

North American Warm Desert Playa

Barren and sparsely vegetated playas (generally <10% plant cover) formed with intermittent flooding, followed by evaporation, leaving behind a saline residue. Salt crusts are common throughout, with small saltgrass beds in depressions and sparse shrubs around the margins. Species may include *Allenrolfea occidentalis*, *Suaeda* spp, *Distichlis spicata*, *Eleocharis palustris*, *Oryzopsis* spp, *Sporobolus* spp, *Tiquilia* spp, or *Atriplex* spp. Ephemeral herbaceous species may have high cover periodically.

Wet = currently or frequently filled; open water and well-developed emergent vegetation

Dry = currently or frequently dry; open soil, dominated by annual vegetation