

AMJV Focal Landscape Initiative: Virginia Highlands Focal Landscape

PRIORITIES

Habitats

1. Open Habitats
 - Types
 - i. Grasslands (Short/Long)
 - ii. Shale Barrens
 - iii. Limestone/Dolomite Glades
 - iv. Shrublands (Old Fields)
 - Species
 - i. Birds: Northern Bobwhite, Golden-winged Warbler, Peregrine Falcon, Loggerhead Shrike, Northern Harrier
 - ii. Other: Mountain Earthsnake, Monarch Butterfly, Rusty Patch Bumblebee
2. Forests
 - Types
 - i. High Elevation N. Hardwoods/Spruce
 - ii. Open Woodlands
 - iii. Oak-Hickory
 - iv. Pitch/Table Mountain Pine/Shortleaf
 - Species
 - i. Birds: Golden Eagle (Wintering), Cerulean Warbler, Wood Thrush, Canada Warbler, Black-billed Cuckoo, American Woodcock, Northern Saw-whet Owl, Ruffed Grouse, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Eastern Whip-poor-will, Red Crossbill, Kentucky Warbler
 - ii. Other: Timber Rattlesnake, Rusty Patch Bumblebee (also open habitat), Southern Rock Vole, Allegheny woodrat, Eastern spotted skunk, Fisher, Hibernating bats, Summer roosting bats
3. Aquatic Habitats
 - Types
 - i. Wetlands
 - ii. High Elevation Wetlands
 - iii. Low Elevation Wetlands
 - iv. Riverine
 - Species
 - i. Birds: Belted Kingfisher, Bank Swallow, Green Heron
 - ii. Other: Freshwater Mussels, Eastern Brook Trout, James Spiny mussel, Roughhead Shiner, Longfin Darter, Southern Water Shrew

Issues/Management Factors

1. Increasing Forest Structural and Age Diversity
2. Prescribed Fire
3. Invasive Species/Pests/Pathogens
4. Loss of Connectivity
5. Water Quality

Where to Focus Initial Efforts

Initial planning and conservation efforts are focused in two areas designated as Dynamic Forest Restoration Blocks. These will be the first areas in the focal landscape targeted for comprehensive planning and implementation efforts.

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