

Criteria Definitions

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D3	Representatives of Rare or Unique Habitat Types.	<p>The site is one of the 2 or 3 most important places representing a rare or unique habitat type. It supports significant populations of unique or unusual avian assemblages because they are in a habitat or community type that is rare, threatened, or unusual within the state, or an unusually diverse or dense assemblage of the typical avian breeders in that particular habitat. Selection of sites is based on avian assemblages within the habitat community types, not on the habitat community types alone.</p> <p>These are some of the habitat types to consider; however this is not an exhaustive list. A good diversity of species of state conservation concern (listed in D1) appropriate to the particular habitat would qualify a site for consideration. In addition, the following species may be considered as indicators of quality habitat: Common Snipe, Marsh Wren, Broad-winged Hawk, Black-and-white Warbler, Mourning Warbler, Hooded Warbler, American Redstart, Field Sparrow, Brown Thrasher.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>FOREST/WOODLAND</td> <td>WETLAND</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Upland forest/woodland of over 500 acres</td> <td>Marsh</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Floodplain forest</td> <td>Swamp</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SAVANNA</td> <td>Sedge Meadow</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Silt loam savanna</td> <td>BEACH</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sand savanna</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>PRAIRIE</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Grassland with shrubs</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Contiguous grassland of over 500 acres</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	FOREST/WOODLAND	WETLAND	Upland forest/woodland of over 500 acres	Marsh	Floodplain forest	Swamp	SAVANNA	Sedge Meadow	Silt loam savanna	BEACH	Sand savanna		PRAIRIE		Grassland with shrubs		Contiguous grassland of over 500 acres	
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D4i	Congregations of Single Species	This is one of the two or three most important sites for wintering Northern Harriers, Short-eared Owls, Red-headed Woodpeckers, Rusty Blackbirds, or other wintering species of conservation concern																		
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D4ii	Congregations of Waterfowl (Mixed Species)	Waterfowl species include: Anseriformes (swans, geese and ducks). 10,000 waterfowl at any one time, or 5,000 excluding mallards and Canada Geese at any one time.																		
D4iii	Congregations of Wading Birds (Mixed Species)	Wading Birds include: Ciconiiformes (herons, bitterns, storks, ibises and spoonbills.) 100 pairs of wading birds during the breeding season.																		
D4iv	Congregations of Seabirds/Other Colonial Waterbirds	It is not believed that this criterion will identify any sites in Illinois.																		
D4v	Congregations of Shorebirds (Mixed Species)	Shorebird Species include: Recurvirostridae, Charadriidae, Scolopacidae. 2,000 shorebirds at any one time.																		

D4vi	Congregations of Raptors (Mixed Species)	1,000 raptors total during one season
D4vii	Congregations of Migratory Land Birds (Mixed Species)	<p>The site is a regular migratory stopover or corridor for migratory landbirds (other than raptors). Sites nominated should contain exceptional numbers and or diversity of migratory landbirds. Concentrations refer to seasonal totals rather than those occurring over a brief period of time. Other evidence (number of species observed, landscape configuration, isolation from other appropriate habitat, etc.) will also be used to identify important stopover sites for migratory landbirds.</p> <p><i>Abundance</i> Annually holds very high density of migrant landbirds on multiple dates during migration, several times above numbers in similarly-sized comparable areas OR throughout spring or fall migration holds above average numbers of migrants compared to similarly-sized areas.</p> <p><i>Diversity</i> Annually has good counts of all regular species of warblers with significant counts of multiple species of less common species of warblers (e.g. <i>Oporornis</i>, <i>Wilsonia</i>, treetop <i>Dendroica</i>) OR annually has significant counts of migrant grassland-breeding sparrows.</p>

From more information about the bird conservation planning efforts that generated the target species lists, see the following sites:

Audubon Watchlist: <http://audubon2.org/webapp/watchlist/viewWatchlist.jsp>

US Fish and Wildlife Service Birds of Conservation Concern: <http://migratorybirds.fws.gov/reports/BCC2002.pdf>

Partners in Flight Bird Conservation Plans: <http://www.partnersinflight.org/pifbcps.htm>

For additional information on national planning efforts, see:

The North American Bird Conservation Initiative: <http://www.nabci.org/>

The U.S. Shorebird Conservation Plan: <http://shorebirdplan.fws.gov/>

The North American Waterbird Conservation Plan. Version 1: <http://www.nacwcp.org/>

North American Waterfowl Management Plan: <http://northamerican.fws.gov/NAWMP/nawmphp.htm>