

Columbia Plateau Silver Sagebrush Seasonally Flooded Shrub-Steppe

Sagebrush communities occurring at lowland and montane elevations. Generally depressional wetlands or nonalkaline playas, in a sagebrush or montane forest matrix. *Artemisia cana* ssp. *bolanderi* or *Artemisia cana* ssp. *viscidula* are dominant, with *Artemisia tridentata* ssp. occasionally codominant. Understory graminoids and forbs include *Poa secunda* (= *Poa nevadensis*), *Poa cusickii*, *Muhlenbergia filiformis*, *Muhlenbergia richardsonis*, and *Leymus cinereus* dominant at the drier sites; *Eleocharis palustris*, *Deschampsia caespitosa*, and *Carex* species dominate at wetter or higher elevation sites.

Wet = currently or frequently flooded; sparse vegetation or sedges, few shrubs

Dry = currently dry or infrequently flooded; denser vegetation or grasses and shrubs