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WT04

Queensland bluegrass

Dichanthium sericeum

Common name	Scientific name	Page
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red bloodwood see gum-topped bloodwood		
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silky browntop	Eulalia aurea	WT02, WT04, WT05, WT08
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urochloa*	Urochloa mosambicensis	WT01
wattles	Acacia spp.	WT03, WT05, WT06, WT07, WT08
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wiregrass/es	Aristida spp.	WT02, WT03, WT04, WT05, WT06, WT07, WT08

^{*} Denotes non-native species.



Alluvial



Landform

Alluvial plains.

Woody vegetation

Blue gum, river red gum, Moreton Bay ash woodland with understorey of tea trees.

Expected pasture composition

* Denotes non-native "Expected Pasture Composition" species.

Preferred

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Intermediate

Non-preferred

Annual grasses

Bluegrass, black speargrass, kangaroo grass.

Kerosene grass, blady grass, rat's tail grasses.

Suitable sown pastures

Green panic, Rhodes grass, setaria, urochloa, creeping bluegrass.

Introduced weeds

Grader grass, lantana, weedy rat's tail grasses, rubbervine, Praxelis.

Soil

Non-basaltic alluvium, including grey clays, yellow earths and podzolics.

Description

Surface: Friable; Surface texture: loam; Subsoil texture: light clay.

Features

Water availability

Medium



Fertility

Moderate to high; variable nitrogen (1–17 mg/kg); high phosphorus (45 mg/kg); high potassium (0.4 cmol /kg).

Salinity

Non-saline

Sodicity

Non-sodic

рН

Slightly acidic (pH 6.0).

Long-term carrying capacity information (A condition)

Based on fully watered area for 1AE = 450 kg animal consuming 8kg DM/day					
Median annual rai	Median annual rainfall 876 – 1491 mm				
Pasture type Median tree cover Median annual pasture growth Safe annual utilisation pasture growth					
	(TBA m²/ha) (FPC %)	(DM kg/ha)	(%)	(ha/AE)	
Native species	0 TBA/FPC	3240 - 4880	30%	2.0 - 3.0	
	29 TBA 65 FPC	< 750 - 1760	30%	> 5.5 – 13	

Enterprise

Breeding and growing.

Land use and management recommendations

- Suitable for grazing of native pastures.
- Rotational wet seasons spelling to maintain perennial pasture composition.
- Manage grazing pressure to ensure at least 50% ground cover at break of season.
- Strategic burning (late dry hot burn) to manage woody weeds (e.g. rubbervine).

Land use limitations

- Infrequent erosive flooding.
- Flood damage to fences.
- Prone to weed invasion if overgrazed.

Conservation features and related management

- Subject to high grazing pressure.
- Subject to weed infestation by lantana, rubbervine (*Cryptostegia grandiflora*) and grader grass (*Themeda quadrivalvis*).

Regional Ecosystems

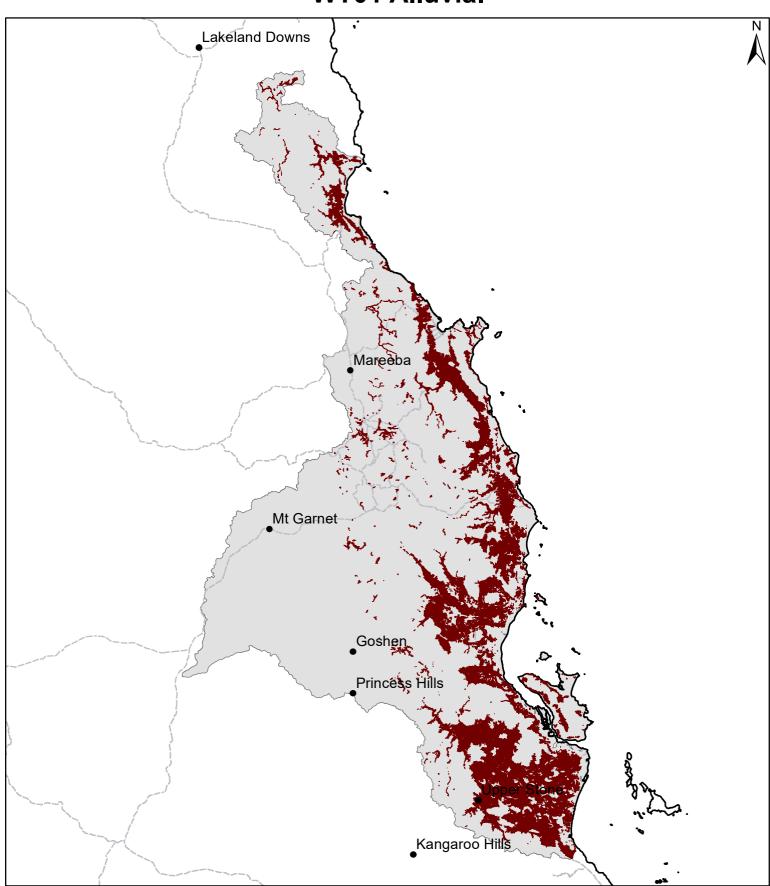
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Soil associations

SCAN, PAN, SHAN, GSAN, YEAN, BYAN, RAN, PSAN, GBAN (Grundy and Bryde 1989).



WT01 Alluvial



Area of land type in region: 13%

Median rainfall (region): 629 – 1491 mm Average rainfall (region): 664 – 1647 mm Area of land type with FPC: 35%

Median FPC: 65% Median TBA: 29 m2/ha



Black soils on basalt and granite



Landform

Undulating to gently undulating plains and rises formed on predominantly basalt.

Woody vegetation

Predominantly treeless plains. Occasionally ghost gum and black tea tree occur.

Expected pasture composition

* Denotes non-native "Expected Pasture Composition" species.

Bare ground or little grass cover occurs on the hard rock rubble of lava flows.

Preferred

Angleton grass*, green couch, desert bluegrass, kangaroo grass, black speargrass.

Intermediate

Pitted bluegrass, silky browntop, canegrass, golden beard grass, lemon-scented grass, native millet.

Non-preferred

Wiregrasses, northern wanderrie grass.

Annual grasses

Comet grass, Flinders grass, two-coloured panic. Non-preferred species include asbestos grass.

Suitable sown pastures

Angleton grass, Indian couch, creeping bluegrass, butterfly pea.

Introduced weeds

Mimosa bush, rubbervine, Noogoora burr, grader grass.

Soil

Massive black and brown earths; sometimes cracking.

Description

Surface: Self-mulching; **Surface texture:** medium clay; **Subsoil texture:** medium to heavy clay.

Features

Slight gilgai development. High moisture holding capacity. Slow internal drainage. Carbonate concretions at depth.



Water availability

High

Fertility

High; moderate nitrogen (5 mg/kg); moderate phosphorus (11 mg/kg); high potassium (1.0 cmol /kg), occasionally zinc deficiency.

Salinity

Non-saline

Sodicity

Non-sodic

рН

Neutral (7.0) surface increasing alkalinity at depth.

Long-term carrying capacity information (A condition)

Based on fully watered area for 1AE = 450 kg animal consuming 8kg DM/day					
Median annual ra	infall 876 – 890 mi	m			
Pasture type	Median tree cover	Median annual pasture growth	Safe annual utilisation pasture growth	LTCC	
	(TBA m²/ha) (FPC %)	(DM kg/ha)	(%)	(ha/AE)	
Native species	0 TBA/FPC	3520 - 5030	30%	1.9 – 2.8	
	8 TBA 20 FPC	2230 - 3530	30%	2.8 – 4.4	

Enterprise

Breeding and growing.

Land use and management recommendations

- Suitable for grazing of native pastures.
- Rotational wet seasons spelling to maintain perennial pasture composition.
- Manage grazing pressure to ensure at least 50% ground cover at break of season.
- Strategic burning (late dry hot burn) to manage woody weeds (e.g. rubbervine).

Land use limitations

- Internal drainage may be slow leaving soils prone to water logging.
- Basalt soils have rocky profile throughout.
- Narrow range of optimum moisture for tillage and traffic.

Conservation features and related management

- · Subject to high grazing pressure.
- Subject to weed infestation by rubbervine (Cryptostegia grandiflora) and grader grass (Themeda quadrivalvis).

Regional Ecosystems

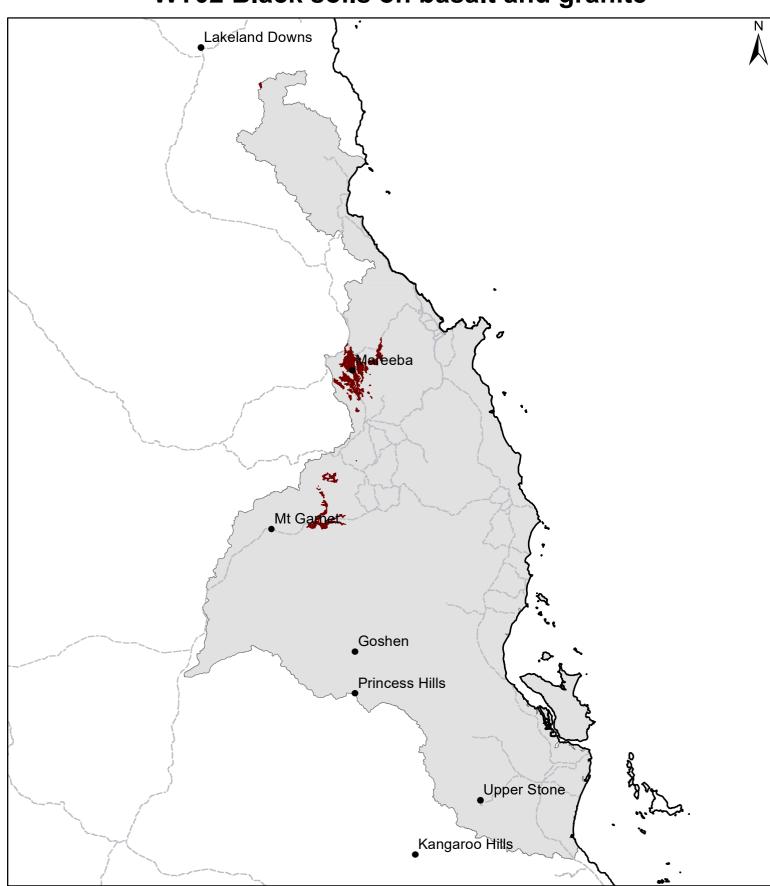
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Soil associations

BELB, BCELB, BERG, BEAL, GCAL, BCAL, BCPL (Grundy and Bryde 1989).



WT02 Black soils on basalt and granite



Area of land type in region: 1%

Median rainfall (region): 629 – 1491 mm Average rainfall (region): 664 – 1647 mm

Area of land type with FPC: 53%

Median FPC: 20% Median TBA: 8 m2/ha



Range soils



Landform

Dissected hilly country.

Woody vegetation

Blue gum, grey box, narrow-leaved ironbark woodland with understorey of cypress pine, wattles and quinine.

Expected pasture composition

* Denotes non-native "Expected Pasture Composition" species.

Preferred

Black speargrass, kangaroo grass, giant speargrass, golden beard grass.

Intermediate

Non-preferred Wiregrasses.

Annual grasses

Suitable sown pastures

Shrubby and Caribbean stylos.

Introduced weeds

Soil Shallow soils.

Description

Surface: Variable gravel cover; sometimes hard-setting; **Surface texture:** variable; **Subsoil texture:** limited by underlying bedrock.

Features

Shallow, generally stony and rocky soils.



Water availability

Low

Fertility

Low

Salinity

Non-saline

Sodicity

Non-sodic

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Variable, slightly acid soils.

Long-term carrying capacity information (A condition)

Based on fully watered area for 1AE = 450 kg animal consuming 8kg DM/day					
Median annual rai	infall 833 – 1491 n	nm			
Pasture type	Median tree cover Median annual pasture growth Safe annual utilisation pasture growth				
	(TBA m²/ha) (FPC %)	(DM kg/ha)	(%)	(ha/AE)	
Native species 0 TBA/FPC 3650 - 4660 15% 4.2 - 5.3					
	18 TBA 43 FPC	1080 - 1820	15%	11 – 18	

Enterprise

Breeding

Land use and management recommendations

- Suitable for grazing of native pastures.
- Rotational wet seasons spelling to maintain perennial pasture composition.
- Manage grazing pressure to ensure at least 50% ground cover at break of season.
- Strategic burning (late dry hot burn) to manage woody thickening (e.g. wattles).

Land use limitations

• Skeletal, shallow and rocky soils limit productivity.

Conservation features and related management

Regional Ecosystems

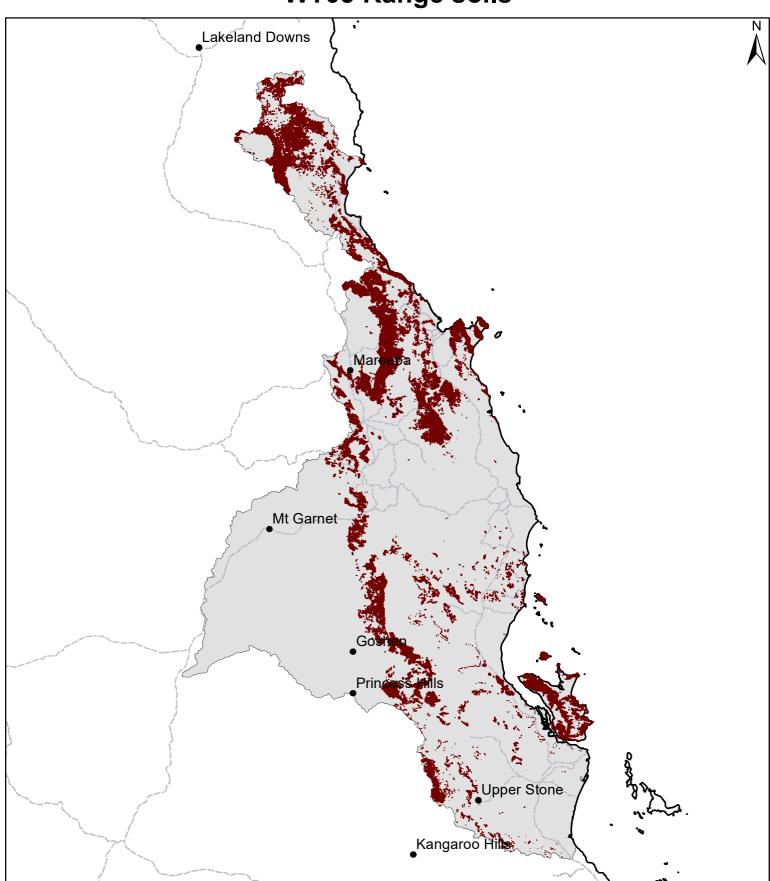
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Soil associations

PLMV, PLHV, SRHV, PLHG, PLHM, PLHS, PLDR, PMG, PHG, PHM, PHS, PSHB, REHG, RHG, SCHG, RHM, YEHM, NCHM, RHS, REHS, SCHS, BGHS (Grundy and Bryde 1989).



WT03 Range soils



Area of land type in region: 10%

Median rainfall (region): 629 – 1491 mm Average rainfall (region): 664 – 1647 mm

Area of land type with FPC: 90%

Median FPC: 43% Median TBA: 18 m2/ha



Red basalt



Landform

Irregular stony plains and low hills.

Woody vegetation

Narrow-leaved ironbark woodlands with gum-topped bloodwood, ghost gum and grevilleas in understorey.

Expected pasture composition

* Denotes non-native "Expected Pasture Composition" species.

Preferred

Black speargrass, kangaroo grass, forest bluegrass, Queensland bluegrass, giant speargrass.

Intermediate

Silky browntop, lemon-scented grass, gulf bluegrass, pitted bluegrass, plume sorghum, Indian couch*.

Non-preferred

Wiregrasses.

Annual grasses

Fire grass, comet grass, lovegrasses

Suitable sown pastures

Buffel grass, leucaena, Angleton grass, creeping bluegrass.

Introduced weeds

Rubbervine, lantana, grader grass.

Soil

Red brown clay loams (euchrozems, krasnozems).

Description

Surface: Usually stony; **Surface texture:** clay loam; **Subsoil texture:** clay loam to medium clay.

Features

Free draining and high fertility. Rocks throughout profile.



Water availability

Moderate to high.

Fertility

High; high nitrogen (14 mg/kg); high phosphorus (40 mg/kg); high potassium (0.6 cmol /kg).

Salinity

Non-saline

Sodicity

Non-sodic

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Neutral to slightly acid (6.8) throughout profile.

Long-term carrying capacity information (A condition)

Based on fully watered area for 1AE = 450 kg animal consuming 8kg DM/day						
Median annual ra	Median annual rainfall 876 – 890 mm					
Pasture type	Median tree cover	Median annual pasture growth	Safe annual utilisation pasture growth	LTCC		
	(TBA m²/ha) (FPC %)	(DM kg/ha)	(%)	(ha/AE)		
Native species	0 TBA/FPC	2820 - 3890	30%	2.5 - 3.5		
	9 TBA 22 FPC	1580 - 2620	30%	3.7 – 6.2		

Enterprise

Breeding and growing.

Land use and management recommendations

- Suitable for grazing of native pastures.
- Rotational wet seasons spelling to maintain perennial pasture composition.
- Manage grazing pressure to ensure at least 50% ground cover at break of season.
- Strategic burning (late dry hot burn) to manage woody thickening (e.g. eucalypts).
- Salt and sulphur supplements required in wet season.

Land use limitations

Rocks throughout profile.

Conservation features and related management

Subject to weed infestation by rubbervine (*Cryptostegia grandiflora*), lantana and grader grass (*Themeda quadrivalvis*).

Regional Ecosystems

7.8.18a-b, 7.8.19, 7.8.7c, 9.8.2c.

Soil associations

SKUB, SKLB, SELB (Grundy and Bryde 1989).



WT04 Red basal



Area of land type in region: 0.4%

Median rainfall (region): 629 – 1491 mm Average rainfall (region): 664 – 1647 mm

Area of land type with FPC: 40%

Median FPC: 22% Median TBA: 9 m2/ha



Red soils



Landform

Gently undulating plains and rises.

Woody vegetation

Narrow-leaved ironbark woodland with associated bloodwood and understorey of grevilleas and wattles.

Expected pasture composition

* Denotes non-native "Expected Pasture Composition" species.

Preferred

Black speargrass, kangaroo grass, golden beard grass, forest bluegrass.

Intermediate

Cotton panic, silky browntop, lemon-scented grass, gulf bluegrass, plume sorghum, Indian couch*, giant speargrass.

Non-preferred

Wiregrasses.

Annual grasses

Fire grass, comet grass, fairy grass.

Suitable sown pastures

Shrubby and Caribbean stylos.

Introduced weeds

Praxelis

Soil

Grey to red surface grading to red clay soils at depth.

Description

Surface: Loose; Surface texture: sandy loam; Subsoil texture: medium clay.

Features

Ironstone nodules in subsoils.



Water availability

Low

Fertility

Variable. Low nitrogen (1 mg/kg); low phosphorus (4–8 mg/kg); low potassium (0.1 cmol /kg).

Salinity

Non-saline

Sodicity

Non-sodic

pН

Neutral (6.4) at surface; increasing acidity down the profile.

Long-term carrying capacity information (A condition)

Based on fully watered area for 1AE = 450 kg animal consuming 8kg DM/day				
Median annual ra	infall 833 – 1491 n	nm		
Pasture type	Median tree cover	Median annual pasture growth	Safe annual utilisation pasture growth	LTCC
	(TBA m²/ha) (FPC %)	(DM kg/ha)	(%)	(ha/AE)
Native species	0 TBA/FPC	5470	25%	2.1
	17 TBA 41 FPC	1950 - 2220	25%	5.3 – 6.0

Enterprise

Breeding and growing.

Land use and management recommendations

- Suitable for grazing of native pastures.
- Rotational wet seasons spelling to maintain perennial pasture composition.
- Manage grazing pressure to ensure at least 50% ground cover at break of season
- Strategic burning (late dry hot burn) to manage woody thickening (e.g. wattles).
- Native pastures need to be burnt prior to over-sowing with stylos.

Land use limitations

- Timber thickening limits pasture productivity.
- Phosphorus supplements are required in wet season.

Conservation features and related management

Significant habitat for arboreal mammals and for animals using hollows.

Regional Ecosystems

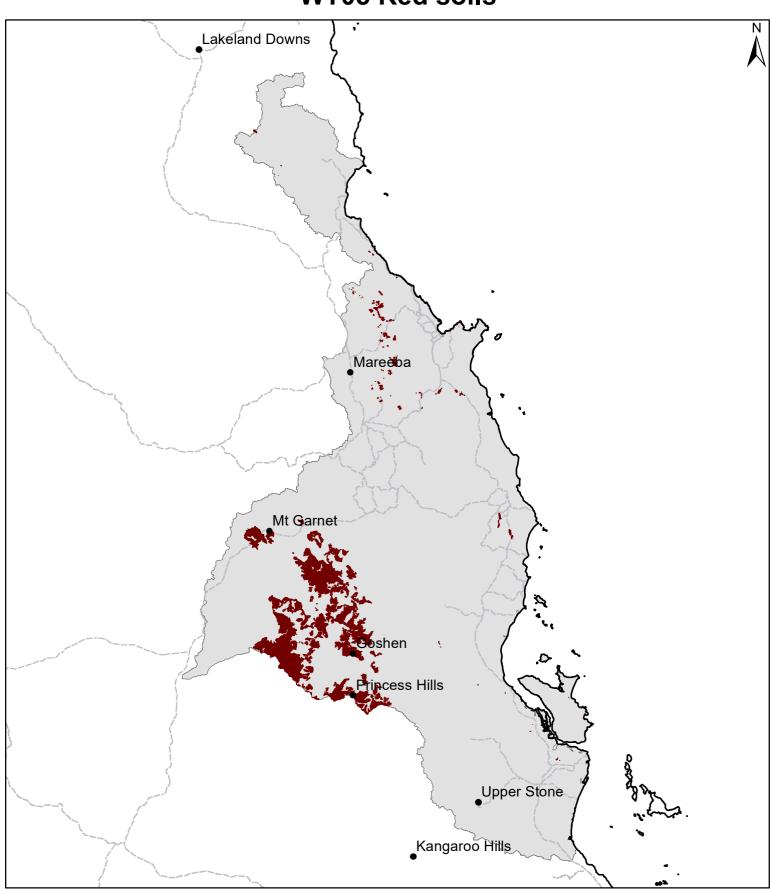
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Soil associations

RPL, RRG (Grundy and Bryde 1989).



WT05 Red soils



Area of land type in region: 5%

Median rainfall (region): 629 – 1491 mm Average rainfall (region): 664 – 1647 mm

Area of land type with FPC: 78%

Median FPC: 41% Median TBA: 17 m2/ha



Sandy red earths



Landform

Upper slopes on level to gently undulating plains.

Woody vegetation

Bloodwood woodland with associated narrow-leaved ironbark and understorey of grevilleas and wattles.

Expected pasture composition

* Denotes non-native "Expected Pasture Composition" species.

Preferred

Black speargrass, kangaroo grass, golden beard grass, forest bluegrass.

Intermediate

Cotton panic, lovegrasses, northern wanderrie.

Non-preferred

Wiregrasses.

Annual grasses

Fire grass, comet grass, fairy grass.

Suitable sown pastures

Shrubby and Caribbean stylos.

Introduced weeds

Soil

Free draining, grey to red surface grading to red clay soils.

Description

Surface: Loose; Surface texture: sandy loam; Subsoil texture: medium clay.

Features

Free draining. Ironstone nodules in subsoils.



Water availability

Low

Fertility

Low. Low nitrogen (1 mg/kg); low phosphorus (2–4 mg/kg); low potassium (0.1 cmol /kg).

Salinity

Non-saline

Sodicity

Non-sodic

pН

Neutral (6.4) at surface; increasing acidity down the profile.

Long-term carrying capacity information (A condition)

Based on fully watered area for 1AE = 450 kg animal consuming 8kg DM/day						
Median annual ra	Median annual rainfall 833 – 1491 mm					
Pasture type	Median tree cover	Median annual pasture growth	Safe annual utilisation pasture growth	LTCC		
	(TBA m²/ha) (FPC %)	(DM kg/ha)	(%)	(ha/AE)		
Native species	0 TBA/FPC	3980 - 4190	20%	3.5 – 3.7		
	12 TBA 30 FPC	1480 - 2110	20%	6.9 – 9.9		

Enterprise

Breeding herds.

Land use and management recommendations

- Suitable for grazing of native pastures.
- Rotational wet seasons spelling to maintain perennial pasture composition.
- Manage grazing pressure to ensure at least 50% ground cover at break of season.
- Strategic burning (late dry hot burn) to manage woody thickening (e.g. wattles).
- Native pastures need to be burnt prior to over-sowing with stylos.

Land use limitations

- Timber thickening limits pasture productivity.
- Low fertility limits possibilities for sown grasses.
- Phosphorus supplements are required in wet season.

Conservation features and related management

Significant habitat for arboreal mammals and for animals using hollows.

Regional Ecosystems

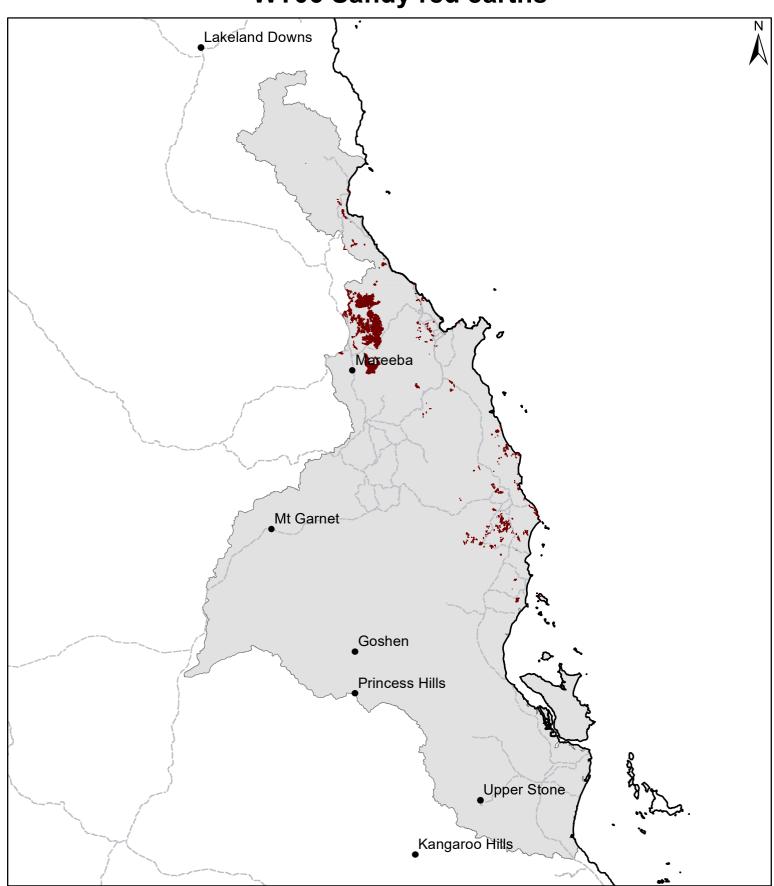
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Soil associations

RERT, RERG, REPT, REPR, KPR (Grundy and Bryde 1989).



WT06 Sandy red earths



Area of land type in region: 1%

Median rainfall (region): 629 – 1491 mm Average rainfall (region): 664 – 1647 mm

Area of land type with FPC: 85%

Median FPC: 30% Median TBA: 12 m2/ha



White sandy soil



Landform

Low slopes.

Woody vegetation

Tea tree woodland with wattle, cypress pine, baker's oak, grass tree and quinine in understorey.

Expected pasture composition

* Denotes non-native "Expected Pasture Composition" species.

Preferred

Black speargrass, kangaroo grass, golden beard grass.

Intermediate

Wiregrasses.

Non-preferred

Annual grasses

Suitable sown pastures

Introduced weeds

Soil Sands.



Description

Surface: Loose; Surface texture: sand; Subsoil texture: sand.

Features

Structureless, impeded internal drainage.

Water availability

Very low.

Fertility

Very low.

Salinity

Non-saline

Sodicity

Non-sodic

рΗ

Slightly acid (pH) soils.

Long-term carrying capacity information (A condition)

Based on fully watered area for 1AE = 450 kg animal consuming 8kg DM/day					
Median annual ra	infall 876 – 1491 n	nm			
Pasture type	Median tree cover	Median annual pasture growth	Safe annual utilisation pasture growth	LTCC	
	(TBA m²/ha) (FPC %)	(DM kg/ha)	(%)	(ha/AE)	
Native species	0 TBA/FPC	3000 - 3070	15%	6.3 – 6.5	
	27 TBA 60 FPC	< 430 - 740	15%	> 26 – 45	

Enterprise

Breeding

Land use and management recommendations

- Suitable for grazing of native pastures.
- Rotational wet seasons spelling to maintain perennial pasture composition.
- Manage grazing pressure to ensure at least 50% ground cover at break of season.
- Strategic burning (late dry hot burn) to manage woody thickening (e.g. wattles).

Land use limitations

- Impeded drainage causes bogging.
- Low fertility.
- · Woodland thickening.

Conservation features and related management

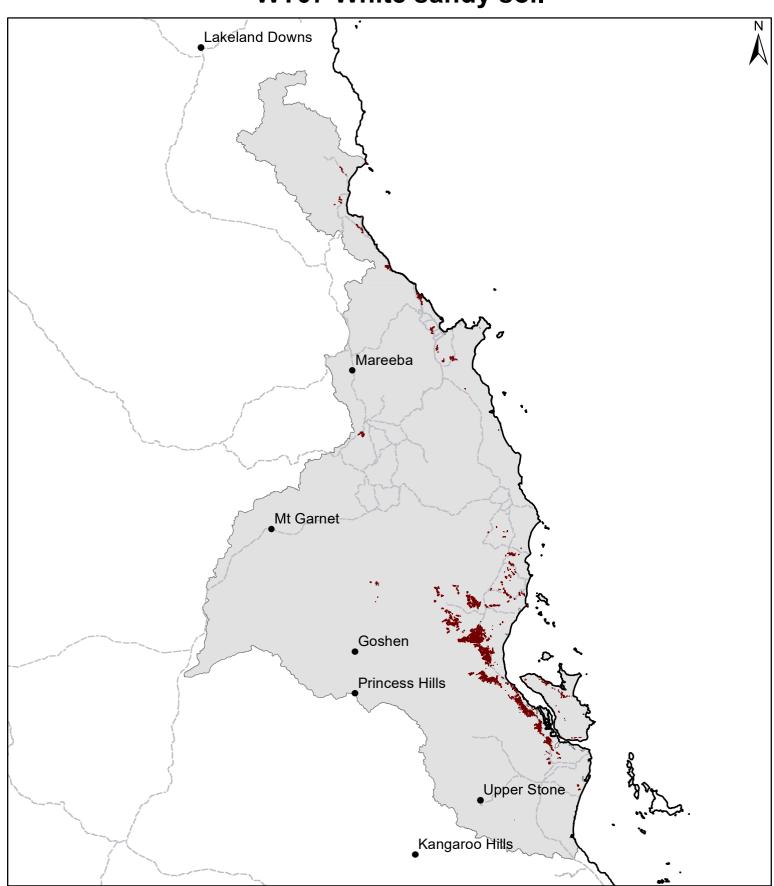
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Soil associations

YEPT, YERG, YERM, YEPR (Grundy and Bryde 1989).



WT07 White sandy soil



Area of land type in region: 1%

Median rainfall (region): 629 – 1491 mm Average rainfall (region): 664 – 1647 mm

Area of land type with FPC: 33%

Median FPC: 60% Median TBA: 27 m2/ha



Yellow earths



Landform

Mid to lower slopes of level to gently undulating plains.

Woody vegetation

Grey box, poplar gum and narrow-leaved ironbark woodland with understorey of tea trees and wattles.

Expected pasture composition

* Denotes non-native "Expected Pasture Composition" species.

Preferred

Black speargrass, kangaroo grass, plume sorghum, golden beard grass.

Intermediate

Cotton panic, silky browntop, lemon-scented grass, gulf bluegrass, giant speargrass, northern wanderrie grass.

Non-preferred

Wiregrasses.

Annual grasses

Fire grass, comet grass, fairy grass, lovegrasses.

Suitable sown pastures

Shrubby and Caribbean stylos.

Introduced weeds

Soil

Texture contrast soils (solodics).

Description

Surface: Loose or hard-setting; **Surface texture:** sandy loam; **Subsoil texture:** medium to heavy clay.

Features

Impeded drainage leading to bogginess when wet. Mottling of soil at depth. Dispersive subsoils.

Water availability

Low to moderate.



Fertility

Variable, generally low. Low nitrogen (0.08%); low phosphorus (4–6 mg/kg); low potassium (0.17 cmol /kg).

Salinity

Non-saline

Sodicity

Generally low.

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Slightly acidic (6.1) at surface; increasing to medium acidity down the profile.

Long-term carrying capacity information (A condition)

Based on fully watered area for 1AE = 450 kg animal consuming 8kg DM/day					
Median annual ra	infall 833 – 1491 n	nm			
Pasture type	Median tree cover	Median annual pasture growth	Safe annual utilisation pasture growth	LTCC	
	(TBA m²/ha) (FPC %)	(DM kg/ha)	(%)	(ha/AE)	
Native species	0 TBA/FPC	4260	20%	3.4	
	19 TBA 46 FPC	1690 - 1930	20%	7.6 – 8.6	

Enterprise

Breeding

Land use and management recommendations

- Suitable for grazing of native pastures.
- Rotational wet seasons spelling to maintain perennial pasture composition.
- Manage grazing pressure to ensure at least 50% ground cover at break of season.
- Strategic burning (late dry hot burn) to manage woody thickening (e.g. wattles).
- Native pastures need to be burnt prior to over-sowing with stylos.

Land use limitations

- Timber thickening limits pasture productivity.
- Low fertility limits possibilities for sown grasses.
- Phosphorus supplements are required in wet season.
- Limit mechanical disturbance (nothing more severe than crocodile seeder) due to the fragile nature of the duplex soils.

Conservation features and related management

 Old growth stands of this regional ecosystem are particularly significant for arboreal mammals.

Regional Ecosystems

7.11.1g, 7.11.20, 7.12.56a-b, 7.3.16a, 7.3.16c, 7.3.16d.

Soil associations

YERT, BYPT, BYAN, YEAN (Grundy and Bryde 1989).



WT08 Yellow earths



Area of land type in region: 1%

Median rainfall (region): 629 – 1491 mm Average rainfall (region): 664 – 1647 mm

Area of land type with FPC: 91%

Median FPC: 46% Median TBA: 19 m2/ha

