

Table 1: Woodland condition assessment. Adapted from Goldney & Wakefield, 1997.

Condition of assessment	patch #1	patch #2	patch #3	patch #4	patch #5	patch #6	patch #7
Woodland is never or rarely grazed							
Seedlings or suckers less than 2 m tall are present							
Woodland is burned infrequently, i.e. at intervals greater than 5 to 10 years							
Trees are mostly healthy, with little or no dieback present							
There are no rabbits in the woodland							
Weeds are absent or found only around the periphery							
Trees are not harvested for timber or firewood							
Free of land degradation eg; soil erosion, salinity							
Free of fertiliser application or herbicide drift							
Less than 20% of trees have mistletoe							
Free of vehicle tracks (excluding functional fire trails)							
Free of feral predators such as cats, foxes, pigs, goats, deer, etc...							
Native shrubs are present in the understorey							
Old growth trees with hollows are present							
Dead timber is left standing							
Fallen timber and logs are left on the ground							
Ground flora is mostly native grasses and herbs.							
Ground is covered with litter of leaves, bark, and twigs. (amongst grasses or shrubs)							
Woodland patch is greater than 5 ha in size							
The woodland is connected to other woodlands by corridors or scattered trees no more than 50 m apart.							
<b>TOTAL number of True (T) answers</b>							
<b>Your woodland health score</b>							

Table 2: Woodland condition grading scheme

'True' count scores total	Woodland Health Rating	Assessment description
16 to 20	1	Your woodland is currently in a state of high quality/health/condition. It likely consists of largely undisturbed areas free from landscape modification. You would confidently see clear understory and/or mid-story structure, dominated by native grass, herb, and shrubs, along with natural regeneration taking place. This woodland is most likely to be habitat to an assortment of fauna and flora, with key habitat such as logs, leaf litter, tree hollows present.
10 to 15	2	Your woodland is currently in a state of moderate quality/health/condition. There may be some natural regeneration occurring, but is difficult to find. There may be a distribution of various age-classes, but more likely many trees of a similar class. There may be some native grasses or shrubs present, but they are either difficult to find or are accompanied with some weed species. It is likely that critical habitat elements are missing, such as fallen logs, leaf litter, and tree hollows.
> 10	3	Your woodland is currently in a state of condition that is low in quality. It is increasingly probable that without intervention your woodland will struggle to maintain itself under current management practices. Understory and mid-story is missing, either removed or replaced by exotic pasture species, or introduced weeds. Overstory trees present crowns that are showing serious signs of dieback, or there are dead-standing/dying trees. There is no natural regeneration.