

## Marchagee - Gunyidi Area:

There are many attractive mallees, with excellent nectar flow throughout the year which supports many small birds on Thomas Road. Colourful shrubs such as Red Pokers and purple Firebush can also be found along Thomas Road.

For the first 8 km of the eastern end of Gunyidi-Wubin Road, the road is on the north side of salt lakes, where the water collects after rain. When the lakes dry out, the salt crystals glint in the sun. Around the shore is a woodland of York Gums with wattles, the leafless Ballart and Hop Bush forming an understorey.

Further west, the road crosses the Gunyidi Sandplain. The dominant plants are Banksias, Woody Pear and Sandplain Cypress.



Gunyidi Pool (now usually dry) has an excellent example of Pear-Fruited Mallee, which has large red or cream hanging flowers that open in spring. Among the tussocks of Cord Rush will be found many small plants such as orchids, trigger plants and everlasting, together with colourful shrubs such as feather flowers and Coppercups.