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NANYA STATION WESTERN NEW SOUTH WALES: CONSERVATION RESEARCH EDUCATION



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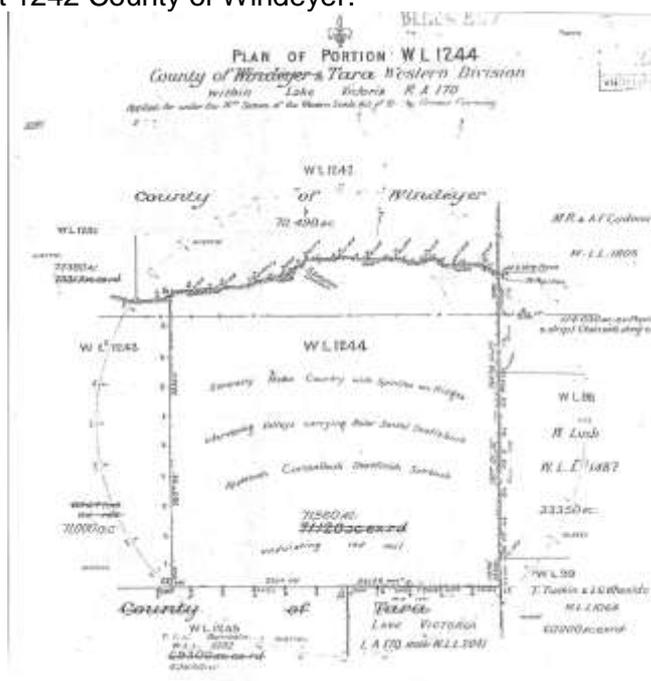


FOREWORD

This booklet has been prepared as an introduction for visitors to Nanya Station. Nanya is managed for conservation, research and education and affords protection to highly significant environments including two endangered communities and twenty three endangered or vulnerable species. On your visit, please respect these values.

NANYA STATION

Nanya Station is located in the Scotia country, west of the Darling Ana-Branch in far western New South Wales and consists of the Nanya Western Lands Pastoral Lease 3281 – Perpetual Leasehold Lot 1244 in Deposited Plan 762778, Parish of Winnebagga, County of Tara and part of Lot 1242 County of Windeyer.



ABORIGINAL HISTORY

Nanya is within the tribal area of the Danggali Aboriginal people, a sub-group of the Barkindji. Many Aboriginal sites have been recorded adjacent to major rivers in the region providing evidence that these areas supported a large population. In areas such as Nanya located distant from any major water source, Aboriginal sites are generally restricted to sand dune locations near a soak or claypan. It is probable that the lack of water and the relative poverty of the mallee sandridge country mitigated against significant Aboriginal use of areas away from the rivers (NPWS 2001). Little is known about Aboriginal occupation of Nanya. A few artefact scatters were found during surveys prior to oil exploration in 1985.

An Aborigine known as Nhaanya left his camp near Pooncarie about 1860 with two women and a steel axe. He went into the Scotia area where he lived for over thirty years. By the early 1890s frequent sightings of the 'wild tribe' and tracks indicated that Nhaanya's family was increasing. White settlers, previously indifferent, became anxious for their welfare. In 1893 Aboriginal stockmen tracked down the family and persuaded them to return to the river. The twelve men, eight women and ten children, all in good physical condition, reached Popiltah station on 11 August (Lindsay 1986).

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Nanya Homestead complex



Nanya Discharge Complex (G. Thomas)



Old-growth mallee



Nanya Homestead complex

PASTORAL HISTORY

The Scotia region has one of the shortest stock grazing histories of western NSW. Along with five other Scotia properties, Nanya was created as a pastoral lease in 1927. The first European settlement on the land followed exploration of the area by Sturt and Eyre (Withers 1989). In 1854, the Lake Victoria lease which encompassed this area comprised 465,000ha, including Scotia blocks 1, 2, 3 and 4, Amoskeag and Winnebaga which formed the area known as the Scotia. It was described as a region of thick mallee scrub, interspersed with bluebush flats and Belah woodland. The Land Act of 1884 divided large pastoral holdings into two areas, the leasehold to be held under a pastoral lease with tenure of fifteen years and the resumed area. Homestead leases from 15-25,000ha. were granted within the resumed areas. Following this act, the back blocks of the Lake Victoria lease, part of the Resumed Area, were offered as Homestead Leases however without access to water they remained untenanted, but sometimes adjacent properties used the land to run wethers during winter months. In the 1920s artesian water was found and the dry Scotia country was surveyed and divided into six Homestead leases allocated by ballot (Withers 1989). All properties were approximately 30,000ha. with a recommended stocking level of 3,000 sheep.

Winnebaga (renamed Nanya) was taken up by Gordon Cumming. He initially dug a dam near the southeast corner of the property. A larger ground tank and rudimentary dwelling at the site of the present complex was later established. An adjacent area was cleared and cropped to provide feed for the horses used in digging the earth tanks. The ruins of the original building are located between the shearing shed and Homestead Tank. A cottage was built in the 1930s and a more substantial Red Gum framed homestead in the early 1950s. The lease was held by Mr Gordon Cumming until 1984 when it was purchased by Mr Norm Scadding as an extension to the adjacent lease, Belvedere. It was sold in 1995 to Mr Rob Taylor of Waikerie then in 1999 to BeMax Pty. Ltd., a sand mining company. These last three owners all permitted use of the property by the University for teaching and research.

UNIVERSITY PURCHASE

The Centre for Environmental Management at the University of Ballarat had been involved in studies of flora and fauna in western New South Wales since 1988. Studies became concentrated on the Scotia region with its variety of intact ecosystems due to a short pastoral history. Of particular significance is a system of natural salt lakes of which the most extensive is the Scotia Discharge Complex located on Nanya Station. An extensive vegetation survey of the Scotia region (Westbrooke *et al.* 1998) highlighted the significance of the area both in terms of the range of communities in relatively intact condition and the occurrence of species and communities of restricted distribution. Nearly 400 species were recorded of which nine had either not previously been recorded or have restricted distribution in western NSW. Twenty-two plant communities occur on Nanya Station of which two, *Halosarcia lylei* low open shrubland and *Hemichroa diandra*/*Halosarcia*/*Frankenia* low open shrubland, are dominated by species not previously recorded from NSW. *H. lylei* and *Acacia loderi* shrublands are listed as endangered under the NSW Threatened Species Conservation Act.

As noted, the area has a relatively short grazing history and, due to the presence of large areas of mallee with a *Triodia* understorey and restricted water supplies, stocking rates have been low. The diversity of ecosystems in relatively intact condition and extensive areas of old growth mallee made Nanya a highly significant refuge for biological diversity. This factors led to the purchase of Nanya Station by the University of Ballarat in 2004 with the assistance of the Department of Environment and Heritage for the purposes of conservation, research and education. In 2010 the southern paddocks of Nagaella Station (10,000ha.) which lie along the northern boundary, were purchased with the assistance of Lower Murray Darling Catchment Management Authority and added to the Nanya lease to provide complete protection for the communities of the Nanya Discharge Complex and further high quality Malleefowl habitat.

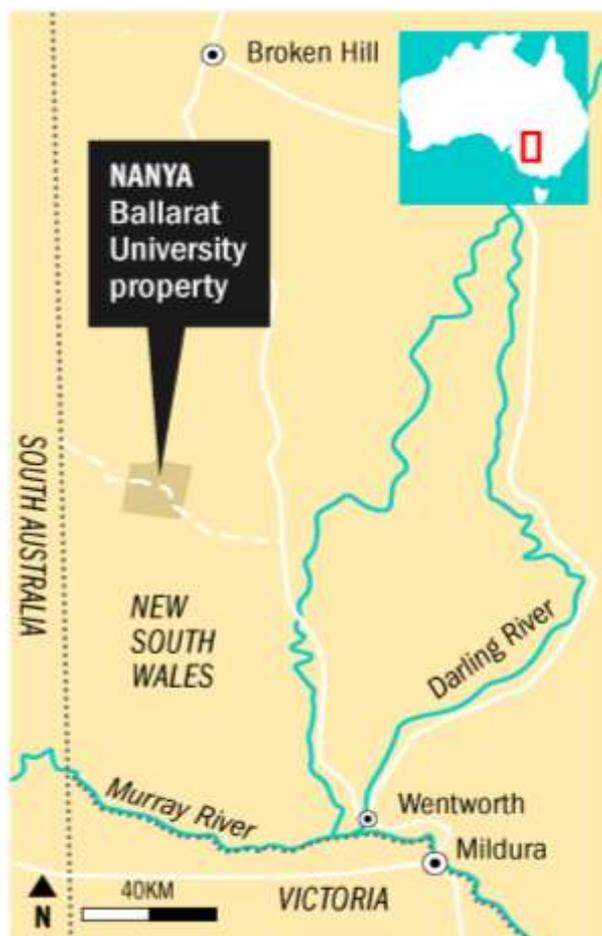


Fig. 1. Location of Nanya Station

PASTORAL HERITAGE FEATURES

Small 'Homestead leases', created as a result of government policy to break up the large pastoral holdings, provide a fascinating insight into a later period in the pastoral history of NSW and a period of Australia's history that is often not explored (Westbrooke & Westbrooke 2010). Pastoral heritage features present on Nanya include dwellings and outbuildings from three phases of its history and other elements including shearing shed with frame of Native Pine bush poles, yards with post and rail and palisade fencing, and a disused bore. The University aims to retain these reminders of its previous use alongside the environmental conservation measures being undertaken.



Ruins of original homestead



1930s cottage



The disused Sturt Bore

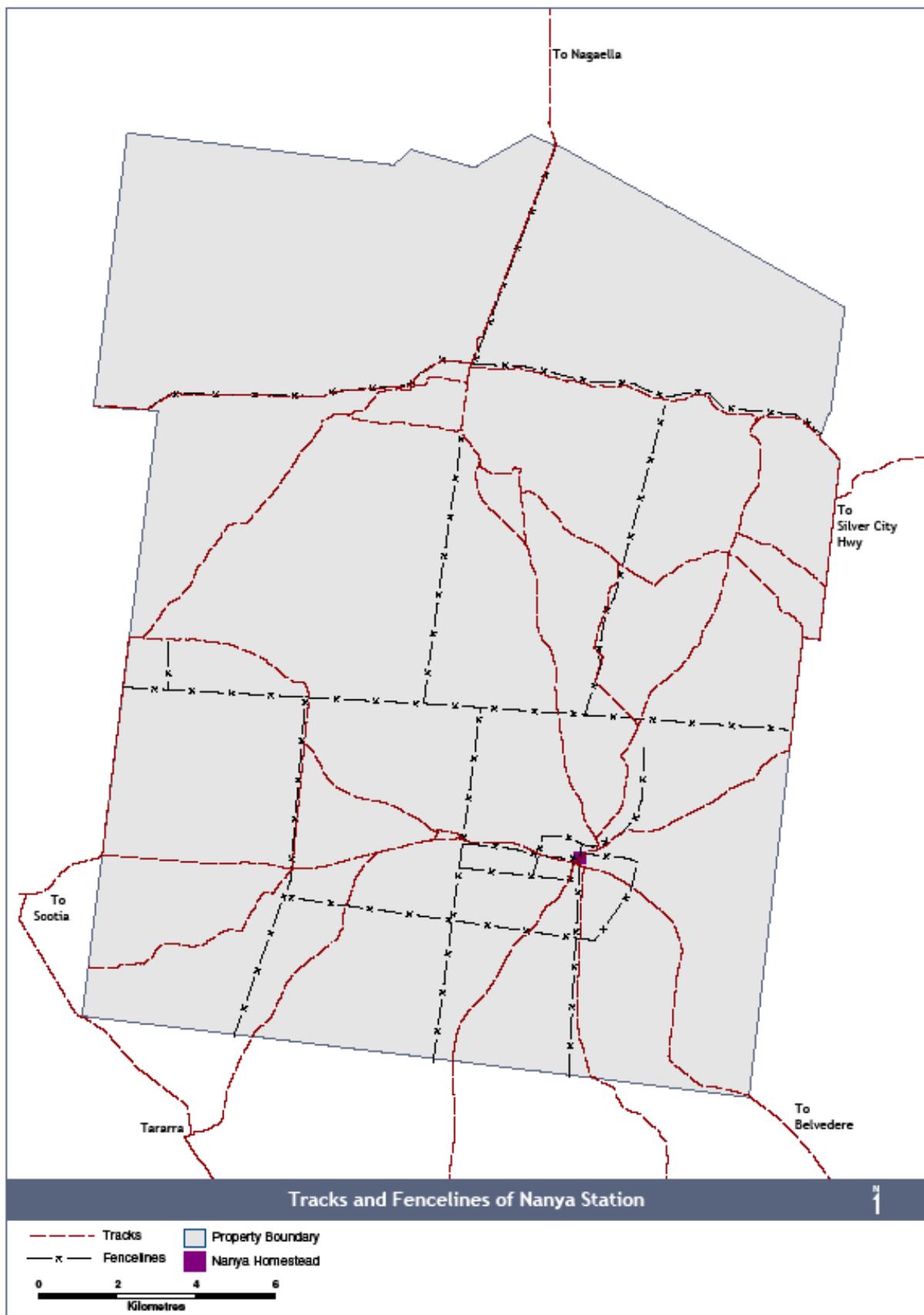


1950s homestead

CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT

Nanya is to be managed under IUCN Category 1a conditions for preservation of ecosystems, research and education. It is the subject of a permanent conservation agreement with the NSW Government. The conservation values of Nanya are being protected and enhanced by:

- Reduction in total grazing pressure through closure of ground tanks, goat control and ripping of rabbit warrens. Assisting regeneration of restricted and endangered communities through total exclusion fencing of critical communities.
- Protecting the Malleefowl population through intensive exotic predator control and survey and monitoring of nest sites.
- Environmental research into topics including:
 - factors affecting distribution of plant and animal species
 - biodiversity impacts of ground tank closure
 - the interacting impacts of grazing, fire and flood.
 - adaptation of plants to salinity and gypsophily
- Aboriginal cultural sites identified will be managed in consultation with the Barkintji community.
- European cultural heritage sites will be conserved within the guidelines of the Burra Charter and the recommendations of recognised authorities in heritage conservation.



CLIMATE

The climate is classified as cool semi-arid (Dick 1975), the area being within climatic zone 1B for New South Wales (Edwards 1979): temperatures are high in summer and mild in winter with average daily maximum of 32°C in February and 15°C in July and average daily minima of 16°C in February and 5°C in July. The mean annual rainfall is approximately 220 mm; the seasonal distribution of rainfall is fairly even but annual variation is high.

GEOLOGY AND GEOMORPHOLOGY

Nanya lies within the Murray Basin geological province and consists of Quaternary material, with little rock outcropping (Lawrie & Stanley 1980). Two broad land systems dominate the landscape: dunefields consisting of low parallel ridges running east-west composed of red earthy sands and sandy solonised brown soils overlying sandy clays; and calcareous sandplains of loam or sandy loam solonised brown soils often with limestone nodules at the surface (Walker 1991). A number of salt lakes occur on Nanya. The largest complex of salt lakes, referred to as the Scotia Discharge Complex, has been the subject of a detailed hydrological study by Ferguson *et al.* (1995).

LAND SYSTEMS

Five distinct land systems occur on Nanya (Walker 1991) (Fig. 3).

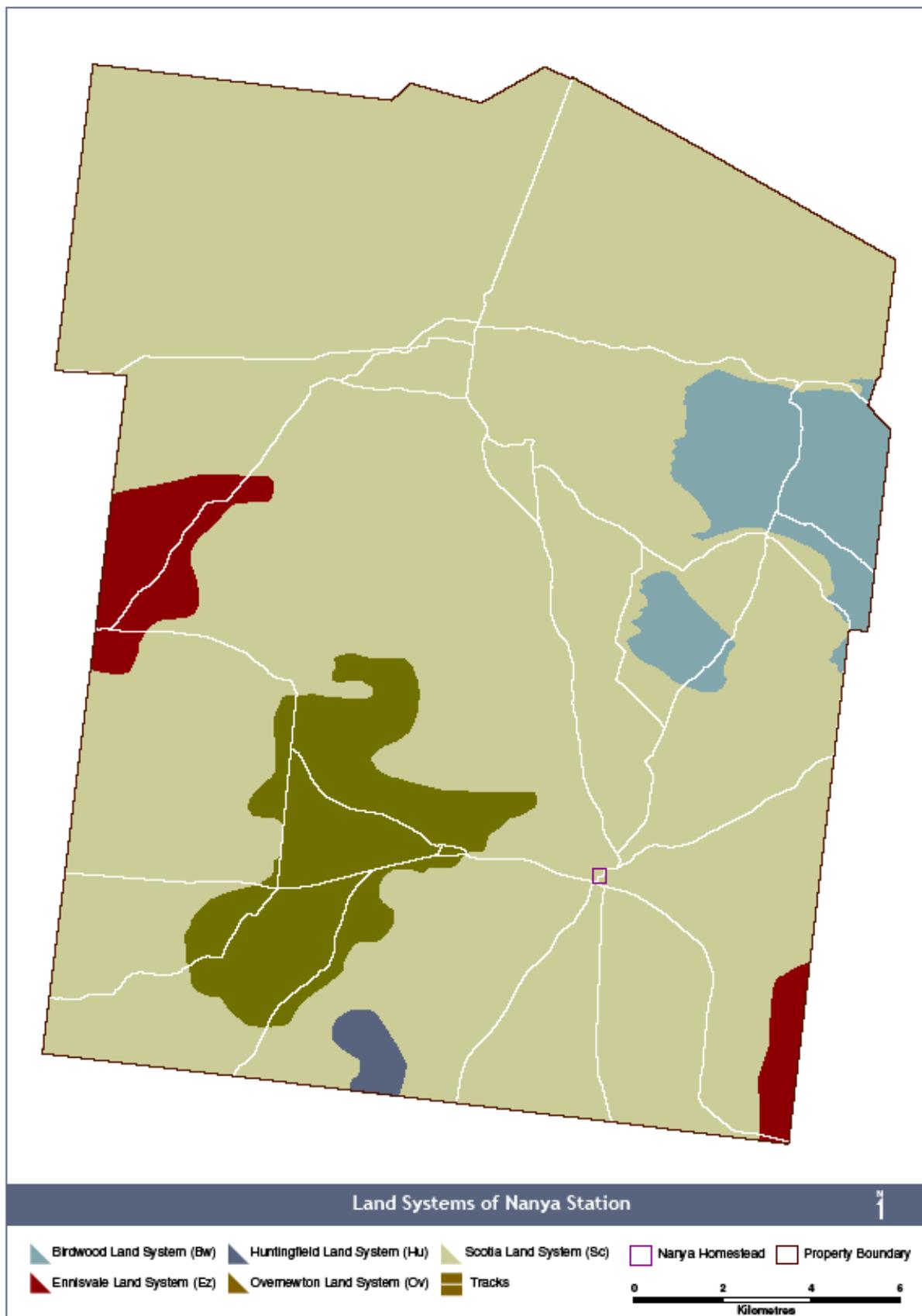
Scotia Land System (Sc): this land system is evident through the majority of the property and comprises approximately 75% of the total area. It is typified by broad to narrow swales with earthy sands, loamy texture contrasts soils and solonised brown soils in swales. Isolated flats of brown soils with areas of dense mallee with inedible shrubs and spinifex.

Overnewton Land System (Ov): this land system is evident through the central south western area of the property and comprises approximately 12% of the total area. It is typified by level to slightly undulating sand plains with isolated sandy hummocks and depressions, sand plains of calcareous loams and sandy loams with scattered bluebush, hopbush and emubushes.

Birdwood Land System (Bw): comprises approximately 8% of the property's area and is evident near the far north east boundary of the property. It is typified by small relict ground water basins and lunettes with extensive associated sand plains and calcareous rises, and grey earths with scattered Belah and mallee.

Ennisvale Land System (Ez): this land system occurs in the north west and south east corners of the property and comprises approximately 4% of the total area. It is typified by level to slightly undulating swales with aligned dunes and isolated flats. Solonized brown soils and red texture contrasts soils and dunes of deep brown sands with dense mallee, inedible shrubs and clumps of Black Bluebush.

Huntingfield Land System (Hu): this land system juts into the central south boundary of the property and comprises approximately 1% of the total area. It is typified by small relict lakes and lunettes with extensive associated sand plains of scalded sandy loam to sandy solonised brown soils with Belah and Rosewood and abundant short grasses. Basin floors of highly saline or calcareous grey clays with scattered shrubs.



VEGETATION

The vegetation of Nanya consists predominantly of *Eucalyptus gracilis*/*E. dumosa*/*E. socialis* open shrubland and *Casuarina pauper*/*Alectryon oleifolius* open woodland but 22 distinct communities occur (Table 1). While several of the communities are of limited distribution they add significantly to the conservation values of the property. The approximate percentage area occupied by each community, mean species richness, total species richness, mean percentage weediness and Benson (2006) equivalence of these communities are given in Table 1. Communities are described and illustrated grouped according to structural and floristic attributes.

Distribution of plant communities

The distribution of plant communities on Nanya is largely determined by minor changes in topography and associated soil type. *Eucalyptus* open-shrubland with *Triodia scariosa* understorey occurs on deep sandy soils of the dunes. *Eucalyptus* shrubland with a shrub understorey occurs in the swales. *Casuarina pauper* woodland occurs on calcareous plains of loamy solonised brown soils. *Atriplex vesicaria* low open shrubland is associated with the areas around the salt lake systems and on islands within the salt lakes while *Halosarcia*/*Osteocarpum*/*Frankenia* and *Halosarcia lylei* low open-shrublands occur on and around the fringes of salt lakes.

Conservation values

Halosarcia lylei low open-shrubland has not previously been recorded from NSW (Harden 1990-1993). Whilst the species is not listed as endangered for Australia (Briggs and Leigh 1988) this is the only site in NSW from which it has been recorded and the community is now listed under the NSW Threatened Species Act. *Halosarcia*/*Frankenia*/*Osteocarpum* low open shrubland frequently includes *Hemichroa diandra* which has not previously been recorded from NSW. This species is not listed as endangered for Australia (Briggs and Leigh 1988) but is endangered in Victoria (Gullan *et al.* 1990). It is a new record for NSW and its widespread occurrence in this area is significant. A small area of *Acacia loderi* open shrubland, listed under the NSW Threatened Species Act, occurs to the north of the homestead complex. Gypseous low shrubland dominated by *Kippistia suaedifolia*, the *Atriplex vesicaria* shrubland and the *Callitris glaucophylla* open woodland are listed by Benson (2006) as vulnerable. The distribution of communities is shown on Fig. 4.

Species

Over 400 vascular plant species from 66 families have been recorded from Nanya including 62 (15%) exotics. The area, weediness, and species richness of each community is given in Table 1. A full listing of species is given as Appendix 1.

None of the species recorded is rare or threatened Australia-wide (Briggs & Leigh 1988) but nine have not previously been recorded, or have restricted distribution in western NSW (Harden 1990-93). *Halosarcia lylei*, *Hemichroa diandra*, *Podotheca angustifolia*, *Dodonaea stenozyga* and *Elachanthus glaber* have not previously been recorded for NSW; *Bergia trimera* and *Ptilotus atriplicifolius* have not been recorded for the south far western province; *Cratystylis conocephala* and *Kippistia suaedifolia* were previously known only from a few sites in NSW and were listed by Pressey (1993) as at risk. Beckers (1997) records *C. conocephala* and *K. suaedifolia* on Schedule 1, Part 1 endangered species for the Western Zone of NSW but does not list the other six species due to lack of records. With the exception of *C. conocephala*, *D. stenozygza* and *P. angustifolia*, which occur within *Eucalyptus* shrubland, these species are associated with the salt lakes. Nanya contains highly significant plant communities not otherwise represented in conservation reserves. The vegetation communities of south-western NSW have until recently been poorly conserved and the communities of Nanya are of particular significance due to their species richness, low weediness and occurrence of significant species.

Exotic species

Sixty exotic species have been recorded of which only one, *Nicotiana glauca* is a woody perennial. The most frequently occurring exotic species are the grasses, *Schismus barbatus*, *Medicago minima* and *Sisymbrium* spp..

Community	Area (ha)	Benson (2006) equivalent	Mean Species Richness	Mean % Weediness	Total Species Richness
1a <i>Casuarina pauper</i> woodland/open-woodland, mixed shrub understorey		58	18	6	210
1b <i>Casuarina pauper</i> woodland/open-woodland, <i>Maireana sedifolia</i> understorey		254	12	33	12
1c <i>Casuarina pauper</i> woodland/Geijera parviflora open-woodland		57	22	11	57
1d <i>Callitris glaucophylla</i> open-woodland		28	23	5	62
1d <i>Hakea tephrosperma</i> / <i>Hakea leucoptera</i> low open woodland		199	34	13	88
3a <i>Acacia aneura</i> open-shrubland		119	23	9	103
3b <i>Acacia loderi</i> tall open-shrubland		128	24	13	24
3a <i>Eucalyptus</i> spp. open-shrubland - shrub understorey		170/173	21	3	151
3b <i>Eucalyptus</i> spp. open-shrubland - <i>Triodia</i> understorey		171/172	14	1	75
3c <i>Eucalyptus gracilis</i> / <i>Melaleuca lanceolata</i> , open-shrubland		191	19	1	207
3d <i>Eucalyptus gracilis</i> open shrubland			24	25	25
4a <i>Dodonaea/Eremophila</i> shrubland		143	22	14	215
4b <i>Nitraria billardieri</i> shrubland		163			
4c <i>Lycium australe</i> shrubland		196			
4d <i>Atriplex vesicaria</i> low open-shrubland		157	11	5	53
4e <i>Maireana sedifolia</i> low open shrubland					
4f <i>Halosarcia/Frankenia/Hemichroa</i> low open-shrubland			8	2	96
4g <i>Halosarcia pergranulata</i> low shrubland		64			
4h <i>Halosarcia lylei</i> low open-shrubland		65	3	0	2
4i Gypseous shrubland		253			
5a <i>Stipa</i> spp. tussock grassland		165	12	25	12
5b Exotic herbland			12	41	37

Table 1. Area, Benson (2006) community equivalent, species richness and weediness of plant communities of Nanya Station.

Disturbance

Despite the relatively short grazing history of the area, some direct and indirect impacts of pastoral activity are evident. An area south of the homestead was cleared soon after the establishment of the lease and cropped for a few years to grow feed for horses used to assist in digging the earth tanks. Chaining (the clearing of overstorey trees by dragging a heavy chain between two bulldozers) was applied to limited areas in the 1970's to improve pasture growth. These chained areas of *C. pauper* open woodland now carry *Dodonaea/Eremophila* shrubland. A large number of 'shot lines' were bulldozed in the 1980's during geological survey. These are now regenerating but can still be identified.

Species richness of plant communities

More species have been recorded from both the *Casuarina pauper* open-woodland and the *Eucalyptus* shrubland communities than reported from surveys of examples of the communities at Mungo National Park (Westbrooke & Miller 1996) and Mallee Cliffs National Park (Morcom & Westbrooke 1990). Whilst this may be due to variation in sampling effort and seasonal variation in herb species it is likely to be a reflection of the relatively short grazing history of Nanya. Also of note is the high total species richness (215) of the *Dodonaea viscosa* ssp. *angustissima*/*Eremophila sturtii* shrubland/open-shrubland. This may reflect its derivation from more than one naturally occurring community.

1. Woodlands

- 1a. *Casuarina pauper/Alectryon oleifolius* woodland/open-woodland with a mixed shrubby understorey



Casuarina pauper, growing to 10-12m, occurs as a dominant species on the loamy sands of interdune areas. It is frequently associated with *Alectryon oleifolius* ssp. *canescens* and/or *Myoporum platycarpum*. Commonly associated understorey shrubs are *Enchylaena tomentosa*, *Chenopodium curvispicatum*, *Maireana pentatropis*, *M. georgei*, *Sclerolaena obliquicuspis*, *Eremophila sturtii*, *Olearia muelleri* and *Senna artemesioides*. *Stipa* spp., *Vittadinia cuneata* and *Dissocarpus paradoxus* are frequent in the ground layer.

- 1b *Casuarina pauper/Alectryon oleifolius* woodland/open-woodland with *Maireana sedifolia* understorey



A *Casuarina pauper* community characterised by an understorey dominated by *Maireana sedifolia* occurs in areas near Seawards Tank in the north, around Sturt Bore in the west and on the eastern boundary.

- 1c *Casuarina pauper Alectryon oleifolius/Geijera parviflora* woodland/open-woodland with a mixed shrubby understorey



In the south east corner of the property *Casuarina pauper* woodland occurs in association with *Geijera parviflora*. *G. parviflora* has been shown to have a significant facilitation effect on ground flora (Warnock *et al.* 2008).

- 1d *Callitris glaucophylla* open-woodland



Callitris glaucophylla to 10m occurs as the dominant tree on a few sandy ridges. The community has an understorey of herbs and grasses including the native species *Actinobole uliginosum*, *Calandrinia eremaea*, *Calotis hispidula*, *Tetragonia tetragonioides* *Crassula colorata*, *Rhodanthe moschata* and *Zygophyllum ammophilum* with a high occurrence of exotic weeds including *Brassica tournefortii*, *Bromus rubens*, *Erodium cicutarium*, *Medicago minima* and *Sisymbrium irio*.

1e *Hakea leucoptera*/*Hakea tephrosperma* low open woodland



In a number of locations a low open-woodland with a near monospecific overstorey of *Hakea leucoptera* or *H. tephrosperma* to 7m occurs with an understorey of grasses and herbs.

2. **Eucalypt shrublands (mallee)**

2a *Eucalyptus oleosa*/*E. gracilis*/*E. dumosa* open-shrubland



Eucalyptus open-shrubland dominated by *E. oleosa*, *E. gracilis*, and *E. dumosa* to 8m. occurs on interdune plains. Understorey shrubs include *Enchylaena tomentosa*, *Chenopodium curvispicatum*, *Atriplex stipitata*, *Maireana pentatropis*, *M. georgei*, *Sclerolaena obliquicuspis*, *Eremophila sturtii*, *E. glabra*, *Olearia muelleri*, *Senna artemisioides*, *Myoporum platycarpum*, *Dodonaea viscosa* and *Acacia colletioides*. Frequently occurring grasses and herbs include *Stipa* spp., *Vittadinia cuneata* and *Dissocarpus paradoxus*.

2b *Eucalyptus* open-shrubland with *Triodia* understorey



On dune ridges *Eucalyptus* open-shrubland to 8m occurs characterised by the presence of *Triodia scariosa* as the dominant component of the understorey. The most frequent dominants are *Eucalyptus socialis*, *E. dumosa* and *E. gracilis* with *E. oleosa*, *E. costata* and *E. leptophylla* as more occasional associates. Commonly associated shrubs include *Dodonaea viscosa*, *Maireana pentatropis*, *Eremophila glabra* and *Grevillea huegelii*. Associated grasses and herbs include *Stipa* spp., *Podolepis capillaris* and *Vittadinia cuneata*.

2c *Eucalyptus gracilis*/*Melaleuca lanceolata* open-shrubland



In a narrow fringe around the salt lakes a mallee community to 8m occurs in which *Melaleuca lanceolata* is a prominent component. Associated shrubs confined to this community include *Leptospermum coriaceum*, *Acacia rigens* and *Hibbertia virgata*. *Disphyma crassifolium* ssp *clavellatum* is a common component of the ground layer.

2d *Eucalyptus gracilis* open-shrubland with *Disphyma crassifolium* ssp. *clavellatum*



Around the eastern edges of many of the salt lakes is a community dominated by generally aged examples of *Eucalyptus gracilis* with a low understorey dominated by *Disphyma crassifolium* ssp. *clavellatum* and *Maireana pentatropis*.

3. Acacia shrublands

3a *Acacia aneura* open-shrubland



Small areas of *Acacia aneura* tall open shrubland to 8m occur at a number of sites. The disturbed area around the homestead may have included a significant area of this community. Areas of *A. aneura* tall open shrubland are generally surrounded by *Casuarina pauper* woodland. The understorey is dominated by herbs and grasses.

3b *Acacia loderi* open-shrubland



An area of *A. loderi* tall open shrubland to 6 m occurs 500m north of the homestead. *A. loderi* shrubland is listed on the NSW Threatened Species Act as endangered due to lack of regeneration. The area on Nanya has been exclusion fenced to encourage regeneration within this community.

4. Low open shrublands

4a *Dodonaea viscosa* ssp. *angustissima*/ *Eremophila sturtii* shrubland/open-shrubland



In a number of areas *Dodonaea viscosa* ssp. *angustissima* and/or *Eremophila sturtii* form stands of varying density to 2m. *Acacia burkitti* may also be associated. The understorey consists of a variety of grasses and herbs. This community is regarded as resulting from past clearing of eucalypt open-shrubland or *Casuarina pauper* woodland.

4b *Nitraria billardieri* shrubland



Nitraria billardieri is a low rounded native shrub which is unpalatable to most grazers. It has tended to increase in areas of heavy grazing such as around water points.

4c *Lycium australe* shrubland



Small areas of low shrubland dominated by *Lycium australe* occur on the plains surrounding the salt lake system.

4d *Atriplex vesicaria* low open-shrubland



An extensive open-shrub community dominated by *A. vesicaria* occurs around the salt lakes. Frequently associated species include *Lycium australe*, *Disphyma crassifolium* ssp. *clavellatum*, *Maireana pentatropis*, *Scleroleana obliquicuspis* and *Stipa* spp.

4e *Maireana sedifolia* low open shrubland



To the south of Sturt Bore an area of *Maireana sedifolia* low open shrubland occurs, an example of a community far more extensive to the east of Nanya.

4e *Halosarcia/Frankenia/Osteocarpum* low open-shrubland



Around the perimeter of many salt lakes is a community dominated in varying proportions by *Halosarcia* spp., *Hemichroa diandra* (only known from this location in NSW), *Frankenia* spp. and *Osteocarpum acropterum* ssp. *diminutum*.

4f *Halosarcia lylei* low open-shrubland



A near monospecific community of *Halosarcia lylei* occurs across the bed of smaller salt lakes and around the perimeter of larger lakes.

4g *Halosarcia pergranulata* low open-shrubland

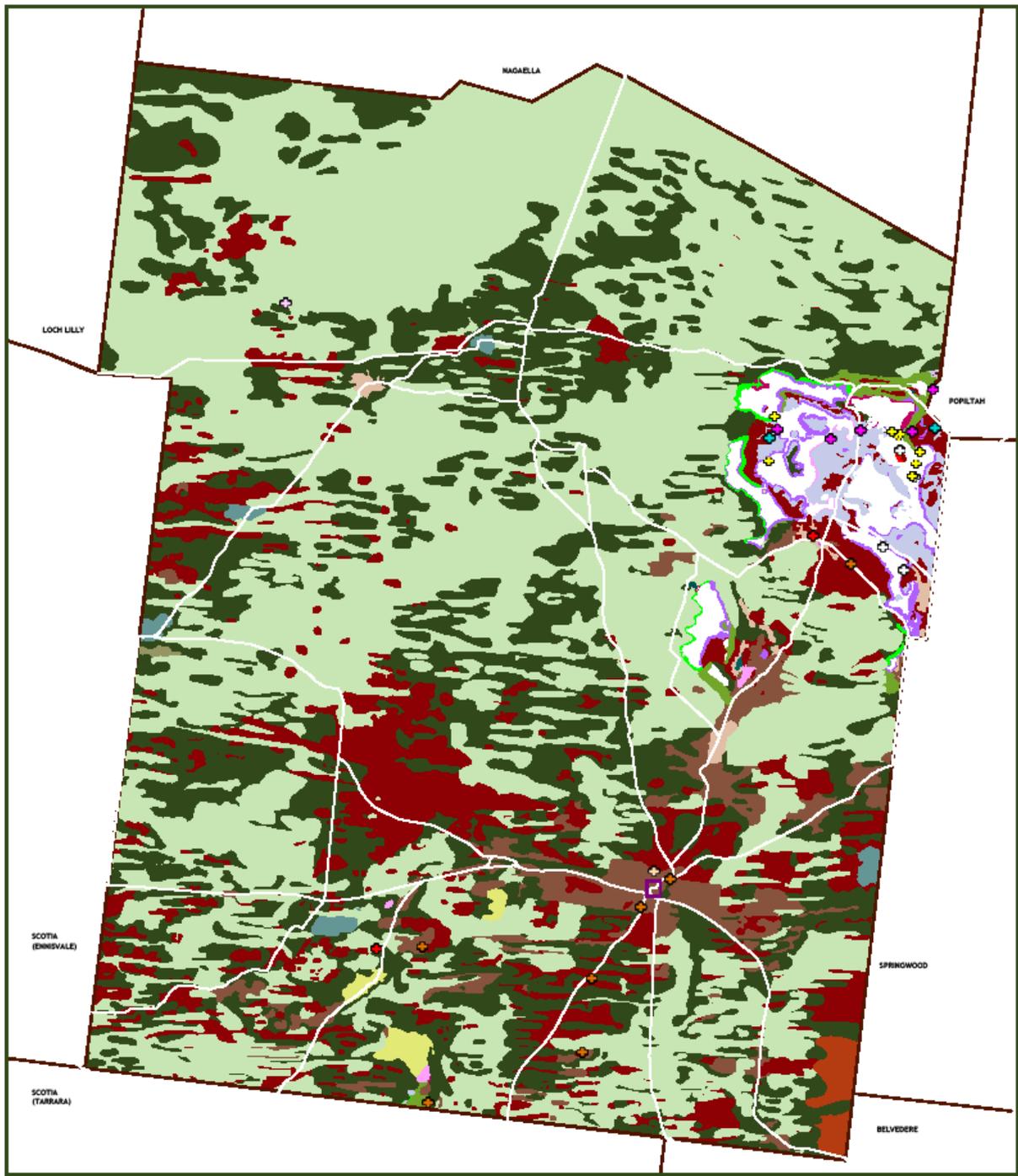


Across many of the smaller lakebeds and around the perimeter of larger lakes is a near monospecific community dominated by *Halosarcia pergranulata*.

4h Gypseous shrubland



Areas of gypseous dunes around the salt lakes and on some islands within the salt lake complex support a low shrubland community dominated by the gypsophile, *Kippistia suaedifolia*.



Vegetation Communities of Nanya Station

Woodlands

- Casuarina pauper*/*Alectryon oleifolius* woodland/open-woodland with a mixed shrubby understorey
- Casuarina pauper*/*Alectryon oleifolius* woodland/open-woodland with *Malreana sedifolia* understorey
- Casuarina pauper*/*Alectryon oleifolius*/*Geijera parviflora* woodland open-woodland with a mixed shrubby understorey
- Callitris glaucophylla* open-woodland
- Callitris verrucosa* open-woodland
- Hakea leucoptera*/*Hakea tephrosperma* low open-woodland

Eucalyptus shrublands (Mallee)

- Eucalyptus oleosa*/*E. gracilis*/*E. dumosa* open-shrubland
- Eucalyptus* open-shrubland with *Trifolia* understorey

- Eucalyptus gracilis* open-shrubland with *Disphyma crassifolium* ssp. *clavellatum*
- Eucalyptus gracilis*/*Meiaieuca lanceolata* open-shrubland

Acacia shrublands

- Acacia aneura* open-shrubland
- Acacia loderi* open-shrubland

Low open shrublands

- Dodonaea viscosa* ssp. *angustissima*/*Eremophila sturtii* shrubland/open-shrubland
- Nitrania billardieri* shrubland
- Lycium australe* shrubland
- Malreana sedifolia* low open-shrubland

- Atriplex vesicaria* low open-shrubland
- Halosarcia*/*Frankenia*/*Osteocarpum* low open-shrubland
- Halosarcia lylei* low open-shrubland
- Halosarcia pergranulata* low open-shrubland
- Gypseous shrublands
- Gypseous low open-shrubland

Grasslands/Herblands

- Grassland/Herbland

Saltlake Complex

- Saltlake

- Tracks
- Nanya homestead
- Property Boundary



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Kilometres
Map preparation by Martin Westbrooke and Sara Munawar, 2009

5. Grasslands/Herblands

5a Grassland



Open areas which are bare for extended periods develop dense *Stipa* spp. grassland after good spring rains.

5a Herbland



An artificial community consisting of largely exotic grasses and herbs with few associated shrubs occurs around the more reliable groundwater tanks and other highly disturbed areas.

VEGETATION MANAGEMENT



Single plant of *Dodonaea stenozyga* fenced for protection



Belah woodland - one of 22 community photopoints



Sugarwood regeneration



Acacia loderi grazing enclosure

FIRE

Eucalyptus shrubland is highly flammable and large areas burnt in the wildfires of 1976 (Rodda 1978). Fire promoted species such as *Codonocarpus cotonifolius* and *Halgania cyanea* were evident in these areas but are now declining. It is likely that much of the property burnt in the extensive wildfires that occurred in the region in 1917. In December 1996 a wildfire burned 3,000ha in the north west of Nanya and a further fire in December 1997 burned 5,000ha to west of the saltlake complex. Areas of *C. pauper* woodland, having a relatively non flammable understorey, and the chenopod shrublands did not burn in these fires. The distribution of the 1976, 1996 and 1997 fires is shown on Fig. 5.

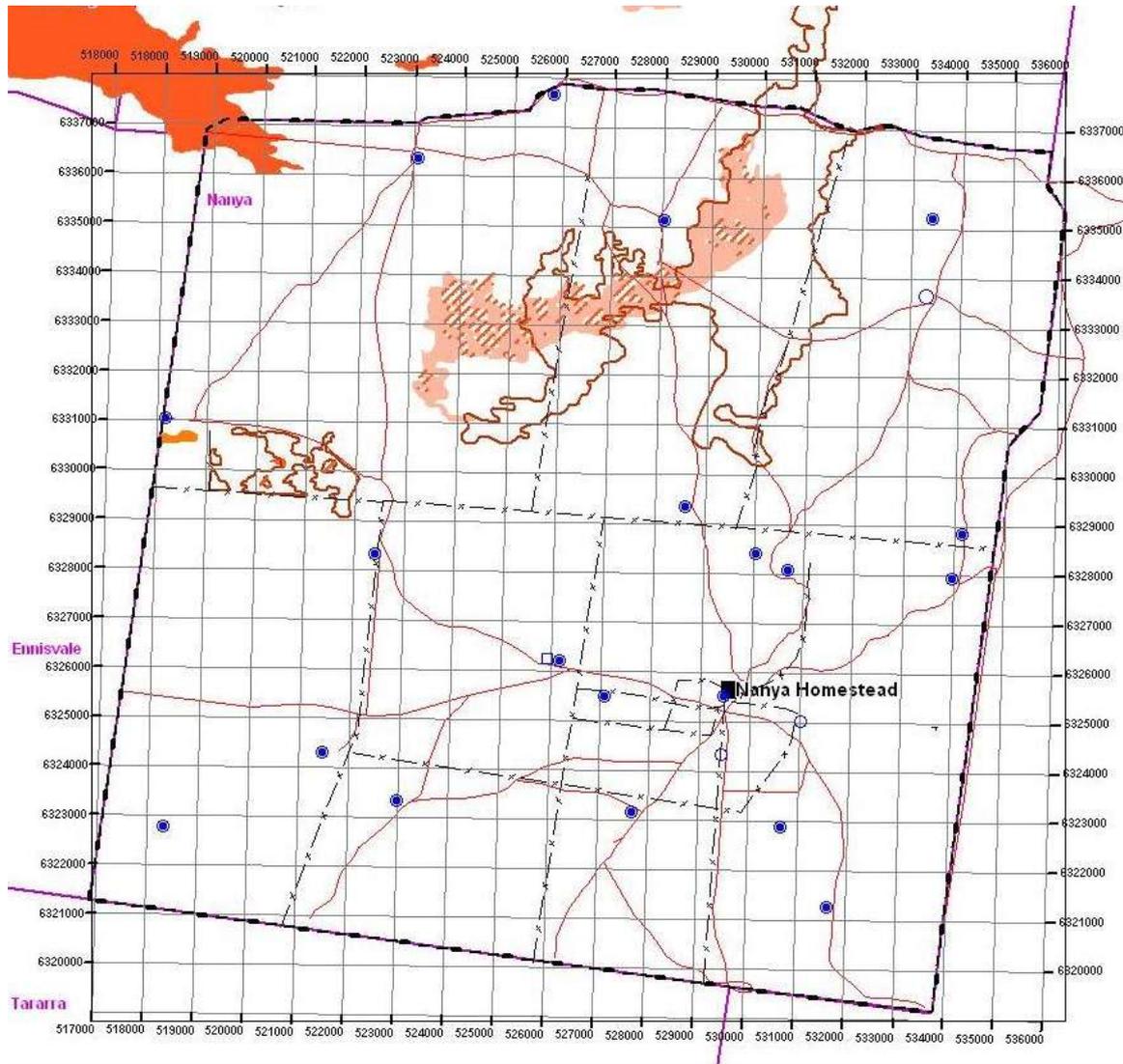


Fig. 5. Nanya fire history



1996 fire grazing exclusion



Desert Poplar – common after fire

FAUNA

The relatively intact communities and diverse vegetation of Nanya provides habitat for a wide range of mammals, birds, reptiles and invertebrates. Nanya is known to be home to 18 native mammal species, 110 species of birds, 47 species of reptile and one species of frog. A list of vertebrate species recorded is given as Appendix 2. Four exotic species are present: House Mouse, *Mus musculus* only occurs around the homestead complex, Fox, *Vulpes vulpes* and Cat *Felis catus* are the subject of an intensive control program and Feral Goat, *Capra hircus*, is regularly trapped at water points. It is anticipated that the program of closure of watering points will help to eliminate the latter species.

Mammals

The most conspicuous members of the mammal fauna are Western Grey and Red Kangaroos however six small mammals and nine species of bat have also been recorded. Two species of mammal; *Cercartetus coccinnus*, Western Pygmy-possum and *Pseudomys bolami* Bolam's Mouse are listed as endangered under the NSW Threatened Species Conservation (TSC) Act. A further five species of mammals are listed as vulnerable under that Act: *Ningui yvonneae*, Southern Ningui, *Nyctophilus timorensis*, Eastern Long-eared Bat, *Pseudomys hermannsbergensis*, Sandy Inland Mouse, *Saccolaimus flaviventris*, Yellow-bellied Sheathtail Bat and *Vespadelus baverstocki*, Inland Forest Bat.

Birds

Nanya is home to a wide range of bird species. They include the nationally endangered *Leipoa osellata*, Malleefowl and *Manorina melanotis*, Black-eared Miner, listed under the Commonwealth Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act. A number of active Malleefowl nests and live birds have been observed and a program of systematic survey has been initiated to map and characterise all nests. Nanya contains extensive old growth mallee providing suitable habitat for the Black-eared Miner. These species are also listed as endangered under the NSW TSC Act. A further four bird species are listed as vulnerable under this Act: *Amytornis striatus*, Striated Grasswren, *Cacatua leadbeateri*, Major Mitchell's Cockatoo, *Cinclosoma castanotus*, Chestnut Quail-thrush, and *Neophema splendida*, Scarlet-chested Parrot.

Reptiles

There is a highly diverse and abundant reptile fauna in all vegetation communities. It includes nine snakes and thirty-eight lizards. *Pseudonaja modesta*, Ringed Brown snake, is listed as endangered and *Tiliqua occipitalis*, Western Blue-tongued Lizard, as vulnerable under the TSC Act.

Amphibia

One burrowing frog, *Neobatrachus centralis*, Trilling Frog has been recorded from Nanya. This species occurs in large numbers following high rainfall events.



Malleefowl



Active Malleefowl nest

Western Pygmy-possum



Bolam's Mouse



Gould's Sand Goanna



Carpet Python



Peregrine Falcon



Major Mitchell's Cockatoo



Emu and chicks

Mallee Dragon



Striated Grass Wrens



Banded Brown Snake

APPENDIX 1 – VASCULAR PLANT SPECIES RECORDED FROM NANYA

Nomenclature according to Harden (1990-1993)

Exotic species denoted thus *

ADIANTACEAE	<i>Cheilanthes austrotenuifolia</i>	* <i>Dittrichia graveolens</i>
AIZOACEAE	<i>Disphyma crassifolium</i> ssp. <i>clavellatum</i>	<i>Elachanthus glaber</i>
	* <i>Mesembryanthemum crystallinum</i>	<i>Eriochlamys behrii</i>
	* <i>Psilocaulon tenue</i>	<i>Euchiton sphaericus</i>
	<i>Tetragonia eremaea</i>	<i>Gnephosis arachnoidea</i>
ALSTROMERIACEAE		<i>Gnephosis tenuissima</i>
	<i>Dicrastylis verticillata</i>	* <i>Hedypnois cretica</i>
AMARANTHACEAE		<i>Hyalosperma demissum</i>
	<i>Hemichroa diandra</i>	<i>Hyalosperma stoveae</i>
	<i>Ptilotus sessifolius</i>	* <i>Hypochoeris glabra</i>
	<i>Ptilotus erubescens</i>	* <i>Hypochoeris radicata</i>
	<i>Ptilotus exaltatus</i>	<i>Isoetopsis graminifolia</i>
	<i>Ptilotus gaudichaudii</i>	<i>Ixiolaena leptolepis</i>
	<i>Ptilotus nobilis</i>	<i>Kippistia suaedifolia</i>
	<i>Ptilotus obovatus</i>	* <i>Lactuca serriola</i>
	<i>Ptilotus polystachyus</i>	<i>Lemooria burkittii</i>
	<i>Ptilotus seminudus</i>	<i>Millotia greevesii</i>
	<i>Ptilotus sessilifolius</i> var. <i>sessilifolius</i>	<i>Millotia myosotidifolia</i>
	<i>Ptilotus spathulatus</i>	<i>Minuria cunninghamii</i>
APIACEAE		<i>Minuria intergerrima</i>
	<i>Daucus glochidiatus</i>	<i>Myriocephalus rhizocephalus</i>
ASCLEPIADACEAE		<i>Myriocephalus stuartii</i>
	<i>Leichhardtia australis</i>	<i>Olearia muelleri</i>
	<i>Rhyncharrhena linearis</i>	<i>Olearia pimeleoides</i>
ASTERACEAE		<i>Olearia subspicata</i>
	<i>Actinobole uliginosum</i>	* <i>Onopordum acaulon</i>
	<i>Angianthus</i> spp.	<i>Podolepis capillaris</i>
	<i>Angianthus tomentosus</i>	<i>Podolepis angustifolia</i>
	* <i>Arctotheca calendula</i>	<i>Pogonolepis muelleriana</i>
	<i>Brachyscome ciliaris</i>	<i>Pseudognaphalium luteoalbum</i>
	<i>Brachyscome exilis</i>	<i>Pycnosorus pleiocephalus</i>
	<i>Brachyscome lineariloba</i>	* <i>Reichardia tingitana</i>
	<i>Brachyscome trachycarpa</i>	<i>Rhodanthe corymbiflora</i>
	<i>Bracteantha bracteata</i>	<i>Rhodanthe microglossa</i>
	<i>Calotis cymbacantha</i>	<i>Rhodanthe moschata</i>
	<i>Calotis erinacea</i>	<i>Rhodanthe pygmaea</i>
	<i>Calotis hispidula</i>	<i>Rhodanthe stuartiana</i>
	* <i>Carthamus lanatus</i>	<i>Rhodanthe tietkensii</i>
	* <i>Centaurea melitensis</i>	<i>Senecio glossanthus</i>
	<i>Centipeda crateriformis</i> ssp. <i>compacta</i>	<i>Senecio minimus</i>
	<i>Centipeda cunninghamii</i>	<i>Senecio pinnatifolius</i>
	<i>Centipeda minima</i>	<i>Senecio quadridentatus</i>
	<i>Centipeda thespidioides</i>	<i>Senecio runcinifolius</i>
	* <i>Chondrilla juncea</i>	* <i>Sonchus asper</i> s.l.
	<i>Chrysocephalum apiculatum</i> s.l.	* <i>Sonchus oleraceus</i>
	<i>Chthonocephalus pseudevax</i>	<i>Stuartina muelleri</i>
	* <i>Cirsium vulgare</i>	<i>Triptilodiscus pygmaeus</i>
	* <i>Conyza bonariensis</i>	<i>Vi ttadinia cervicalaris</i>
	<i>Cratystylis conocephala</i>	<i>Vittadinia cuneata</i>
		<i>Vittadinia dissecta</i>
		<i>Waitzia acuminata</i> var. <i>acuminata</i>
		* <i>Xanthium spinosum</i>
		BORAGINACEAE
		* <i>Echium plantagineum</i>
		<i>Halgania andromedifolia</i>
		<i>Halgania cyanea</i>
		<i>Heliotropium curassavicum</i>
		* <i>Heliotropium europaeum</i>

**Heliotropium supinum*
Omphalolappula concava
Plagiobothrys plurisepalus

BRASSICACEAE

**Alyssum linifolium*
Arabidella trisecta
**Brassica tournefortii*
**Carrichtera annua*
Geococcus pusillus
Harmsiodoxa blennodioides
Harmsiodoxa brevipes var. *brevipes*
Lepidium leptopetalum
Lepidium papillosum
Lepidium phlebopetalum
Menkea australis
**Sisymbrium erysimoides*
**Sisymbrium irio*
**Sisymbrium orientale*
Stenopetalum lineare
Stenopetalum sphaerocarpum

CACTACEAE

**Opuntia vulgaris*

CAESALPINIACEAE

Senna artemisioides nothosp. *coriacea*
Senna artemisioides ssp. *filifolia*
Senna artemisioides ssp. *Petiolaris*
Senna artemisioides ssp. *artemisioides*

CAMPANULACEAE

Wahlenbergia communis s.l.
Wahlenbergia gracilentata s.l.
Wahlenbergia gracilis s.l.

CARYOPHYLLACEAE

Gypsophila tubulosa
**Herniaria cinerea*
Scleranthus minusculus
**Silene apetala*
**Spergularia diandra*
**Spergularia rubra*

CASUARINACEAE

Casuarina pauper

CHENOPODIACEAE

Atriplex acutibractea
Atriplex eardleyae
Atriplex holocarpa
Atriplex lindleyi ssp. *inflata*
Atriplex nummularia
Atriplex pumilio
Atriplex stipitata
Atriplex suberecta
Atriplex vesicaria
**Chenopodium album*
Chenopodium cristatum
Chenopodium curvispicatum
Chenopodium desertorum ssp. *desertorum*
Chenopodium desertorum ssp. *rectum*
Chenopodium melanocarpum

**Chenopodium murale*
Chenopodium nitrariaceum
Chenopodium spp.
Chenopodium ulicinum
Dissocarpus paradoxus
Einadia nutans
Enchylaena tomentosa var. *tomentosa*
Eriochiton sclerolaenoides
Halosarcia halocnemoides ssp.
halocnemoides
Halosarcia indica
Halosarcia lylei
Halosarcia pergranulata
Halosarcia pterygosperma ssp.
pterygosperma
Maireana appressa
Maireana brevifolia
Maireana ciliata
Maireana decalvans
Maireana erioclada
Maireana georgei
Maireana integra
Maireana lobiflora
Maireana pentatropis
Maireana pyramidata
Maireana radiata
Maireana rohrlachii
Maireana sedifolia
Maireana trichoptera
Maireana triptera
Maireana turbinata
Malacocera tricornis
Neobassia spp.
Osteocarpum acropterum var. *deminutum*
Rhagodia spinescens
Rhagodia ulicina
Salsola kali
Sclerolaena bicornis
Sclerolaena decurrens
Sclerolaena diacantha
Sclerolaena divaricata
Sclerolaena muricata
Sclerolaena obliquicuspis
Sclerolaena parviflora
Sclerolaena patenticuspis
Sclerolaena tricuspis
Sclerostegia tenuis
Stelligera endecaspinis

CONVOLVULACEAE

Convolvulus erubescens

CRASSULACEAE

Crassula colorata
Crassula sieberiana

CUCURBITACEAE

**Citrullus colocynthis*
**Cucumis myriocarpus*
Mukia micrantha

CUPRESSACEAE

Callitris glaucophylla

Callitris verrucosa

CYPERACEAE
Schoenus subaphyllus

DILLENACEAE
Hibbertia virgata

ELATINACEAE
Bergia trimera

EUPHORBIACEAE
Beyeria opaca
Chamaesyce drummondii
Poranthera microphylla

FABACEAE
Daviesia ulicifolia
Eutaxia diffusa/microphylla
Indigophora australis
Lotus cruentus
**Medicago laciniata*
**Medicago minima*
**Medicago polymorpha*
**Melilotus indicus*
Swainsona murrayana
Swainsona purpurea
Templetonia egena

FRANKENIACEAE
Frankenia connata
Frankenia foliosa
Frankenia pauciflora ssp. *pauciflora*
Frankenia serpyllifolia

GENTIANACEAE
**Centaurium spicatum*
**Centaurium tenuiflorum*

GERANIACEAE
**Erodium botrys*
**Erodium cicutarium*
Erodium crinitum

GOODENIACEAE
Goodenia fascicularis
Goodenia pinnatifida
Goodenia pusilliflora
Scaevola depauperata
Scaevola spinescens
Velleia connata

GYROSTEMONACEAE
Codonocarpus cotinifolius

HALORAGACEAE
Glischrocaryon behrii
Haloragis aspera
Haloragis odontocarpa
Myriophyllum verrucosum
Myriophyllum sp.

LAMIACEAE
**Marrubium vulgare*

**Salvia verbenaca*
Teucrium racemosum var. *racemosum*
Westringia rigida

LAURACEAE
Cassytha melantha

LILIACEAE
Bulbine bulbosa
Dianella revoluta
Thysanotus baueri

LOGANIACEAE
Logania nuda

LORANTHACEAE
Amyema linophyllum ssp. *orientale*
Amyema miquelii
Amyema miraculosum ssp. *boormanii*
Amyema preissii
Lysiana exocarpi ssp. *exocarpi*

MALVACEAE
Abutilon fraseri
Lawrencia glomerata
Lawrencia squamata
**Malva parviflora*
**Modiola caroliniana*
Radyera farragei
Sida ammophila
Sida corrugata var. *corrugata*
Sida fibulifera
Sida intricata
Sida spodochroma
Sida trichopoda

MARSILEACEAE
Marsilea angustifolia
Marsilea costulifera
Marsilea drummondii

MIMOSACEAE
Acacia acanthoclada
Acacia aneura
Acacia brachybotrya
Acacia burkittii
Acacia colletioides
Acacia ligulata
Acacia loderi
Acacia oswaldii
Acacia rigens
Acacia sclerophylla
Acacia wilhelmiana

MYOPORACEAE
Eremophila deserti
Eremophila divaricata ssp. *divaricata*
Eremophila glabra ssp. *glabra*
Eremophila glabra ssp. *murrayensis*
Eremophila hillii
Eremophila longifolia
Eremophila maculata var. *maculata*
Eremophila oppositifolia ssp. *oppositifolia*

Eremophila scoparia
Eremophila sturtii
Myoporum platycarpum
Myoporum viscosum

MYRTACEAE
Baeckea crassifolia
Eucalyptus costata/incrassata
Eucalyptus dumosa
Eucalyptus gracilis
Eucalyptus leptophylla
Eucalyptus oleosa
Eucalyptus porosa
Eucalyptus socialis
Leptospermum coriaceum
Melaleuca lanceolata

NYCTAGINACEAE
Boerhavia dominii

OLEACEAE
Jasminum didymum ssp. *lineare*

OPHIOGLOSSACEAE
Ophioglossum lusitanicum

ORCHIDACEAE
Pterostylis biseta s.l.

OXALIDACEAE
Oxalis perennans
**Oxalis pes-caprae*

PITTOSPORACEAE
Billardiera cymosa
Pittosporum phylliraeoides

PLANTAGINACEAE
Plantago cunninghamii
Plantago drummondii
Plantago varia

POACEAE
Agrostis avenacea
Amphipogon caricinus var. *caricinus*
Aristida contorta
Aristida spp.
Austrostipa acrocliata
Austrostipa drummondii
Austrostipa elegantissima
Austrostipa eremophila
Austrostipa mollis
Austrostipa nitida
Austrostipa scabra ssp. *scabra*
Austrostipa spp.
Austrostipa trichophylla
Austrostipa tuckeri
Bromus arenarius
**Bromus rubens*
Chloris truncata
**Critesion murinum* ssp. *leporinum*
Cynodon dactylon

Danthonia eriantha
Danthonia setacea
Enneopogon intermedius
Enneapogon nigriceps
Enteropogon acicularis
Eragrostis australasica
Eragrostis dielsii
Eragrostis eriopoda
Eragrostis falcata
Eragrostis setifolia
**Holcus lanatus*
**Panicum capillare*
Paspalidium gracile
**Rostraria pumila*
**Schismus barbatus*
Triodia scariosa ssp. *scariosa*
**Vulpia myuros*

POLYGONACEAE
**Emex australis*
Muehlenbeckia diclina
Muehlenbeckia florulenta
Polygonum plebeium
**Rumex crispus*
Rumex tenax

PORTULACACEAE
Calandrinia eremaea

PRIMULACEAE
**Anagallis arvensis*

PROTEACEAE
Grevillea huegelii
Grevillea pterosperma
Hakea leucoptera
Hakea tephrosperma

RANUNCULACEAE
Ranunculus pumilio

RHAMNACEAE
Cryptandra propinqua

RUBIACEAE
Asperula conferta
Synaptantha tillaeaceae

RUTACEAE
Geijera parviflora

SANTALACEAE
Exocarpos aphyllus
Exocarpos sparteus
Santalum acuminatum

SAPINDACEAE
Alectryon oleifolius ssp. *canescens*
Dodonaea bursariifolia
Dodonaea viscosa ssp. *angustissima*
Dodonaea stenozyga

SCROPHULARIACEAE
Limosella australis

<i>Stemodia floribunda</i>	
SOLANACEAE	VERBENACEAE
<i>Duboisia hopwoodii</i>	* <i>Verbena supina</i>
<i>Lycium australe</i>	XANTHORRHOEACEAE
* <i>Lycium ferocissimum</i>	<i>Lomandra effusa</i>
* <i>Nicotiana glauca</i>	<i>Lomandra leucocephala</i> ssp. <i>robusta</i>
<i>Nicotiana goodspeedii</i>	ZYGOPHYLLACEAE
<i>Nicotiana occidentalis</i>	<i>Nitraria billardierei</i>
<i>Nicotiana simulans</i>	<i>Tribulus terrestris</i>
<i>Nicotiana velutina</i>	<i>Zygophyllum ammophilum</i>
<i>Solanum coactiliferum</i>	<i>Zygophyllum angustifolium</i>
<i>Solanum esuriale</i>	<i>Zygophyllum apiculatum</i>
* <i>Solanum nigrum</i>	<i>Zygophyllum aurantiacum</i>
THYMELAEACEAE	<i>Zygophyllum billardieri</i>
<i>Pimelea microcephala</i> ssp. <i>microcephala</i>	<i>Zygophyllum crenatum</i>
<i>Pimelea simplex</i> ssp. <i>simplex</i>	<i>Zygophyllum eremaeum</i>
<i>Pimelea trichostachya</i>	<i>Zygophyllum glaucum</i>
URTICACEAE	<i>Zygophyllum iodocarpum</i>
<i>Parietaria debilis</i>	<i>Zygophyllum ovatum</i>

APPENDIX 2 – VERTEBRATE SPECIES RECORDED FROM NANYA

CLASS MAMMALIA

EUTHERIA

Muridae

<i>Pseudomys hermannsbergensis</i>	Sandy Inland Mouse
<i>Pseudomys bolami</i>	Bolam's Mouse
* <i>Mus musculus</i>	House Mouse

Eballonuridae

<i>Saccolaimus flaviventris</i>	Sheathtail Bat
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Molossidae

<i>Mormopterus planiceps</i>	Little Mastiff Bat
<i>Nyctinomus australis</i>	White-striped Bat

Vespertilionidae

<i>Chalinolobus gouldii</i>	Gould's Wattled Bat
<i>Chalinolobus picatus</i>	Little Pied Bat
<i>Nyctophilus geoffroyi</i>	Lesser Long-eared Bat
<i>Nyctophilus timoriensis timoriensis</i>	Eastern Long-eared bat
<i>Scotorepons balstoni</i>	Greater Long-eared Bat
<i>Vespadelus baverstocki</i>	Inland Forest Bat

Canidae

* <i>Vulpes vulpes</i>	European Red Fox
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Bovidae

* <i>Capra hircus</i>	Feral Goat
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MONOTREMATA

<i>Tachyglossus aculeatus</i>	Echidna
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MARSUPALIA

Dasyuridae

<i>Sminthopsis crassicaudata</i>	Fat-tailed Dunnart
<i>Sminthopsis murina</i>	Common Dunnart
<i>Ningai yvonnii</i>	Yvonne's Ningai

Macropodidae

<i>Macropus rufus</i>	Red Kangaroo
<i>Macropus fuliginosus melanops</i>	Western Grey-kangaroo

Phalangeridae

<i>Cercartetus concinnus</i>	Western Pygmy-possum
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CLASS REPTILIA**Boidae***Morelia spilota metcalfei*

Victorian Carpet Python

Elapidae*Demansia psammophis*

Yellow-faced Whipsnake

Furina diadema

Red-naped Snake

Pseudonaja modesta

Ringed Brown Snake

Simoselaps australis

Coral Snake

Vermicella annulata

Bandy-bandy

Brachyuropsis australis

Australian Coral Snake

Suta nigriceps

Curl Snake

Typhlopidae*Ramphotyphlops australis*

Southern Blind Snake

Varanidae*Varanus gouldii*

Sand Goanna

Varanus varius

Lace Monitor

Gekkonidae*Diplodactylus vittatus*

Eastern Stone Gecko

Diplodactylus williamsi

Eastern Spiny-tailed Gecko

*Diplodactylus elderi**Diplodactylus intermedius*

Spiny-tailed Gecko

Gehyra variegata

Varigated Detalla

Heteronotia binoei

Bynoe's Gecko

Lucasium damaeum

Beaded Gecko

Nephurus levis

Smooth Knob-Tailed Gecko

Oedura marmorata

Marbled Velvet Gecko

Rhynchoedura omata

Beaked Gecko

Pygopodidae*Delma australis*

Southern Legless Lizard

Delma butleri

Butler's legless lizard

Pygopus nigriceps

Hooded Scaley-Foot

Lialis burtonis

Burton's snake-lizard

Scincidae*Cryptoblepharus carnabyi*

Carnaby's Wall Skink

Ctenotus atlas

Spinifex Stripped Skink

Ctenotus regius

Royal Ctenotus

*Ctenotus schomburgkii**Ctenotus brachyonyx*

Skink

Egernia inornata

Desert Skink

Egernia striolata

Tree Skink

Eremiascincus richardsonii

Broad-banded Sand-Swimmer

*Lerista labialis**Lerista punctatovittata*

Speckled Short-limbed Skink

*Lerista xanthura**Menetia greyii*

Grey's Skink

Morethia boulengeri

Fire Skink

Morethia adelaidensis

Skink

Tiliqua occipitalis

Western Blue-Tongue

Trachydosaurus rugosa

Stumpy-Tailed Lizard

Agamidae*Amphibolurus nobbi coggeri*

Nobbi Dragon

Ctenophorus fordii

Mallee Military Dragon

Ctenophorus pictus

Painted Dragon

Ctenophorus pictus

Painted dragon

*Pogona barbata**Pogona vitticeps*

Central Bearded Dragon

CLASS AMPHIBIA**Myobatrachidae***Neobatrachus centralis*

Trilling Frog

CLASS AVES**Casuariidae***Dromaius novaehollandiae*

Emu

Megapodiidae*Leipoa ocellata*

Malleefowl

Anatidae*Chenonetta jubata*

Australian Wood Duck

Anas superciliosa

Pacific Black Duck

Anas gracilis

Grey Teal

Podicipedidae*Tachybaptus novaehollandiae*

Australasian Grebe

Ardeidae*Ardea pacifica*

White-necked Heron

Accipitridae*Haliastur sphenurus*

Whistling Kite

Elanus axillaris

Black-shouldered Kite

Milvus migrans

Black Kite

Accipiter cirrhocephalus

Collared Sparrowhawk

Aquila audax

Wedge-tailed Eagle

Hieraaetus morphnoides

Little Eagle

Falconidae*Falco peregrinus*

Peregrine Falcon

Falco berigora

Brown Falcon

Falco cenchroides

Nankeen Kestrel

Rallidae*Gallinula tenebrosa*

Dusky Moorhen

Gallinula ventralis

Black-tailed Native-hen

Turnicidae*Turnix velox*

Little Button-quail

Charadriidae*Euseyonis melanops*

Black-fronted Dotterel

Erythrogonys cinctus

Red-kneed Dotterel

Vanellus miles

Masked Lapwing

Laridae*Larus novaehollandiae*

Silver Gull

Columbidae*Phaps chalcoptera*

Common Bronzewing

Ocyphaps lophotes

Crested Pigeon

Geopelia cuneata

Diamond Dove

Cacatuidae*Eolophus roseicapilla*

Galah

Cacatua sanguinea

Little Corella

Cacatua leadbeateri

Major Mitchell's Cockatoo

Psittacidae*Barnardius zonarius*

Australian Ringneck

Psephotus varius

Mulga Parrot

Neophema splendida

Scarlet-chested Parrot

Neophema chysostoma

Blue-winged Parrot

Northiella haematogaster

Blue Bonnet

Polytelis anthopeplus

Regent Parrot

Psephotus haematonotus

Red-rumped Parrot

Melopsittacus undulatus

Budgerigar

Cuculidae*Cuculus pallidus*

Pallid Cuckoo

Chrysococcyx osculans

Black-eared cuckoo

Chrysococcyx basalis

Horsfield's Bronze-Cuckoo

Strigidae*Ninox novaeseelandiae*

Southern Boobook

Caprimulgidae*Eurostopodus argus*

Spotted Nightjar

Aegothelidae*Aegotheles cristatus*

Australian Owlet-nightjar

Halcyonidae

<i>Todiramphus pyrrhopygia</i>	Red-backed Kingfisher
Meropidae	
<i>Merops ornatus</i>	Rainbow Bee-eater
Climacteridae	
<i>Climacteris picumnus</i>	Brown Treecreeper
<i>Climacteris affinis</i>	White-browed treecreeper
Neosittidae	
<i>Daphoenositta chrysoptera</i>	Varied Sittella
Maluridae	
<i>Malurus splendens</i>	Splendid Fairy-wren
<i>Malurus leucopterus</i>	White-winged Wren
<i>Malurus lamberti</i>	Variegated Fairy-wren
Sub.Fam. Amytornithinae	
<i>Amytornis striatus</i>	Striated Grasswren
Pardalotidae	
<i>Pardalotus punctatus</i>	Spotted Pardalote
<i>Pardalotus striatus</i>	Striated Pardalote
<i>Smicronis brevirostris</i>	Weebill
<i>Acanthiza apicalis</i>	Inland Thornbill
<i>Acanthiza uropygialis</i>	Chestnut-rumped Thornbill
<i>Acanthiza nana</i>	Yellow Thornbill
<i>Aphelocephala leucopsis</i>	Southern Whiteface
<i>Drymodes brunneopygia</i>	Southern Scrub-robin
<i>Hylacola cauta</i>	Shy Heathwren
Meliphagidae	
<i>Acanthagenys rufogularis</i>	Spiny-cheeked Honeyeater
<i>Plectorhyncha lanceolata</i>	Striped Honeyeater
<i>Manorina melanotis</i>	Black-eared Miner
<i>Manorina flavigula</i>	Yellow-throated Miner
<i>Lichenostomus virescens</i>	Singing Honeyeater
<i>Lichenostomus leucotis</i>	White-eared Honeyeater
<i>Lichenostomus ornatus</i>	Yellow-plumed Honeyeater
<i>Lichenostomus plumulus</i>	Grey-fronted Honeyeater
<i>Melithreptus brevirostris</i>	Brown-headed Honeyeater
<i>Phylidonyris albifrons</i>	White-fronted Honeyeater
<i>Certhionyx variegatus</i>	Pied Honeyeater
<i>Epthianura tricolor</i>	Crimson Chat
<i>Epthianura albifrons</i>	White-fronted Chat
Petroicidae	
<i>Microeca leucophaea</i>	Jacky Winter
<i>Petroica goodenovii</i>	Red-capped Robin
<i>Melanodryas cucullata</i>	Hooded Robin
Pomatostomidae	
<i>Pomatostomus superciliosus</i>	White-browed Babbler
<i>Pomatostomus ruficeps</i>	Chestnut-crowned Babbler
Cinclosomatidae	
<i>Cinclosoma castanotum</i>	Chestnut Quail-thrush
Pachycephalidae	
<i>Oreoica gutturalis</i>	Crested Bellbird
<i>Pachycephala rufiventris</i>	Rufous Whistler
<i>Pachycephala rufogularis</i>	Red-lored Whistler
<i>Pachycephala pectoralis</i>	Golden Whistler
<i>Pachycephala inornata</i>	Gilberts Whistler
<i>Colluricincla harmonica</i>	Grey Shrike-thrush
Dicruridae	
<i>Grallina cyanoleuca</i>	Magpie-Lark
<i>Rhipidura leucophrys</i>	Willie Wagtail
<i>Myiagra inquieta</i>	Restless Flycatcher
Campephagidae	
<i>Coracina novaehollandiae</i>	Black-faced Cuckoo-Shrike
<i>Lalage sueurii</i>	White-winged Triller
Artamidae	
<i>Artamus personatus</i>	Masked Woodswallow

Artamus superciliosus
Artamus cyanopterus
Artamus cinereus
Cracticus nigrogularis
Cracticus torquatus
Streptera versicolour
Gymnorhina tibicen

Corvidae

Corvus coronoides
Corvus mellori

Corcoracidae

Corcoraz melanorhamphos
Struthidea cinerea

Motacilidae

Anthus novaeseelandiae

Dicasidae

Dicaeum hiriundinaceum

Hirundinidae

Hirundo neoxena
Hirundo nigricans
Hirundo ariel

Sylviidae

Cinclorhamphus cruralis

Sturnidae

Sturnus vulgaris

White-browed Woodswallow
Dusky Woodswallow
Black-faced Woodswallow
Pied Butcherbird
Grey Butcherbird
Grey Currawong
Australian Magpie

Australian Raven
Little Raven

White-winged Chough
Apostlebird

Richard's Pipit

Mistletoebird

Welcome Swallow
Tree Martin
Fairy Martin

Brown Songlark

Common Starling

WILDLIFE RESEARCH



Radio tracking feral goats



Monitoring Malleefowl nest



Bandy bandy



Pitfall traps for reptiles and small mammals

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Frankenia foliosa



Sclerolaena diacantha



Eremophila glabra



Eragrostis eriopoda



Hemichroa diandra



Disphyma crassifolium



Lomandra leucocephala



Dodonia stenozyga



Maireana sedifolia



Exocarpos aphyllus



Eremophila scoparia



Pimelea microcephala



Swainsona formosa



Eremophila maculata



Senna artemisioides



Acacia colletioides



Maireana georgii



Zygophyllum aurantiacum



Grevillea huegelii



Cratystylis conocephala



Alectryon oleifolius

SOME PLANTS OF NANYA