




Beginning with Habitat (BvH) is a voluntary tool intended to assist landowners, resource managers, planners, and municipalities in identifying and making informed decisions about areas of potential natural resource concern. This data includes the best available information provided through BvH's coalition partners as of the map date, and is intended for informational purposes only. It should not be interpreted as a comprehensive analysis of potential natural resource concerns. Local officials are encouraged to use the map as a flag areas where agency consultation may be appropriate. Habitat data sets are updated continuously as more accurate and current data becomes available. However, as many areas have not been completely surveyed, features may be present that are not yet mapped, and the boundaries of some depicted features may need to be revised. Local officials are urged to exercise appropriate caution when using the map. If you have any questions, please contact our office. Some habitat features depicted on this map are regulated by the State of Maine through the Maine Endangered Species Act (Essential Habitats and threatened and endangered species occurrences) and Natural Resources Protection Act (Significant Wildlife Habitat). We recommend consultation with MDIFW Regional Biologists or MNAPE Ecologists if activities are proposed within resource areas on this map. Please contact your nearby MDP or MNAPE office for technical support to resolve regulatory concerns and minimize agency review time. For MDP and MNAPE contact information, visit <http://www.beginningwithhabitat.org/contacts/index.html>.

- ### Rare, Threatened, or Endangered Wildlife

 Known rare, threatened, or endangered species occurrence and/or the associated habitats based on species sightings.

Consult with an MDIFW regional biologist to determine the relative importance and conservation needs of the specific location and supporting habitat. For more information regarding individual species visit our website, [http://www.maine.gov/ifw/wildlife/species/endangered\\_species/state\\_list.htm](http://www.maine.gov/ifw/wildlife/species/endangered_species/state_list.htm), for species specific fact sheets.

The Federal Endangered Species Act requires actions authorized, funded, or carried out by federal agencies be reviewed by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. If your project occurs near an occurrence of the Atlantic Salmon, Roseate Tern, Piping Plover, Canada Lynx, New England Cottontail, Fubish's Lousewort, or Small-whorled Pagonia contact the Maine Field Office, USFWS, 1168 Main St., Old Town, ME 04468.

 Rare Plant Locations

Known rare, threatened, or endangered plant occurrences are based on field observations. Consult with a Maine Natural Areas Program (MNAP) Ecologist to determine conservation needs of particular species. For more information regarding rare plants, the complete list of tracked species and fact sheets for those species can be found at: <http://www.maine.gov/doc/nrimc/mnap/features/plantlist.htm>

 Rare or Exemplary Natural Community Locations

The MNAP has classified and distinguished 98 different natural community types that collectively cover the state's landscape. These include such habitats as floodplain forests, coastal bogs, alpine summits, and many others. Each type is assigned a rarity rank of 1 (rare through 5 (common)). Mapped rare natural communities or ecosystems, or exemplary examples of common natural communities or ecosystems, are based on field surveys and aerial photo interpretation. Consult with an MNAP Ecologist to determine conservation needs of particular communities or ecosystems.

 Roseate Tern Nesting Area or  
Piping Plover-Least Tern Nesting, Feeding, & Brood-Rearing Area


Maine's Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife (MDIFW, [www.state.me.us/ifw](http://www.state.me.us/ifw)) maps areas currently or historically providing habitat essential to the conservation of endangered or threatened species as directed by the Maine Endangered Species Act (12 MRSA, Chapter 925, Subchapter 3, Sections 12804 and 12806) and regulations (MDIFW Rules, Chapter 8.05). Identification of Essential Habitat areas is based on species observations and confirmed habitat use. If a project occurs partly or wholly within an Essential Habitat, it must be evaluated by MDIFW before state and/or municipal permits can be approved or project activities can take place.

 Candidate Deer Wintering Area


Forested area possibly used by deer for shelter during periods of deep snow and cold temperatures. Assessing the current value of a deer wintering area requires on-site investigation and verification by IF&W staff. Locations depicted should be considered as approximate only.


 Inland Waterfowl / Wading Bird

Freshwater breeding, migration/staging, and wintering habitats for inland waterfowl or breeding, feeding, loafing, migration, or roosting habitats for inland wading birds.


 Seabird Nesting Island

An island, ledge, or portion thereof in tidal waters with documented, nesting seabirds or suitable nesting habitat for endangered seabirds.

 **Shorebird Areas**  
Coastal staging areas that provide feeding habitat like tidal mud flats or roosting habitat like gravel bars or sand spits for migrating shorebirds

 Tidal Waterfowl / Wading Bird

Breeding, migrating/staging, or wintering areas for coastal waterfowl or breeding, feeding, loafing, migrating, or roosting areas for coastal wading birds. Tidal Waterfowl/Wading Bird habitats include aquatic beds, eelgrass, emergent wetlands, mudflats, seaweed communities, and reefs.

 Significant Vernal Pools

A pool depression used for breeding by amphibians and other indicator species and that portion of the critical terrestrial habitat within 250 ft of the spring or fall high water mark. A vernal pool must have the following characteristics: natural origin, nonpermanent hydroperiod, lack permanently flowing inlet or outlet, and lack predatory fish.

Maine's Natural Resources Protection Act (NRPA, 1988) is administered by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP; <http://www.maine.gov/dep/blwq/docstand/nrpape.htm>) and is intended to prevent further degradation and loss of natural resources in the state, including the above Significant Wildlife Habitats that have been mapped by MDIFW. MDEP has regulatory authority over most Significant Wildlife Habitat types. The regional MDEP office should be consulted when considering a project in these areas.

## Atlantic Salmon Rearing Habitat

Atlantic Salmon Spawning Habits

Atlantic Salmon Limited Spawning

Mapped by Atlantic Salmon Commission (ASC) and  
 the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture

Ducktrap, East Machias, Machias, Pleasant, Narraguagus, and Sheepscot Rivers.

**DATA SOURCE INFORMATION**  
TOWNSHIP BOUNDARIES  
Maine Office of GIS. *Mtewp24* (2013)  
ROADS  
Maine Office of GIS. Maine Department of Transportation: *Medotpub* (2013)  
HYDROLOGY  
U.S. Geological Survey National Hydrology Dataset (NHD) Maine (2012)  
DEVELOPED  
Maine Office of GIS. Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, and multiple other agencies: *Impres* (2011)  
ESSENTIAL & SIGNIFICANT WILDLIFE HABITATS  
Maine Office of GIS. Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife: *DWA, ETSC, Eshplvtn, Eshwrn, IWWF, SR, Shorebird, TFWW&W* (2003-2013)  
RARE NATURAL COMMUNITIES & PLANTS  
Maine Natural Areas Program: *MNAP*. *es* (2013)  
ATLANTIC SALMON HABITAT  
Maine Office of GIS. Maine Atlantic Salmon Commission. U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service: *Ashab3* (2013)

#### DATA SOURCE CONTACT INFORMATION

Maine Natural Areas Program: <http://www.maine.gov/doc/hrimc/mnap/>  
Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife: <http://www.maine.gov/ifw/>  
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Gulf of Maine Program: <http://gulfofmaine.fws.gov>  
Maine Atlantic Salmon Commission: <http://www.maine.gov/ascl/>  
Maine Department of Transportation: <http://www.maine.gov/mdot/>

## DIGITAL DATA REQUEST

[http://www.beginningwithhabitat.org/the\\_maps/gis\\_data\\_request.html](http://www.beginningwithhabitat.org/the_maps/gis_data_request.html)