

LAND SYSTEM
St Marys Hills

554231

Area (ha):
1404

COMPONENT

A

B

PROPORTION (%)

80

20

RAINFALL (mm)

Approximate Annual Rainfall: 1000-1250

GEOLOGY

Mathinna Beds (Lower Devonian-Tremadocian-Cambrian) Mudstone-Sandstone-Slate Sequences

TOPOGRAPHY

Undulating Hills and Associated Flats

Position

Well Drained Crests
and Slopes

Flats

Typical Slope(°)

15

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NATIVE VEGETATION

Structure

Open Forest

Floristic
Association

(See Appendix 1
for common
names)

Eucalyptus amygdalina
Eucalyptus viminalis
Eucalyptus dalrympleana
Pultenaea juniperina
Pteridium esculentum
Leptomeria drupacea
Diplarrena moraea
Olearia erubescens
Daviesia latifolia
Lomandra longifolia
Acrotriche serrulata
Lomatia tinctoria
Epacris impressa

Eucalyptus ovata
Eucalyptus viminalis
Eucalyptus obliqua
Eucalyptus amygdalina
Gahnia grandis
Lomandra longifolia
Lomatia tinctoria
Pultenaea Juniperina
Epacris impressa
Pteridium esculentum

SOIL

Surface (A) Texture

Fine Sandy Loam

Light Clay

B Horizon (subsoil)
colour (moist)
Texture and
primary profile
form

Shallow stony light clay
- yellowish brown to
brownish yellow.

Deep light clay - very
dark greyish brown (10 YR
3/2) to yellowish brown
(10 YR 5/6).
Uniform.

Duplex

Permeability

Moderate/High

Low

Typical depth (m)

<0.60

>1.40

LAND USE

Grazing

HAZARDS

Moderate Sheet, Rill, Gully,
Streambank Erosion

Flooding, Waterlogging

ST MARYS HILLS

This land system includes the hills and associated flats at St Marys on rocks of the Mathinna Beds.

Well drained crests and slopes contain a shallow (0.60 m), stony duplex soil with a fine sandy loam surface over a yellowish brown to brownish yellow, light clay. This supports an open forest dominated by *Eucalyptus amygdalina*, *Eucalyptus viminalis* and *Eucalyptus dalrympleana* over an understorey that includes *Pultenaea juniperina*, *Pteridium esculentum*, *Leptomeria drupacea*, *Diplarrena moraea*, *Olearia erubescens*, *Daviesia latifolia*, *Lomandra longifolia*, *Acrotriche serrulata*, *Lomatia tinctoria* and *Epacris impressa*.

Flats contain a deep (>1.40 m), uniform, very dark greyish brown to yellowish brown, light clay. This supports an open forest dominated by *Eucalyptus ovata*, *Eucalyptus viminalis*, *Eucalyptus obliqua* and *Eucalyptus amygdalina* with an understorey of *Gahnia grandis*, *Lomandra longifolia*, *Lomatia tinctoria*, *Pultenaea juniperina*, *Epacris impressa* and *Pteridium esculentum*.

Grazing is the major land use.

The land system is not particularly susceptible to erosion. Sheet and rill erosion may sometimes occur on the crests and slopes whilst gully and streambank erosion occasionally occur on the flats. Flooding and waterlogging hazards are associated with drainage flats.