

# Coastal Headland Scrub (EVC 161)

## Ecological Vegetation Classes on the Mornington Peninsula

An Ecological Vegetation Class (EVC) is the standard unit for classifying native vegetation types in Victoria. Over 60 EVCs occur across the diverse landscape of the Mornington Peninsula. This EVC Profile presents local environmental information for a specific EVC and is a useful reference for anyone interested in understanding, protecting, and restoring the unique biodiversity that occurs in their area.

## Coastal Headland Scrub - Description

Scrub to 5 metres high. Occurs on coastal bluffs. Salt spray and limited soil development on steeper exposed sites inhibits weeds, flatter sites on tops of bluffs more susceptible to weed invasion.

<b>Pre-1750 distribution</b>	Widespread on coastal bluffs of the Mornington Peninsula, up to 100 metres inland. See map below.
<b>Present distribution</b>	Large but usually modified examples remain
<b>Peninsula status</b>	Vulnerable
<b>Bioregional status</b>	Depleted
<b>Typical sites</b>	Mount Martha Foreshore, Mount Martha



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## Coastal Headland Scrub – Plant List

Scientific name	Common name	Height	Available in nurseries
<b>Trees</b>			
		<b>m</b>	
<i>Acacia longifolia</i> subsp. <i>sophorae</i>	Coast Wattle	5	✓
<i>Allocasuarina verticillata</i>	Drooping Sheoak	10	✓
<i>Leptospermum laevigatum</i>	Coast Tea-tree	5	✓
<i>Melaleuca lanceolata</i> (some sites only, check suitability)	Moonah	5	✓
<i>Myoporum insulare</i>	Common Boobialla	8	✓
<b>Shrubs</b>			
		<b>cm</b>	
<i>Acacia paradoxa</i>	Hedge Wattle	200	✓
<i>Alyxia buxifolia</i>	Sea Box	200	✓
<i>Correa alba</i>	White Correa	150	✓
<i>Eutaxia microphylla</i>	Common Eutaxia	10	
<i>Goodenia ovata</i>	Hop Goodenia	200	✓
<i>Leucopogon parviflorus</i>	Coast Beard-heath	300	✓
<i>Myoporum petiolatum</i> (Mount Eliza, Mornington, Anthonys Nose only)	Sticky Boobialla	200	
<i>Olearia axillaris</i>	Coast Daisy-Bush	150	✓
<i>Olearia ramulosa</i>	Twiggy Daisy-bush	120	✓
<i>Pomaderris paniculosa</i> subsp. <i>paralia</i>	Scurfy Pomaderris	200	✓
<i>Rhagodia candolleana</i> subsp. <i>candolleana</i>	Seaberry Saltbush	200	✓
<b>Grasses</b>			
		<b>cm</b>	
<i>Austrostipa elegantissima</i> (Mount Eliza, Mornington only)	Feather Spear-grass	100	✓
<i>Austrostipa flavescens</i>	Coast Spear-grass	120	✓
<i>Austrostipa stipoides</i>	Prickly Spear-grass	100	✓
<i>Dichelachne crinita</i>	Long-hair Plume-grass	100	✓
<i>Lachnagrostis billardierei</i> subsp. <i>billardierei</i>	Coast Blown-grass	60	
<i>Poa poiformis</i> var. <i>poiformis</i>	Blue Tussock-grass	100	✓
<i>Rytidosperma caespitosum</i>	Common Wallaby-grass	80	
<b>Ground covers</b>			
		<b>cm</b>	
<i>Billardiera scandens</i>	Common Apple-berry	120	✓
<i>Brachyscome parvula</i>	Coast Daisy	40	
<i>Dianella brevicaulis</i>	Small-flower Flax-lily	80	✓
<i>Dichondra repens</i>	Kidney-weed	4	✓
<i>Disphyma crassifolium</i> subsp. <i>clavellatum</i>	Rounded Noon-flower	10	✓
<i>Enchylaena tomentosa</i> var. <i>tomentosa</i>	Ruby Saltbush	50	✓
<i>Muehlenbeckia adpressa</i>	Climbing Lignum	200	✓
<i>Opercularia varia</i>	Variable Stinkweed	10	✓
<i>Pterostylis concinna</i>	Trim Greenhood	20	

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<i>Pterostylis nana</i>	Dwarf Greenhood	20	
<i>Pterostylis nutans</i>	Nodding Greenhood	30	
<i>Pterostylis parviflora</i>	Tiny Greenhood	25	
<i>Pterostylis pedunculata</i>	Maroonhood	25	
<i>Pultenaea tenuifolia</i>	Slender Bush-pea	30	✓
<i>Senecio pinnatifolius</i>	Variable Groundsel	40	✓
<i>Styphelia humifusa</i>	Cranberry Heath	50	✓
<i>Threlkeldia diffusa</i>	Coast Bonefruit	10	
<b>Ferns</b>			
None			
<b>Climbers, epiphytes</b>			
<i>Cassytha pubescens</i>	Downy Dodder-laurel		
<i>Clematis microphylla</i>	Small-leaved Clematis		✓
<i>Tetragonia implexicoma</i>	Bower Spinach		✓