

WNY Wonna-Arinya Land System

Area: 22 km²

Landscape: Undulating hard rock rises, often isolated occurrences on pediments and slopes. Soils are shallow calcareous loams.

Annual rainfall: 275 – 325 mm range, with around 80% receiving 275 – 300 mm average

Geology: Neoproterozoic Wilpena Group quartzites, siltstones and shales.

Main soils:

L1	(23%) Shallow soil on rock	(Rocky Rudosol-Tenosol)
A3	(14%) Deep moderately calcareous loam	(Calcic Calcarosol)
A2	(12%) Calcareous loam on rock	(Paralithic Calcarosol)
C3	(11%) Friable gradational clay loam	(Calcic-Hypercalcic Red Dermosol-Calcarosol)
D4	(10%) Loam over pedaric red clay	(Pedaric Red Sodosol-Dermosol)

Minor soils:

RR	(8%) Bare rock	
A4	(6%) Deep (rubbly) calcareous loam	(Hypercalcic-Lithocalcic Calcarosol)
C2	(6%) Gradational loam on rock	(Shallow Red Dermosol-Kandosol-Calcarosol)
M4	(4%) Deep hard gradational sandy loam	(Hard Brown-Dark Kandosol- Dermosol)

Summary: The Wonna-Arinya Land System consists of disjunct rises and pediments formed over Wilpena Group Proterozoic rocks. Soils are shallow calcareous loams.

Soil Landscape Unit summary: Wonna-Arinya Land System (WNY)

SLU	% of area	Component	Main soils	Prop#	Notes
AIA	2.9	Gently undulating rises	L1RR C2	D	Rises with very shallow sandy loam, or rock outcrop or shallow gradational loam over red clay loam on fine-grained rock.
AIB	9.1	Rolling rises	L1RR C2	D	AIA Gently undulating rises Slopes are 1-3%, relief is less than 30m. AIB Rolling rises as above. Relief is 9-30m, slopes are 10-30%. Main soils: <u>Shallow stony soils on rock - L1</u> , <u>Bare rock – RR</u> and <u>Gradational loam on rock - C2</u> .
AJD	10.1	Ridge	L1A2	D	Steep low hilly ridge with shallow soils formed on fine-grained rocks (Umberatana Group tillites). Less than 20% of soils have secondary carbonate. Soils are shallow over calcareous rocks. Relief is 30-90m, slopes are 30-50%. Main soils: <u>Shallow stony soils on rock - L1</u> and <u>Calcareous loam on rock – A2</u> .
AWA	10.3	Rise	L1	D	Hills and rises with shallow rocky soils formed on quartzites with more than 50% interbedded calcareous rocks. More than 20% of soils have secondary carbonate accumulations. AWA Undulating rises. Relief is less than 30m, slopes are 3-10%. AWC Rolling rises. Relief is less than 30m, slopes are 10-30%. Main soils: <u>Shallow stony soils on rock - L1</u> .
AWC	7.5	Rise	L1	D	



DBB	3.9	Gentle slope	D1A2	D	Gently sloping pediment formed on basement rocks with texture contrast soils with clay-loamy surfaces and containing carbonate in the subsoils. Relief is less than 9m, slopes are 1-3%. Main soils: <u>Clay loam over pedaric red clay on rock</u> - D1 and <u>Calcareous clay loam on rock</u> - A2 .
EHB	7.6	Rise	A2L1	D	Gently sloping rises and pediments on calcareous siltstones and limestones such as those of the ABC Range Quartzite Formation of the Wilpena Group. Slopes are 3-10%, relief is 9-30m. Main soils: <u>Calcareous loam on rock</u> - A2 , and <u>Shallow stony soils on rock</u> - L1 .
JII	12.2	Fan	C3D4	D	Pediments and plains with mostly deep red texture contrast soils. More than 20% are deep rubbly calcareous loam on clay soils. JII Gently sloping fans. Moderately gullied (10-20%) and scalded (5-10%). Slopes are 1-3%, relief is less than 9m. JIm Undulating fan slopes. Moderately gullied (10-20%) and scalded (5-10%). Slopes are 3-10%, relief is less than 9m. JIy Drainage depression. Moderately gullied (10-20%) and severely scalded (>50%). Main soils: <u>Friable gradational clay loam</u> - C3 and <u>Loam over pedaric red clay</u> - D4 .
JIm	7.6	Fan	C3D4	D	
JIy	1.4	Drainage depression	D4C3	D	
JLyy	4.0	Drainage depression	D4C3	D	Creek flat with more than 20% pedaric, texture contrast (loam over crumbly red clay) soils, but less than 20% calcareous gradational soils. Severely gullied (over 20%) and scalded (over 50%), non-saline. Main soils: <u>Clay loam over pedaric red clay</u> - D4 and <u>Friable gradational clay loam</u> - C3
KFB	11.2	Gently undulating plain	A4A3	E	Gently sloping pediments and flats with calcareous gradational soils and more than 20% red pedaric texture contrast soils. Slopes are 1-3%, relief is less than 9m. Main soils: <u>Deep (rubbly) calcareous sandy loam</u> - A4 and <u>Deep moderately calcareous loam</u> - A3 .
		Flat	A3A4	E	
KVA	3.9	Flat	A3A4	D	Plains formed on outwash sediments with mostly gradational calcareous clay loam surfaced soils. Main soils: <u>Deep moderately calcareous loam</u> - A3 and <u>Deep (rubbly) calcareous sandy loam</u> - A4 .
KXC	5.3	Fan	A3	D	Pediments and creek flats with deep calcareous clay loam over, often rubbly, clay. Slopes are 3-10%, relief is less than 9m. Main soils: <u>Deep moderately calcareous loam</u> - A3 .
KYE	3.0	Flat	A3M4	D	Plains formed on outwash materials with predominantly deep calcareous gradational soils with sandy loam to sandy clay-loam surfaces. Main soils: <u>Deep moderately calcareous sandy loam</u> - A3 and <u>Gradational loamy sand</u> - M4 .

PROPORTION codes assigned to Soil Landscape Unit (SLU) components:

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| D Dominant in extent (>90% of SLU) | C Common in extent (20–30% of SLU) |
| V Very extensive in extent (60–90% of SLU) | L Limited in extent (10–20% of SLU) |
| E Extensive in extent (30–60% of SLU) | M Minor in extent (<10% of SLU) |



Detailed soil profile descriptions:

- A2/L1** Shallow calcareous loam (Paralithic, Hypercalcic / Lithocalcic Calcarosol)(A2)
Gradational calcareous sandy loam over clay loam on weathered rock.
OR Shallow stony loam (Calcareous, Paralithic, Leptic Tenosol)(L1)
Shallow calcareous sandy loam on rock.
- A3** Deep moderately calcareous (sandy) loam (Calcic Calcarosol)
Calcareous (sandy) loam topsoil grading into loamy-clay loamy subsoil without a significant CO₃ buildup in the subsoil (<20% CO₃ in subsoil). Pediment type Calcarosols.
- A4** Deep (rubby) calcareous loam Hypercalcic-Lithocalcic Calcarosol)
Calcareous sandy-clay loamy topsoil grading into loamy-clay loamy subsoil with a significant CO₃ buildup in the subsoil. Often rubby. Soil usually >120 cm in depth
- C2** Gradational loam on rock (Calcic / Hypercalcic Red Dermosol)
Loam to clay loam grading to a friable red clay with soft Class I carbonate within 50 cm, grading to weathering rock within 100 cm.
- C3** Gradational clay loam (Calcic / Hypercalcic Red Dermosol)
Loam to clay loam grading to a friable red clay with soft Class I carbonate within 50 cm, grading to alluvium within 100 cm.
- D1** Loam over red clay on rock (Hypercalcic / Calcic, Red Chromosol / Sodosol)
Medium thickness hard gravelly loam over red clay, friable and finely structured, calcareous with depth, grading to weathering basement rock within 100 cm.
- D4** Loam over red friable clay (Calcic, Pedaric, Red Sodosol)
Thin to medium thickness fine sandy loam to loam over a finely structured friable red clay, calcareous from about 50 cm, grading to fine or medium grained alluvium.
- L1** Shallow stony loam (Paralithic, Leptic Tenosol)
Shallow stony loam, often calcareous throughout or with depth, overlying weathering rock shallower than 50 cm.
- M4** Gradational loamy sand (Hypocalcic, Red / Brown Kandosol)
Medium to thick massive (often powdery) loamy sand to sandy loam grading to a red or brown sandy clay loam becoming more clayey and weakly calcareous with depth.
- RR** Bare rock.

Further information: [DEWNR Soil and Land Program](#)

