

FOREST GENERAL SURVEILLANCE CHECKLIST

Location name:	Grid reference:	Date:
Fieldworker names:		Weather:
Landscape unit:	Altitude:	
Aspect:	Drainage:	
Description/sketch of area assessed:	Special species or communities: <i>(rare, threatened, unusual distribution, etc)</i>	
	Forest canopy composition: <i>Underline dominant species.</i>	

Indicator	Rating	Estimate <i>(Tick appropriate level)</i>	Notes <i>Species etc</i>
Birds	1	<input type="checkbox"/> Very few birds, and only 1-2 species.	
	2	<input type="checkbox"/> Occasional birds, and 2-4 species.	
	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Common birds, and 5-10 species.	
	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Abundant birds, and >10 species.	
Canopy condition	1	<input type="checkbox"/> Very sparse foliage, many large holes, dieback > 20% of tree crowns.	
	2	<input type="checkbox"/> Foliage sparse in some areas, canopy holes common. Some dieback.	
	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Foliage mostly dense, only occasional sparse areas, canopy holes rare, very occasional dieback.	
	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Abundant dense foliage over whole canopy, no canopy holes or dieback.	
Understorey	1	<input type="checkbox"/> No browse palatable species 45cm-1.35m. Understorey bare.	
	2	<input type="checkbox"/> Very few browse palatable species 45cm-1.35m. Scattered seedlings of less palatable species.	
	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate browse palatable species 45cm-1.35m. Other species relatively abundant.	
	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Abundant browse palatable species and other species present.	
Ground cover	1	<input type="checkbox"/> Bare soil, rock/gravel > 20% of forest floor. Ground vegetation (ferns, moss, seedlings etc < 45cm tall) absent or very uncommon. Leaf litter on remainder of forest floor.	
	2	<input type="checkbox"/> Scattered bare soil and rock. Ground vegetation (ferns, moss, seedlings etc < 45cm tall) < 20%. Leaf litter on remainder of forest floor.	
	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Bare soil, rock absent or very uncommon. Ground vegetation (ferns, moss, seedlings etc < 45cm tall) 20%-50%. Leaf litter on remainder of forest floor.	
	4	<input type="checkbox"/> No bare soil, rock, or eroding soil. Ground vegetation (ferns, moss, seedlings etc < 45cm tall), abundant, 50%-100%. Leaf litter on remainder of forest floor.	
Vine Weeds	1	<input type="checkbox"/> Very common, > 50% canopy cover.	
	2	<input type="checkbox"/> Common, 10%-50% canopy cover.	
	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Occasional, up to 10% canopy cover.	
	4	<input type="checkbox"/> None present.	
Shrub / Tree Weeds	1	<input type="checkbox"/> Very common, > 50% understorey or canopy cover.	
	2	<input type="checkbox"/> Common, 10%-50% understorey or canopy cover.	
	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Occasional, up to 10% understorey or canopy cover.	
	4	<input type="checkbox"/> None present.	

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Ground cover weeds	1	<input type="checkbox"/> Very common, cover > 50% ground area.		
	2	<input type="checkbox"/> Common, 10%-50% ground area.		
	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Occasional, up to 10% ground area.		
	4	<input type="checkbox"/> None present.		
Possums	1	<input type="checkbox"/> Abundant fresh sign (droppings, pad runs, bark scratching and biting).		
	2	<input type="checkbox"/> Common fresh sign but sometimes scattered.		
	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Sign uncommon, often quite old.		
	4	<input type="checkbox"/> No sign.		
Deer	1	<input type="checkbox"/> Abundant fresh sign (droppings, major tracks and hoof prints). Occasional deer may be disturbed.		
	2	<input type="checkbox"/> Common fresh sign but sometimes scattered. Sightings of deer uncommon.		
	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Sign uncommon. Sign is often old.		
	4	<input type="checkbox"/> No sign.		
Goats	1	<input type="checkbox"/> Abundant fresh sign (droppings, major tracks and hoof prints, bedding areas). Goats commonly heard, seen, or smelt.		
	2	<input type="checkbox"/> Common fresh sign but sometimes scattered. Occasional goats heard, seen, or smelt.		
	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Sign uncommon. Sign is often old.		
	4	<input type="checkbox"/> No sign.		
Pigs	1	<input type="checkbox"/> Abundant fresh sign (rooting, droppings and hoof prints). Pigs commonly seen, or heard nearby.		
	2	<input type="checkbox"/> Common fresh sign but sometimes scattered.		
	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Sign uncommon. Sign is often old.		
	4	<input type="checkbox"/> No sign.		
Stock	1	<input type="checkbox"/> Abundant fresh sign (droppings, major tracks and hoof prints). Stock heard or seen throughout area.		
	2	<input type="checkbox"/> Common fresh sign but sometimes scattered. Occasional stock heard or seen, generally confined to scattered areas on edge.		
	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Sign uncommon. Sign is often old. Only near edges.		
	4	<input type="checkbox"/> No sign.		
Fencing	1	<input type="checkbox"/> No fencing.		
	2	<input type="checkbox"/> Some fencing, for example, one side, or fence poorly maintained with large breaks.		
	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Most of boundary fenced, includes all areas where stock access likely. Some small recent breaks.		
	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Secure, intact fencing around whole area		
Human Visitors	1	<input type="checkbox"/> Widespread trampling, and other damage throughout area.		
	2	<input type="checkbox"/> Common trampling and damage but limited to certain areas.		
	3	<input type="checkbox"/> Occasional localised minor damage.		
	4	<input type="checkbox"/> No damage.		
Management needs/actions			By whom	By when