

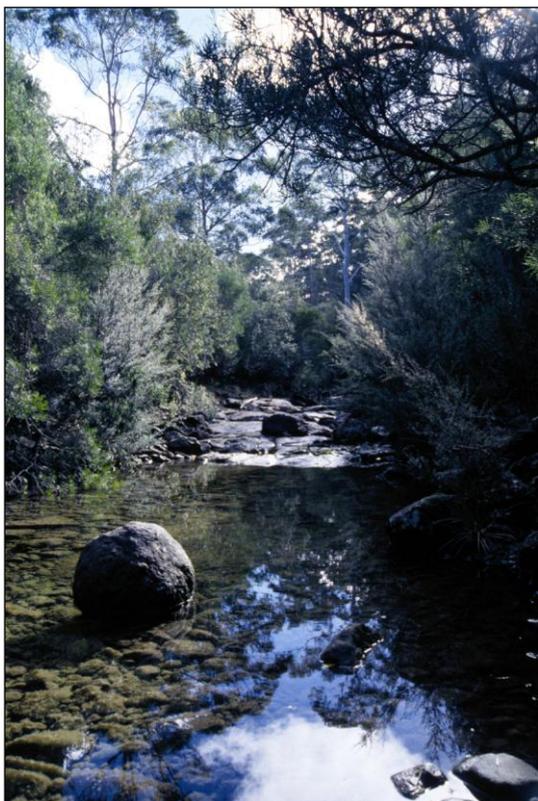
RIPARIAN SCRUB

(TASVEG code - SRI)

Conservation status: VULNERABLE

What is Riparian Scrub?

- *Riparian Scrub* grows along streams, creeks, rivers and around other water bodies such as lakes, lagoons and wetlands. *Riparian Scrub*, as the name suggests, is dominated by 'scrub' species, such as woolly tea-tree (*Leptospermum lanigerum*), box micrantheum (*Micrantheum hexandrum*), dogwood (*Pomaderris apetala*), currajong (*Asterotrichion discolor*) and pinkwood (*Beyeria viscosa*). Eucalypts are often sparse or absent in this type of scrub.



Where can I see examples of Riparian Scrub?

- The vegetation community can be found at the ford on St Pauls River, Cygnet River near Swansea, Prosser River near Orford and around Lake Meadowbank south of Ouse.

Why is Riparian Scrub important and what are its management issues?

- Healthy streambanks and *Riparian Scrub* increase habitat for fauna and improve water quality by reducing runoff.
- In some locations, like the St Pauls River and Lake River, geographically restricted threatened plant species dominate *Riparian Scrub*, such as south-esk pine (*Callitris oblonga*) and Midland's wattle (*Acacia axillaris*).
- Much remnant riparian native vegetation is confined to the less productive parts of rivers. The banks of many rivers that flow through fertile lowland floodplains have been cleared and replaced with pasture, willow or other exotic species. This has been detrimental to the health and natural ecology of the state's river systems.
- Stock access to *Riparian Scrub* can damage vegetation cover which can lead to riverbank erosion, soil compaction and weed invasion.



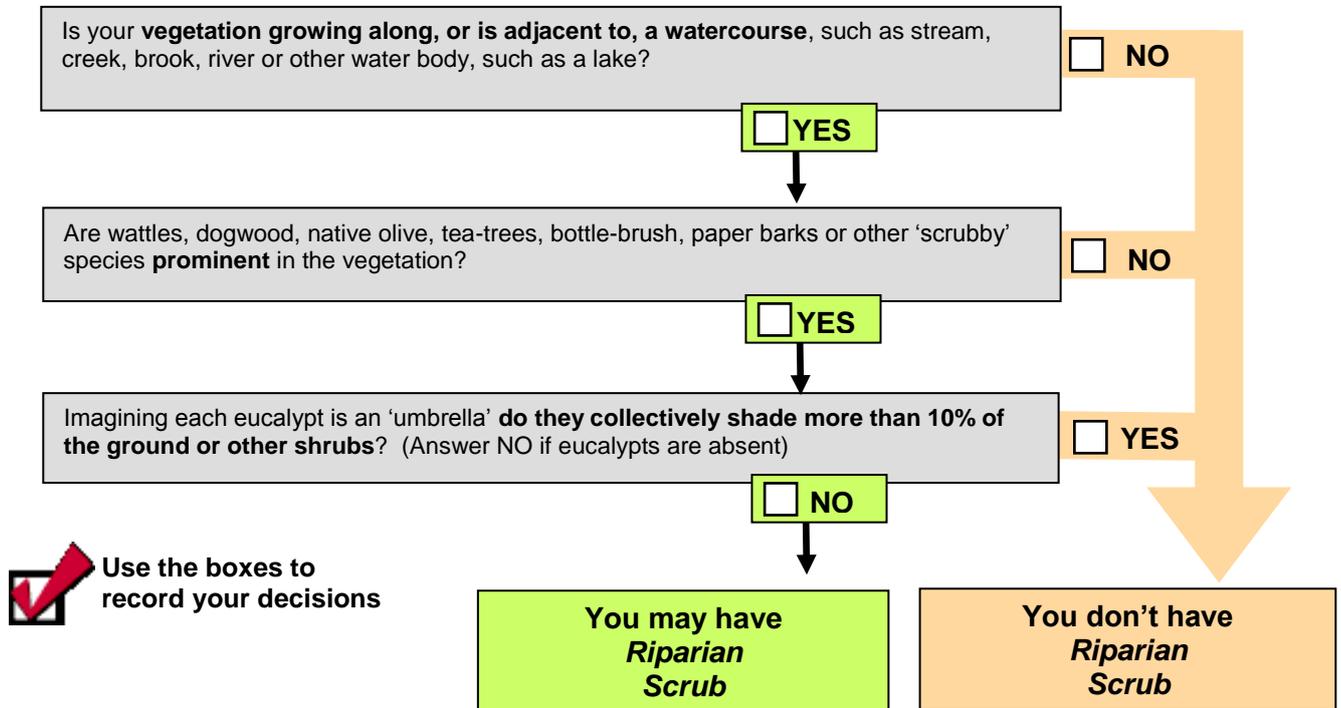
Do I have *Riparian Scrub* on my property?



Need help?

Contact the FPA or TFGA

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



What does it mean if I have *Riparian Scrub* on my property?

- If you want to **clear and convert** an area that **may be *Riparian 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 Parks Water and Environment.



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

DPIPWE: 134 Macquarie St, Hobart 7000; phone – 6233 8538; Online – www.dpipwe.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