

Hierarchical classification of natural communities within the Terrestrial System

Sub-System	Community Group	Community Sub-group	Community Type
Open	Rock Substrate	Summits and Rock Outcrops	Riverside Rock Outcrop Serpentine Outcrop Acidic Rocky Summit/Rock Outcrop Calcareous Rocky Summit/Rock Outcrop Circumneutral Rocky Summit/Rock Outcrop
		Rock Cliff	Maritime Rock Cliff Calcareous Rock Cliff Acidic Rock Cliff Circumneutral Rock Cliff
	Unconsolidated Substrate	N/A	Maritime Erosional Cliff Maritime Beach Strand Maritime Dune

Herbaceous	N/A	N/A	Sandplain Grassland Cultural Grassland Dry Riverside Bluff

Shrub	N/A	N/A	Sandplain Heathland Maritime Shrubland Maritime Pitch Pine on Dunes Maritime Juniper Woodland/Shrubland Scrub Oak Shrubland Pitch Pine-Scrub Oak Ridgetop Pitch Pine-Scrub Oak

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Forest/Woodland	Talus Forest/Woodland	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Circumneutral Talus Forest/Woodland Calcareous Talus Forest/Woodland Acidic Talus Forest/Woodland
	Conifer Forest/Woodland	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hemlock Ravine Successional White Pine High Elevation Spruce – Fir Forest
	Mixed Coniferous-Deciduous Forest/Woodland	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spruce – Fir Northern Hardwood Forest Oak – Hemlock – White Pine Forest Northern Hardwoods – Hemlock – White Pine White Pine – Oak Forest Maritime Juniper Woodland/Shrubland Pitch Pine – Oak Forest Maritime Oak-Holly Forest/Woodland Coastal Forest/Woodland
	Deciduous Forest/Woodland	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calcareous Forest Seep Forest Seep Yellow Oak Dry Calcareous Forest Hickory – Hop-hornbeam Forest/Woodland Red Oak – Sugar Maple Transition Forest Rich, Mesic Forest Dry, Rich Acidic Oak Forest Successional Northern Hardwoods Forest Ridgetop Chestnut Oak Forest/Woodland Oak – Hickory Forest Black Oak – Scarlet Oak Forest/Woodland Mixed Oak Forest

