

Hierarchical classification of natural communities within the Palustrine System

Sub-System	Community Group	Community Sub-group	Community Type
Non-Forested	Marshes/Wet Meadows	N/A	Coastal Interdunal Marsh Swale
			Deep Emergent Marsh
			Shallow Emergent Marsh
	Pondshores/Lakeshores	N/A	Wet Meadow
			Kettlehole Wet Meadow
			Inland Acidic Pondshore/Lakeshore
	Riversides/Streamsides	N/A	Coastal Plain Pondshore
Calcareous Pondshore/Lakeshore			
Shrub Swamps	N/A	Mud Flat	
		Low-Energy Riverbank	
Peatlands (Bogs & Fens)	N/A	Riverside Seep	
		High-Energy Riverbank	
		Riverine Pointbar and Beach	
Vernal Pools	N/A	Shrub Swamp	
		Calcareous Peatlands	
		Acidic Peatlands	Calcareous Sloping Fen
			Calcareous Seepage Marsh
			Calcareous Basin Fen
			Acidic Graminoid Fen
			Acidic Shrub Fen
			Sea-Level Fen
			Level Bog
			Kettlehole Level Bog
			Highbush Blueberry Thicket
			Woodland Vernal Pool

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Forested	Conifer Dominated	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hemlock-Hardwood Swamp Coastal Atlantic White Cedar Swamp Inland Atlantic White Cedar Swamp Alluvial Atlantic White Cedar Swamp Atlantic White Cedar Bog Spruce – Tamarack Bog Spruce – Fir Boreal Swamp Northern Atlantic White Cedar Swamp
	Hardwood Dominated	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Red Maple Swamp Alluvial Red Maple Swamp Small-River Floodplain Forest Black Ash Swamp High-Terrace Floodplain Forest Black Ash – Red maple – Tamarack Calcareous Seepage Black Gum – Pin Oak – Swamp White Oak “Perched” Swamp Black Gum Swamp Major-River Floodplain Forest Transitional Floodplain Forest Cobble Bar Forest

