

Columbia Plateau Scabland Shrubland

Extensive low xeric shrublands; extreme soil-moisture conditions can limit total vegetative cover to <50% . Open dwarf-shrub canopy dominated by *Artemisia rigida* along with other shrub and dwarf-shrub species, particularly *Eriogonum* spp. Other shrubs (e.g. other *Artemisia* species) are uncommon. Low cover of perennial bunch grasses, such as *Danthonia unispicata*, *Elymus elymoides*, *Festuca idahoensis*, or primarily *Poa secunda*, as well as scattered forbs, including species of *Allium*, *Antennaria*, *Balsamorhiza*, *Lomatium*, *Phlox*, and *Sedum*. Annuals may be seasonally abundant, and cover of moss and lichen is often high in undisturbed areas (1-60% cover).

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