

North American Warm Desert Riparian Woodland and Shrubland

Low-elevation (<1200 m) riparian corridors along medium to large perennial streams throughout canyons and the desert valleys.. The vegetation is a mix of riparian woodlands and shrublands. Dominant trees include *Acer negundo*, *Fraxinus velutina*, *Populus fremontii*, *Salix gooddingii*, *Salix lasiolepis*, *Celtis laevigata* var. *reticulata*, and *Juglans major*. Shrub dominants include *Salix geyeriana*, *Shepherdia argentea*, and *Salix exigua*. Vegetation is dependent upon annual or periodic flooding and associated sediment scour and/or annual rise in the water table for growth and reproduction.

Poor = <10% woody cover, depauperate understory with low forb diversity, high invasives

Fair = 10-20% woody cover, moderate native forb/grass understory, few invasives

Good = >20% woody cover with understory and overstory, diverse native forbs, few or no invasives