0.8
Allocasuarina campestris	25	2	Rhagodia preissii	2	1
Astroloma serratifolium	0.5	0.5	Santalum spicatum	10	3
Austrostipa elegantissima	25	0.5	Scholtzia drummondii	1	1
Austrostipa tenuifolia	2	0.2	Invasive Species	Cover (%)	Height (m)
Caesia occidentalis	0.1	0.3	*Arctotheca calendula	0.5	0.1
Dampiera lavandulacea	1.5	0.2	*Bromus rubens	5	0.2
Desmocladus asper	1	0.2	*Ehrharta longiflora	10	1
Dianella revoluta	10	0.8	*Eragrostis curvula	3	8.0
Eucalyptus wandoo subsp. wandoo	10	20	*Hordeum leporinum	0.5	0.2
Hakea scoparia subsp. scoparia	5	2.5	*Monoculus monstrosus	0.5	0.2
Lepidosperma tenue	0.1	0.4	*Moraea setifolia	0.5	0.2
Lomandra effusa	4	0.2	*Ornithopus compressus	0.1	0.1
Melaleuca concreta	1.5	1	*Raphanus raphanistrum	0.1	0.5
Melaleuca hamata	1.5	2	*Trifolium tomentosum	0.5	0.1
Melaleuca marginata	5	1			

 Survey Date:
 20/09/2019

 Personnel:
 HT, ABS

 Latitude:
 -31.151620

 Longitude:
 116.633480

Location: Calingiri-Goomalling Road

Topography: Lower slope

Aspect: South Slope: 1-3%

Soil: Light brown silty sand

Rock: 0%
Leaf Litter: 5% 2 cm
Bare Ground: 0%

Drainage: Well drained **Condition:** Very Good





Note: Eucalyptus Woodland

Native Species	Cover (%)	Height (m)	Invasive Species	Cover (%)	Height (m)
Austrostipa elegantissima	3	0.5	*Aira cupaniana	0.1	0.1
Austrostipa tenuifolia	1	0.3	*Arctotheca calendula	1	0.1
Calandrinia eremaea	0.1	0.1	*Bromus rubens	0.5	0.2
Comesperma integerrimum	0.5	0.3	*Cotula coronopifolia	0.1	0.1
Dianella revoluta	0.5	0.5	*Ehrharta longiflora	20	1
Enchylaena lanata	0.1	0.2	*Hypochaeris radicata	0.1	0.2
Eucalyptus sargentii subsp. onesis	20	4	*Lolium rigidum	0.1	0.3
Eucalyptus sporadica	10	4	*Mesembryanthemum crystallinum	0.5	0.1
Melaleuca haplantha	7	2	*Monoculus monstrosus	0.1	0.2
Melaleuca marginata	4	1.6			
Melaleuca scalena	10	2.2			
Santalum spicatum	2	1.5			
Thysanotus manglesianus	0.1	0.6			
Trachymene cyanopetala	0.5	0.1			

 Survey Date:
 26/09/2019

 Personnel:
 HT, ABS

 Latitude:
 -31.179708

 Longitude:
 116.664392

Location: Calingiri-Goomalling Road

Topography: Drainage line

Aspect: North Slope: Flat

Soil: Brown sandy clay

Rock: 0% Leaf Litter: 0% Bare Ground: 6%

Drainage: Poorly drained **Condition:** Degraded





Note: Samphire Open Low Heath

Native Cassies	Cover (0/)		Investive Species		Height /m
Native Species	Cover (%)	Height (m)	Invasive Species	Cover (%)	Height (m)
Atriplex semilunaris	0.5		*Hordeum leporinum	3	
Maireana brevifolia	10		*Hypochaeris radicata	0.5	
Rhagodia drummondii	0.1		*Juncus acutus	4	1
Tecticornia indica	8		*Lolium rigidum	20	
Invasive Species	Cover (0/)	Haiaht (m)	*Mesembryanthemum	0.1	
	Cover (%)	Height (m)	nodiflorum		
*Arctotheca calendula	1		*Monoculus monstrosus	0.1	
*Avena barbata	1		*Moraea setifolia	0.1	
*Cotula bipinnata	0.5		*Ornithopus compressus	0.1	
*Cynodon dactylon	4		*Sagina apetala	0.1	
*Ehrharta longiflora	7.5		*Trifolium resupinatum	0.5	
*Eragrostis curvula	1		*Trifolium tomentosum	0.1	