

BushBroker[®]

Standards for management – Scattered trees

Information sheet number 11

Scattered trees are indigenous (local native) large old trees found outside of a remnant patch of native vegetation. Native vegetation credits can be generated through the protection of scattered trees. Under BushBroker, minimum standards apply for the protection of scattered trees. The field assessor will discuss scattered tree protection options with you during the site visit.

Assessment of scattered trees

During the site visit the field assessor will assess the number, size and type of scattered very large and large old trees present on your site. The size class of trees is based on a benchmark for the ecological vegetation class on the site and the diameter of the tree at breast height.

Ecological vegetation class (EVC) benchmarks can be found on the Department of Environment and Primary Industries website at www.depi.vic.gov.au.

Protection of scattered trees in paddocks requires an area of at least twice the diameter of the drip line of the tree is protected (usually through fencing), from negative impacts (such as grazing and spread of weeds), to facilitate natural regeneration.

Logs, fallen branches and leaf litter that fall within the site area must be retained.

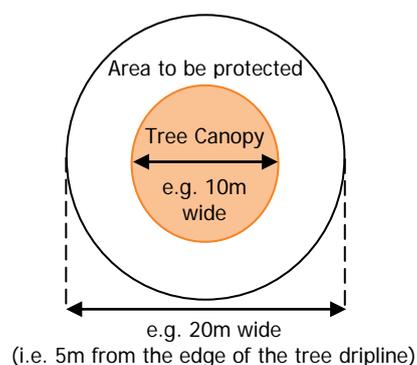
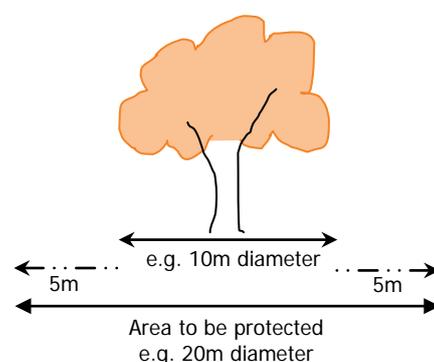
Facilitating natural regeneration

Regeneration is the production of new generations of plants; either by allowing natural ecological processes to occur, facilitating such processes.

You are required to facilitate natural regeneration of indigenous plant species in scattered tree sites.

In some cases, excluding stock combined with weed and rabbit control will be enough to facilitate natural recruitment. In other cases, additional methods may be employed.

Stock exclusion zones for scattered trees



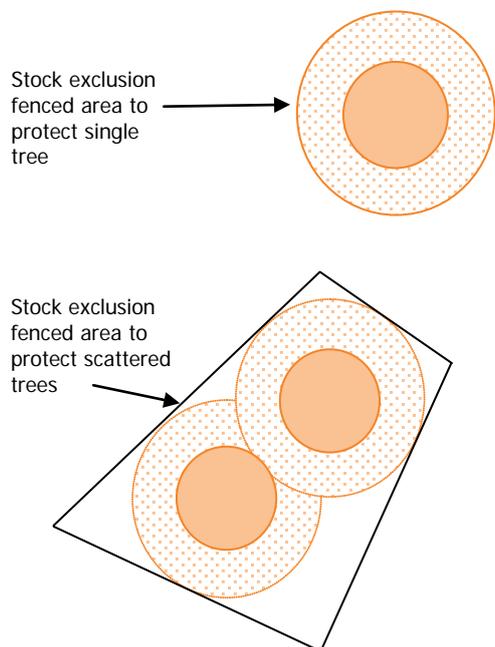
Fencing

You may fence individual trees, groups of trees growing close together or the whole site – as long as the fence includes the area to be protected around each tree and ensures that stock are excluded from the area.

Fencing must be stock proof and constructed to minimum standards within three months of signing a BushBroker Landowner Agreement (Landowner Agreement). For more information please refer to BushBroker Information Sheet No. 12 – *Standards for management – Fencing*.

Scattered trees

Fencing options for stock exclusion zones



Health and safety

You are responsible for ensuring all works required in implementing the management actions are conducted in a safe manner and comply with the lawful requirements of any Authority, and with all Acts, regulations and other laws which may be applicable to the Landowner Agreement.

To determine whether there are any underground pipes or cables on your property, you may wish to consider calling 1100 - "Dial before you dig". This is a free referral service from anywhere in Australia.

Further information

Several information notes are available on the Department of Environment and Primary Industries (DEPI) website, which may help you in facilitating natural recruitment. Visit www.depi.vic.gov.au and search for 'Land for Wildlife', or 'Natural Regeneration'.

For further information on BushBroker, please contact the Department of Environment and Primary Industries Customer Service Centre on 136 186 or visit the DEPI website at: www.depi.vic.gov.au/bushbroker. All BushBroker Information Sheets are available on the website.

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