

Sagebrush

Large, open, discontinuous stands of sagebrush of fairly uniform height. Often pure stands of big sagebrush, but many stands include other species of sagebrush, rabbitbrush, horsebrush, gooseberry, western chokecherry, curlleaf mountain mahogany, and bitterbrush. Includes low sagebrush (low flats with shallow soils), silver sagebrush (saturated soil areas), and black sagebrush on gravelly/alkaline sites. Herbaceous understory cover varies; Idaho fescue, bluebunch wheatgrass, several species of needlegrass, squirreltail, Sandberg bluegrass, and Great Basin wildrye are among the more common grasses. Elevation 500 m (1600 ft) to 3200 (10,500 ft).

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