

Key Wildlife Habitat Classification

2015 State Wildlife Action Plan Revision

Maryland's Wildlife Action Plan identifies 59 key wildlife habitats for conservation purposes.

Habitat Group	Habitat Sub-Group	Key Wildlife Habitat
UPLAND HABITATS	Forests	High Elevation Ridge Forest
		Hemlock-Northern Hardwood Forest
		Cove Forest
		Montane - Piedmont Oak-Pine Forest
		Oak-Hickory Forest
		Basic Mesic Forest
		Mesic Mixed Hardwood Forest
		Coastal Plain Oak-Pine Forest
		Coastal Plain Pitch Pine Forest
		Maritime Forest and Shrubland
	Glades, Barrens, and Cliffs	Serpentine Barren
		Shale Barren
		Acidic Glade and Barren
		Basic Glade and Barren
		Cliff and Rock Outcrop
		Coastal Bluff
	Coastal Beaches and Dunes	Coastal Beach
Maritime Dune and Grassland		
WETLAND HABITATS	Floodplain Wetlands	Montane - Piedmont Floodplain
		Coastal Plain Floodplain
	Groundwater Wetlands	Montane Bog and Fen
		Montane - Piedmont Acidic Seepage Swamp
		Montane - Piedmont Basic Seepage Swamp
		Piedmont Seepage Wetland
		Piedmont Upland Depression Swamp

WETLAND HABITATS	Groundwater Wetlands	Coastal Plain Flatwood and Depression Swamp
		Coastal Plain Seepage Swamp
		Coastal Plain Seepage Bog and Fen
		Delmarva Bay
		Maritime Swamp
		Vernal Pool
		Spring
	Tidal Wetlands	Tidal Forest
		Tidal Freshwater Marsh and Shrubland
		Tidal Brackish Marsh and Shrubland
Tidal Salt Marsh and Shrubland		
Intertidal Mudflat and Sand Flat		
SUBTERRANEAN HABITATS	N/A	Cave and Karst
AQUATIC HABITATS	Streams and Rivers	Coldwater Stream
		Limestone Stream
		Highland Stream
		Piedmont Stream
		Coastal Plain Stream
		Blackwater Stream
		Highland River
		Piedmont River
		Coastal Plain River
	Bay and Ocean	Shellfish Bed
		Hard Bottom (Living and Non-living)
		Submerged Aquatic Vegetation
		Macroalgae Bed
		Pelagic - open water

OTHER HABITATS	N/A	Managed Montane Conifer Forest
		Managed Successional Forest (e.g., recently logged forest, succeeding old fields)
		Managed Grassland (e.g., pasture, hayfield, old field, CRP, reclaimed strip mine grassland)
		Roadside and Utility Right-of-Way
		Artificial Impoundment and Wetland
		Artificial Structures - buildings and other structures
		Artificial Structures – mines and tunnels