Glossary, Acronyms and Species Names



 $Spider\ webs\ in\ the\ grasslands$

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Glossary

adaptive management	a process in which projects are implemented within a framework of scientifically driven experiments to test predictions and assumptions outlined within the comprehensive conservation plan. The analysis of the outcome of project implementation helps managers determine whether current management should continue as is or whether it should be modified to achieve desired conditions.	
abiotic	nonliving; a physical feature of the environment such as climate, temperature, geology, soils.	
avullium	an unconsolidated accumulation of stream-deposited sediments, often including sands, silts, clays, or gravels.	
alternative	a set of objectives and strategies needed to achieve refuge goals and the desired future condition.	
ambient	of the surrounding area or outside environment.	
anadromous fish	fish that spend a large portion of their life cycle in the ocean and return to freshwater to breed.	
appropriate use approved acquisition boundary	 a proposed or existing use on a refuge that meets at least one of the following three conditions: 1. The use is a wildlife-dependent one; 2. The use contributes to fulfilling the refuge purpose(s), the System mission, or goals or objectives described in a refuge management plan approved after October 9, 1997, the date the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act was signed into law; or 3. The use has been determined appropriate as specified in section 1.11 of that act. a project boundary that the Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service approves upon completion of the planning and environmental compliance process. An approved acquisition boundary only designates those lands that the Service has authority to acquire or manage through various agreements. The approval of an acquisition boundary, and it does not make lands within the refuge boundary part of the National Wildlife Refuge System. Lands do not become part of the Refuge System until the Service buys them or they are placed under an agreement that provides for their management as part of the Refuge System. 	
avian	of or having to do with birds.	
basin	the surrounding land that drains into a water body.	
best management practice	land management practices that produce desired results (usually describing forestry or agricultural practices effective in reducing non-point source pollution.	
biological diversity	the variety of life forms and its processes, including the variety of living organisms, the genetic differences among them, and the communities and ecosystems in which they occur.	

biological integrity	biotic composition, structure, and functioning at genetic, organism, and community levels comparable with historic conditions, including natural biological processes that shape genomes, organisms, and communities.	
bird conservation region	ecologically distinct regions in North America with similar bird communities, habitats, and resource management issues.	
brackish	brackish water is water that is more salty than freshwater, but less salty that seawater. It is generally defined as water with a salinity of 0.5 to 30 dissolved salts parts per thousand.	
buffer	lands bordering water bodies that reduce runoff and nonpoint source pollution.	
canopy	the layer of foliage formed by the crowns of trees in a stand. For stands with trees of different heights, foresters often distinguish among the upper, middle and lower canopy layers. These represent foliage on tall, medium, and short trees. The uppermost layers are called the overstory.	
categorical exclusion	a category of Federal agency actions that do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment.	
compatible use	a wildlife-dependent recreational use, or any other use on a refuge that will not materially interfere with or detract from the fulfillment of the mission of the Service or the purposes of the refuge.	
compatibility determinations	a required determination for wildlife-dependent recreational uses or any public uses of a refuge.	
Comprehensive Conservation Plan	a document that describes the desired future conditions of the refuge, and specifies management direction to achieve refuge goals and the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System.	
community	a distinct assemblage of plants that develops on sites characterized by particular climates and soils, and the species and populations of wild animals that depend on the plants for food, cover and/or nesting.	
cover type	the current vegetation of an area.	
cultural resource	those parts of the physical environment—natural and built—that have cultural values to some sociocultural group or institution. Cultural resources include historic sites, archaeological sites and associated artifacts, sacred sites, buildings, and structures.	
diameter at breast height	(dbh)—the diameter of the stem of tree measure at breast height (usually 4.5 feet above the ground). The term is commonly used by foresters to describe tree size.	
disturbance	a disruption in the natural plant succession of a community or ecosystem resulting in a new community.	

early successional habitat	Succession is the gradual replacement of one plant community by another. In a forested ecosystem, tree cover can be temporarily displaced by natural or human disturbance (e.g., flooding by beaver, or logging). The open environments created by removal of tree cover are referred to as "early-successional" habitats because as time passes, trees will return. The open conditions occur "early" in the sequence of plant communities that follow disturbance. We define <i>early</i> <i>successional forest</i> in this CCP as: the shrub-sapling stage; 0 to 20 years old.	
ecological integrity	native species populations in their historic variety and numbers naturally interacting in naturally structured biotic communities. For communities, integrity is governed by demographics of component species, intactness of landscape-level ecological processes (e.g., natural fire regime), and intactness of internal community processes (e.g., pollination).	
ecological succession	the orderly progression of an area through time in the absence of disturbance from one vegetative community to another.	
ecoregion	a territory defined by a combination of biological, social, and geographic criteria, rather than geopolitical considerations; generally, a system of related, interconnected ecosystems.	
ecosystem	a dynamic and interrelated complex of plant and animal communities and their associated non-living environment.	
emergent marsh	wetlands dominated by erect, rooted, herbaceous plants.	
endangered species	any species of plant or animal defined through the Endangered Species Act as being in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant portion of its range, and published in the <i>Federal Register</i> .	
Environmental Assessment	a systematic analysis to determine if proposed actions would result in a significant effect on the quality of the environment.	
environmental health	the composition, structure, and functioning of soil, water, air, and other abiotic features comparable with historic conditions, including the natural abiotic processes that shape the environment.	
exotic species	a species that is not native to an area and has been introduced intentionally or unintentionally by humans.	
extinction	the termination of existence of a lineage of organisms (e.g., a subspecies or species.	
federally-listed species	a species listed either as endangered, threatened, or species at risk (formerly a "candidate" species) under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended.	
fragmentation	the process of reducing the size and connectivity of habitat patches; the disruption of extensive habitats into isolated and small patches.	
geographic information system	a computer system capable of storing and manipulating spatial mapping data; more commonly referred to by the acronym GIS.	

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goals	descriptive statements of desired future conditions.	
habitat	the sum of environmental factors—food, water, cover, and space—that each species needs to survive and reproduce in an area.	
hectare	equal to 2.47 acres.	
historic conditions	the composition, structure, and functioning of ecosystems resulting from natural processes that we believe, based on sound professional judgment, were present prior to substantial human-related changes to the landscape.	
impoundment	a body of water, such as a pond, confined by a dam, dike, floodgate, or other barrier, that is used to collect and hold water.	
interjurisdictional fish	populations of fish that are managed by two or more State or national or tribal governments because of the scope of their geographic distributions or migrations.	
invasive species	a non-native species whose introduction causes or is likely to cause economic or environmental harm or harm to human health.	
issue	any unsettled matter that requires a management decision. For example, a resource management problem, concern, a threat to natural resources, a conflict in uses, or in the presence of an undesirable resource condition.	
marl	An unconsolidated sedimentary rock or soil consisting of clay and lime.	
migratory bird	a bird species that migrates between wintering and breeding grounds.	
National Wildlife Refuge System	all lands, waters, and interests therein administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as wildlife refuges, wildlife ranges, wildlife management areas, waterfowl production areas, and other areas for the protection and conservation of fish, wildlife and plant resources.	
nonpoint source pollution	a diffuse form of water quality degradation in which wastes are not released at one specific, identifiable point but from a number of points that are spread out and difficult to identify and control.	
objectives	actions to be accomplished to achieve a desired outcome or goal. Objectives are more specific, and generally more measurable, than goals.	
oligohaline	brackish water with between 0.5 and 3.0 parts per million salinity.	
physiographic area	a bird conservation planning unit with relatively uniform vegetative communities, bird populations, and species assemblages, as well as land use and conservation issues, developed by Partners in Flight.	
point source pollution	a source of pollution that involves discharge of waste from an identifiable point, such as a smokestack or sewage-treatment plant.	
preferred alternative	the Service's selected alternative identified in the Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan.	

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prescribed burning/fire	the application of fire to wildland fuels, either by natural or intentional ignition, to achieve identified land use objectives.	
priority public use	a compatible wildlife-dependent recreational use of a refuge involving hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and photography, or environmental education and interpretation.	
range	the geographic area within which a particular species is found.	
restoration	management of a disturbed or degraded habitat that results in the recovery of its original state (e.g., restoration may involve planting native species, removing invasive shrubs, prescribed burning).	
riparian	relating the floodplains, banks, and terraces that line rivers.	
riparian area	habitat along the banks of a stream, river, or wetland.	
scoping	a process for determining the scope of issues to be addressed by a comprehensive conservation plan and for identifying the significant issues. Involved in the scoping process are Federal, state, and local agencies; private organizations; and individuals.	
shifting mosaic	an interconnected patchwork of distinct vegetation types that may shift across the land surface as a result of dynamic ecosystem processes, such as periodic wildfire or flooding.	
spawn	the act of reproduction of fishes—the mixing of the sperm from the male fish and the eggs of a female fish.	
special use permit	a permit authorized by the refuge manager for an activity that is not usually available to the general public.	
species	a distinctive kind of plant or animal having distinguishable characteristics, and that can interbreed and produce young. In taxonomy, a category of biological classification that refers to one or more populations of similar organisms that can reproduce with each other but is reproductively isolated from—that is, incapable of interbreeding with—all other kinds of organisms.	
species richness	a simple measure of species diversity calculated as the total number of species in a habitat or community.	
stand	an easily defined area of the forest that is relatively uniform in species composition or age and can be managed as a single unit.	
stopover habitat	habitat where birds rest and feed during migration. Also called staging area.	
strategies	a general approach or specific actions to achieve objectives.	
structure	the horizontal and vertical arrangement of trees and other vegetation having different sizes, resulting in different degrees of canopy layering, tree heights, and diameters within a stand.	

succession	the natural, sequential change of species composition of a community in a given area.	
terrestrial	living on land.	
threatened species	those plant or animal species likely to become endangered species throughout all of or a significant portion of their range within the foreseeable future. A plant or animal identified and defined in accordance with the 1973 Endangered Species Act and published in the <i>Federal Register</i> .	
torpor	a state of decreased activity in an animal, usually short-term, often characterized by a reduced body temperature and rate of metabolism.	
trust resources	national resources entrusted by Congress to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for conservation and protection. These "trust resources" include migratory birds, federally listed endangered and threatened species, inter-jurisdictional fishes, wetlands, and certain marine mammals.	
understory	the lower layer of vegetation in a stand, which may include short trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants.	
vernal pool	depressions holding water for a temporary period in spring and other high water periods, and in which several species of amphibians lay eggs.	
water rights	the right of a user to use water from a source such as a river, stream, pond, or groundwater source.	
watershed	the geographic area within which water drains into a particular river, stream, or body of water. A watershed includes both the land and the body of water into which the land drains.	
Wilderness Area	An area designated by Congress as part of the National Wilderness Preservation System.	
wilderness study area	Lands and waters identified by inventory as meeting the definition of wilderness and being evaluated for a recommendation that they be included in the Wilderness System.	
wildfire	an unplanned, unwanted wildland fires including unauthorized human-caused fires, escaped wildland fires, escaped prescribed fires, and all other wildland fires where the objective is to put the fire out.	
wildland fire	any non-structure fire that occurs in the wildland. Three distinct types of wildlife fire have been defined and include wildfire, wildland fire use, and prescribed fire.	
wildlife-dependent recreation	A use of a Refuge involving hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, wildlife photography, environmental education, or interpretation. The National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 specifies that these are the six priority general public uses of the National Wildlife Refuge System.	

Acronyms and Abbreviations

ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act	
Bay Act	Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act	
BCR	Bird Conservation Region	
C	Celsius	
CBGN	Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network	
ССР	Comprehensive Conservation Plan	
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations	
cm	Centimeter	
EA	Environmental Assessment	
Ecology School	James River Ecology School	
EIS	Environmental Impact Assessment	
EO Strategy	Strategy for Protecting and Restoring the Chesapeake Bay	
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency	
F	Fahrenheit	
FONSI	Finding of No Significant Impact	
GIS	Geographic Information System	
НМР	Habitat Management Plan	
HUC	Hydrologic Unit Code	
IPCC	International Panel on Climate Change	
JRA	James River Association	
kg	Kilogram	
km	Kilometer	
kph	Kilometers per Hour	
lb	Pound	
LEED	Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design	
Lidar	Light Detection and Ranging	
m	Meter	
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding	
mph	Miles per Hour	
MSA	Metropolitan Statistical Area	

NASA	National Aeronautics and Space Administration
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NHT	National Historic Trail
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NPS	National Park Service
NWR	National Wildlife Refuge
ppm	Parts per Million
Refuge	Presquile National Wildlife Refuge
Refuge System	National Wildlife Refuge System
RHPO	Regional Historic Preservation Officer
RONS	Refuge Operations Needs System
SAMMS	Service Asset Maintenance Management System
SAV	Submerged Aquatic Vegetation
Service	United States Fish and Wildlife Service
SHPO	State Historic Preservation Office
SLAMM	Sea-Level Affecting Marshes Model
TMDL	Total Maximum Daily Load
TNC	The Nature Conservancy
μm	Micron
U.S.	United States
USACE	United States Army Corps of Engineers
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
USFWS	United States Fish and Wildlife Service
USGS	United States Geological Survey
VCU	Virginia Commonwealth University
VDCR	Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation
VDEQ	Virginia Department of Environmental Quality
VDGIF	Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries
yr	Year

List of Species and their Scientific Names

Common Name	Scientific Name
Alewife	$A losa\ pseudoharengus$
Alewife floater mussel	Anodonta implicata
American beaver	Castor canadensis
American beech	Fagus grandifolia
American bittern	Botaurus lentiginosus
American black duck	Anas rubripes
American brook lamprey	Lampetra appendix
American coot	Fulica americana
American eel	Anguilla rostrata
American goldfinch	Spinus tristis
American robin	Turdus migratorius
American shad	Alosa sapidissima
American snout	Libytheana carinenta
American sycamore	Plantanus occidentalis
American wigeon	Anas americana
American woodcock	Scolopax minor
Arrow arum	Peltandra virginica
Asian longhorn beetle	Anoplophora glabripennis
Atlantic sturgeon	Acipenser oxyrinchus
Bald cypress	Taxodium distichum
Bald eagle	Haliaeetus leucocephalus
Banded sunfish	Enneacanthus obesus
Barking treefrog	Hyla gratiosa
Barn owl	Tyto alba
Bay-breasted warbler	Setophaga castanea
Big bluet damselfly	Enallagma durum
Black and white warbler	Mniotilta varia
Black cherry	Prunus serotina
Black gum	Nyssa sylvatica
Black locust	Robinia pseudoacacia
Black racer	Coluber constrictor constrictor

Common Name	Scientific Name
Blackburnian warbler	Setophaga fusca
Black-crowned night heron	Nycticorax nycticorax
Blister beetle	Meloidae spp.
Blue goose	Chen caerulescens
Blue jay	Cyanocitta cristata
Bluegill	Lepomis macrochirus
Blue-gray gnatcatcher	Polioptila caerulea
Blue-winged teal	Anas discors
Bonaparte's gull	Chroicocephalus philadelphia
Bridle shiner	Notropis bifrenatus
Brown thrasher	Toxostoma rufum
Brown water snake	Nerodia taxispilota
Brown-headed nuthatch	Sitta pusilla
Bufflehead	Bucephala albeola
Cabbage white	Pieris rapae
Cackling goose	Branta hutchinsii
Canada goose	Branta canadensis
Canada thistle	Cirsium arvense
Canvasback	Aythya valisineria
Carolina wren	Thryothorus ludovicianus
Carpgrass	Arthraxon hispidus
Channel catfish	Ictalurus punctatus
Checkered white	Pontia protodice
Chestnut-sided warbler	Setophaga pensylvanica
Chimney swift	Chaetura pelagica
Chinese privet	Ligustrum sinense
Clovers	Trifolium spp.
Common buckeye	Junonia coenia
Common loon	Gavia immer
Common merganser	Mergus merganser
Common reed	Phragmites australis
Common yellowthroat	Geothlypis trichas
Copes' gray treefrog	Hyla chrysoscelis
Cotton mouse	Peromyscus gossypinus

Common Name	Scientific Name
Crab grass	Digitaria spp.
Creamflower tick-trefoil	Desmodium ochroleucum
Double-crested cormorant	Phalacrocorax auritus
Dunlin	Chaldris alpina
Eastern big-eared bat	Corynorhinus rafinesquii macrotis
Eastern bluebird	Sialia sialis
Eastern box turtle	Terrapene carolina carolina
Eastern cottontail rabbit	Sylvilagus floridanus
Eastern garter snake	Thamnophis sirtalis
Eastern hog-nosed snake	Heterodon platirhinos
Eastern kingbird	Tyrannus tyrannus
Eastern mole king snake	Lampropeltis calligaster
Eastern painted turtle	Chrysemys picta picta
Eastern red cedar	Juniperus virginiana
Eastern red-eared slider	Trachemys scripta elegans
Eastern spadefoot toad	Scaphiopus holbrookii
Eastern tailed-blue	Cupido comyntas
Eastern towhee	Pipilo erythrophthalmus
Eastern whip-poor-will	Caprimulgus vociferus
Eastern worm snake	Carphophis amoenus
Emerald ash borer	Agrilus planipennis Fairmaire
European privet	Ligustrum vulgare
European starling	Sturnus vulgaris
Fescue grass	Festuca spp.
Field sparrow	Spizella pusilla
Five-lined skink	Eumeces fasciatus
Forster's tern	Sterna forsteri
Fowler's toad	Bufo fowleri
Gadwall	Anas strepera
Gizzard shad	Dorosoma cepedianum
Glossy crayfish snake	Regina rigida rigida
Grasshopper sparrow	Ammodramus savannarum
Gray catbird	Dumetella carolinensis
Gray squirrel	Sciurus carolinensis

Common Name	Scientific Name
Great blue heron	Ardea herodias
Great egret	Ardea alba
Greater black-backed gull	Larus marinus
Greater scaup	Aythya marila
Greater yellowlegs	Tringa melanoleuca
Green ash	Fraxinus pennsylvanica
Green frog	Rana clamitans
Green floater mussel	Lasmigonoa subviridis
Green heron	Butorides striatus
Green June beetle	Cotinis nitida
Green tree frog	Hyla cinera
Green-winged teal	Anas crecca
Gypsy moth	Lymantria dispar
Hackberry	Celtis occidentalis
Hackberry emperor	Asterocampa celtis
Herring gull	Larus argentatus
Hibiscus bee	Ptilothrix bombiformis
Hickory shad	Alosa mediocris
Hooded merganser	Lophodytes cucullatus
Horned grebe	Podiceps auritus
Indigo bunting	Passerina cyanea
Japanese honeysuckle	Lonicera japonica
Japanese stilt-grass	Microstegium vimineum
Johnsongrass	Sorghum halepense
Kentucky warbler	Oporornis formosus
King rail	Rallus elegans
Killdeer	Charadrius vociferous
Largemouth bass	Micropterus salmoides
Laughing gull	Larus atricilla
Leafcutter bee	Megachile spp.
Least brook lamprey	Lampetra aepyptera
Least sandpiper	Calidris minutilla
Least skipper	Ancyloxypha numitor
Lesser black-backed gull	Larus fuscus

Common Name	Scientific Name
Lesser scaup	Aythya affinis
Little blue heron	Egretta caerulea
Little brown bat	Myotis lucifugus
Loblolly pine	Pinus taeda
Loggerhead shrike	Lanius ludovicianus
Louisiana waterthrush	Seiurus motacilla
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos
Marsh dewflower	Murdannia keisak
Marsh rabbit	Sylvilagus palustris Bachman
Marsh senna	Chamaecrista fasciculata var. macrosperma
Monarch	Danaus plexippus
Moth species	Caenurgina spp.
Mourning dove	Zenaida macroura
Mud sunfish	Acantharcus pomotis
Muskrat	Ondatra zibethicus
Northern bobwhite	Colinus virginianus
Northern cardinal	Cardinalis cardinalis
Northern diamond-backed terrapin	Malaclemys terrapin terrapin
Northern harrier	Circus cyaneus
Northern pintail	Anas acuta
Northern shoveler	Anas clypeata
Oak species	Quercus spp.
Ohio shrimp	Macrobrachium ohione
Orange sulphur	Colias eurytheme
Orchard grass	Dactylis glomerata
Pearl crescent	Phyciodes tharos
Peregrine falcon	Falco peregrinus
Perennial ryegrass	Lolium perenne
Pied-billed grebe	Podilymbus podiceps
Pine warbler	Dendroica pinus
Pipevine swallowtail	Battus philenor
Potter wasps	Euodynerus spp.
Prairie warbler	Dendroica discolor
Prothonotary warbler	Protonotaria citrea

Common Name	Scientific Name
Purple loosestrife	Lythrum salicaria
Raccoon	Procyon lotor
Rare skipper	Problema bulenta
Red admiral	Vanessa atalanta
Red fox	Vulpes vulpes
Red maple	Acer rubrum
Red shouldered hawk	Buteo platypterus
Red-bellied woodpecker	Melanerpes carolinus
Red-breasted merganser	Mergus serrator
Redhead	Aythya americana
Red-winged blackbird	Agelaius phoeniceus
Rice cutgrass	Leersia oryzoides
Ring-billed gull	Larus delawarensis
Ring-necked duck	Aythya collaris
River birch	Betula nigra
Ross's goose	Chen rossii
Ruddy duck	Oxyura jamaicensis
Rusty blackbird	Euphagus carolinus
Salt marsh cordgrass	Spartina spp.
Savannah sparrow	Passerculus sandwichensis
Scarlet tanager	Piranga olivacea
Sensitive joint-vetch	Aeschynomene virginica
Sidewalk tiger beetle	Cicindela punctulata
Silverspotted skipper	Epargyreus clarus
Silvery checkerspot	Chlosyne nycteis
Smallmouth bass	Micropterus dolomieu
Snapping turtle	Chelydra serpentine
Snow goose	Chen caerulescens
Song sparrow	Melospiza melodia
Sora	Porzana carolina
Southeastern fox squirrel	Sciurus niger niger
Southeastern myotis	Myotis austroriparius Rhodes
Southern leopard frog	$Lithobates\ sphenocephalus\ utricularius$
Southern pine beetle	Dendroctonus frontalis Zimmermann

Common Name	Scientific Name
Southern red oak	Quercus falcata
Spicebush swallowtail	Papilio troilus
Spotted sandpiper	Actitis macularia
Spotted turtle	Clemmys guttata
Spring peeper	Hyla crucifer
Striped bass	Morone saxatilis
Striped skunk	Mephitis mephitis
Surf scoter	Melanitta perspicillata
Tidewater interstitial amphipod	Stygobromus araeus
Tennessee warbler	Oreothlypis peregrina
Tobacco budworm	Heliothis viresicans
Tree of heaven	Ailanthus altissima
Tricolored heron	Egretta tricolor
Tufted titmouse	Baeolophus bicolor
Tundra swan	Cygnus columbianus
Variegated fritillary	Euptoieta claudia
Velvet ant	Dasymutilla spp.
Virginia least trillium	Trillium pusillum var. virginianum
Virginia rail	Rallus limicola
White oak	Quercus alba
White perch	Morone americana
White-tailed deer	Odocoileus virginianus
White-throated sparrow	Zonotrichia albicollis
Wild rice	Zizania aquatica
Wild turkey	Meleagris gallopavo
Willow flycatcher	$Empidonax\ traillii$
Wilson's snipe	Gallinago delicata
Winter wren	Troglodytes hiemalis
Wood duck	Aix sponsa
Wood thrush	Hylocichla mustelina
Woodchuck	Marmota monax
Worm-eating warbler	Helmitheros vermivorum
Yellow lampmussel	Lampsilis cariosa
Yellow lance	Elliptio lanceolata