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Ecological and Cultural Field Guide to the Habitats of Columbia County, NY.

Preface

Goal of this guide

The Living Land Project: how the data were gathered.

Background

The Physical Foundation: Columbia County general topography, geology, soils, hydrology and climate.

The Ecological Palette: Generalized discussion of county ecology and biogeography.

The Human Overlay: General description of county history in relation to human land use; the human role in creating and destroying habitats.

Biodiversity & Conservation

Biodiversity results

Current activities impacting biodiversity

Stewardship suggestions

Factors affecting human perception of the land.

Use value

Emotional Value

Access

How to use this guide

Habitats as 'soft' categories

Habitat key

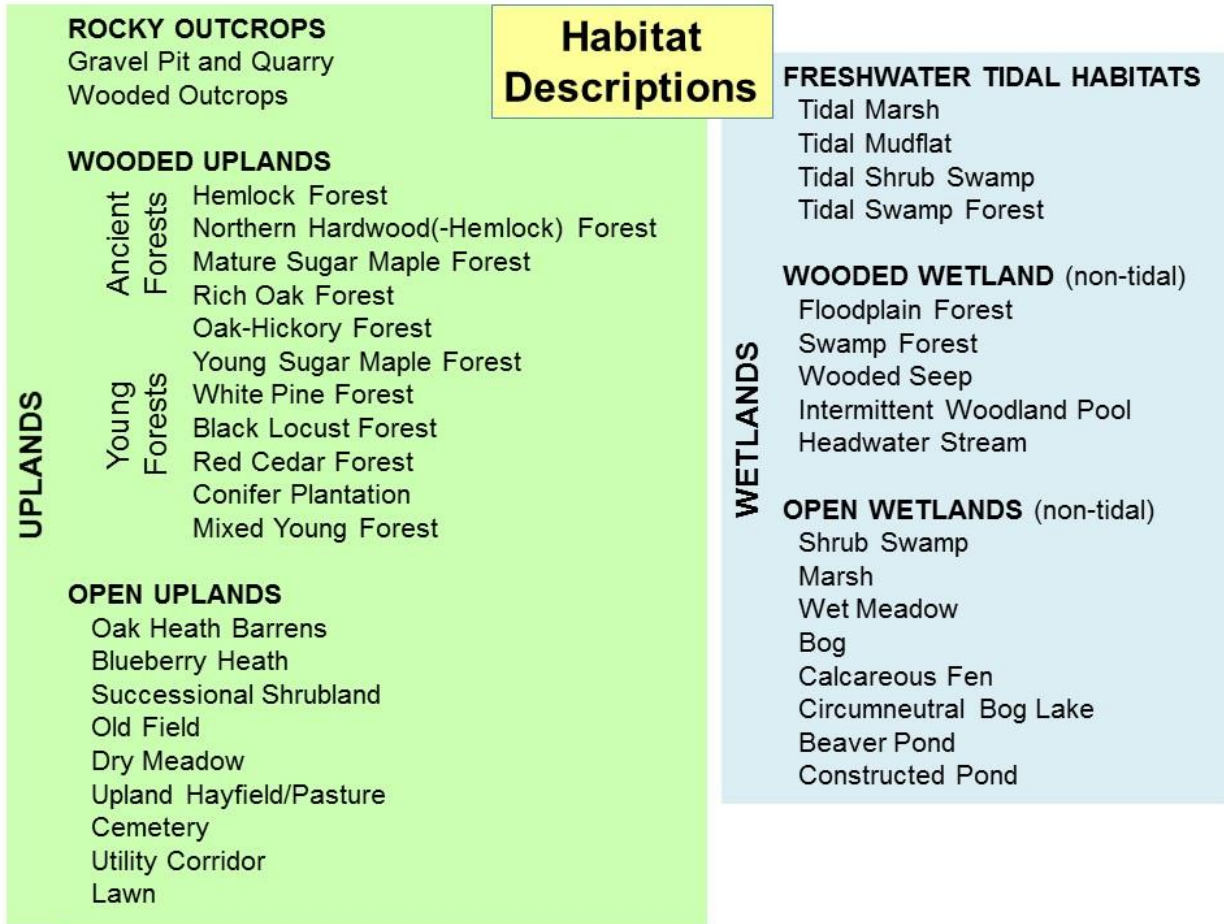
Icon descriptions

Habitat description sections

Habitats

Section Introductions

Habitat Descriptions (see outline below)



Appendices

Common/scientific names of organisms and their native/non-native and rarity status.

A classification cross-walk (i.e., how does our habitat classification compare to that of others)

Names & addresses of regional organizations that can help with land conservation/management

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