

Mojave Mid-Elevation Mixed Desert Scrub

Extensive desert scrub in the transition zone (700-1800 m elevations) that occurs in the eastern and central Mojave Desert and on lower piedmont slopes in the transition zone into the southern Great Basin. Diagnostic species include *Coleogyne ramosissima*, *Eriogonum fasciculatum*, *Ephedra nevadensis*, *Grayia spinosa*, *Menodora spinescens*, *Nolina* spp, *Opuntia acanthocarpa*, *Salazaria mexicana*, *Viguiera parishii*, and *Yucca* spp. Desert grasses, including *Achnatherum* spp, *Muhlenbergia porteri*, *Pleuraphis jamesii*, *Pleuraphis rigida*, or *Poa secunda*, may form an herbaceous layer. Scattered *Juniperus osteosperma* or desert scrub species may also be present.

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