Great Basin Xeric Mixed Sagebrush Shrubland

Dominated by Artemisia nova (mid and low elevations), Artemisia arbuscula ssp. longicaulis, or Artemisia arbuscula ssp. longiloba (higher elevation), these shrublands occur across the Great Basin at elevations of 1000-2600 m. May be codominated by Artemisia tridentata ssp. wyomingensis or Chrysothamnus viscidiflorus; other shrubs that may be present include Atriplex confertifolia, Ephedra spp, Ericameria spp, Grayia spinosa, Lycium shockleyi, Picrothamnus desertorum, Sarcobatus vermiculatus, and Tetradymia spp. The herbaceous layer is likely sparse and composed of perennial bunch grasses, e.g. Achnatherum spp, Elymus elymoides, or Poa secunda.

Poor = <10% shrub cover, low forb diversity, few natives, high invasives Fair = 10-20% shrub cover, moderate native forb/grass mix, few invasives Good = >20% shrub cover, diverse native forbs, few or no invasives