

Inter-Mountain Basins Juniper Savanna

Found on lower elevation (1500-2300 m) mountain slopes, hills, plateaus, basins and flats.

Typically open savanna, although there may be inclusions of denser juniper woodlands.

Typically dominated by *Juniperus osteosperma* trees with high cover of perennial bunch grasses and forbs, with *Bouteloua gracilis*, *Hesperostipa comata*, and *Pleuraphis jamesii* being most common. In the southern Colorado Plateau, *Juniperus monosperma* or juniper hybrids may dominate the tree layer. Pinyon trees are typically not present because sites are outside the ecological or geographic range of *Pinus edulis* and *Pinus monophylla*.

Grass: dominated by grasses and forbs; <20% shrub cover; very few trees present

Shrub: dominated by shrubs; >20% shrub cover, <30% tree cover in clumps

Woodland: dominated by trees: >30% tree cover, distributed widely