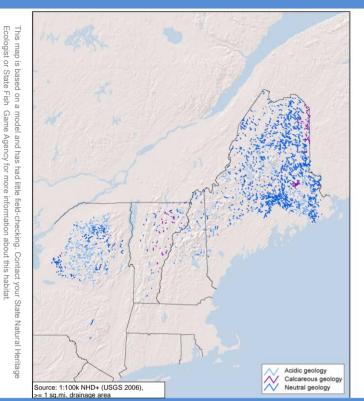
Low Gradient, Cold, Headwaters and Creeks



Macrogroup: Headwaters and Creeks



State Distribution: ME, NH, NY, VT

Total Habitat (mi): 4,114

% Con	served:	29.0 Un	it = Acres o	of 100m Rip	parian Buffer
State	State Habitat %	Miles of Habitat	Acres GAP 1 - 2	Acres GAP 3	Total Acres Unsecured
ME	72	2971	75	365	1837
NY	21	882	270	161	233
VT	4	147	6	11	93
NH	3	114	11	11	64



Description:

Cold, slow-moving, headwaters and creeks of flat, marshy settings. These small streams of northern regions or high elevations occur on flats or very gentle slopes in watersheds less than 39 sq.mi in size. The cold slow-moving waters may have high turbidity and be somewhat poorly oxygenated, although some examples may have significant groundwater inflow that maintains the cold temperature. Instream habitats are dominated by glidepool and ripple-dune systems with runs interspersed by pool and a few short or no distinct riffles. Bed materials are predominantly sands, silt, and only isolated amounts of gravel. These lowgradient streams may have high sinuosity but are usually only slightly entrenched with adjacent floodplain and riparian wetland ecosystems. Permanent cold water temperatures in these streams means coldwater fish species, such as brook trout, likely represent over half of the fish community. Additional variation in the stream biological community is associated with acidic, calcareous, and neutral geologic settings where the pH of the water will limit the distribution of certain macroinvertebrates, plants, and other aquatic biota. The habitat can be further subdivided into 1) headwaters that drain watersheds less than 4 sq.mi, and have an average bankfull width of 16 feet or 2) Creeks that include larger streams with watersheds up to 39 sq.mi. and have an average bankfull width of 32 feet.

Similar Habitat Types:

Headwaters and creeks also occur at lower elevations and on higher slopes, but these tend to have coarser substrates and faster water. Cold low gradient streams typically flow into low gradient cold and cool rivers.

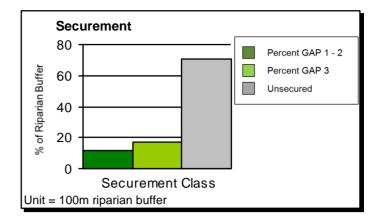
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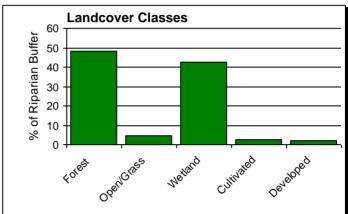
Kunjamuk River headwaters, Siamese Ponds | NY Mad River headwaters, East Branch Fish Creek Conservation Area | NY Willoughby River headwaters, Willoughby River Streambank | VT Stratton Brook, Bigelow Preserve | ME Swift Cambridge River headwaters, Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge | ME

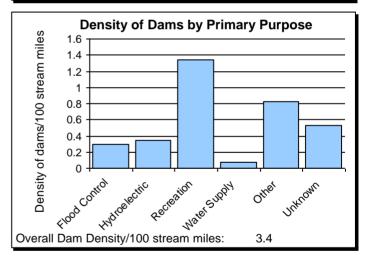
<u>Most Abundant:</u> brook trout, eastern blacknose dace, white sucker, fallfish, burbot, creek chub, longnose dace, american brook lamprey. <u>Less Abundant:</u> common shiner, slimy sculpin, threespine stickleback, smallmouth bass, longnose sucker, chain pickerel, tessellated darter, atlantic salmon, northern redbelly dace, spottail shiner, yellow perch.

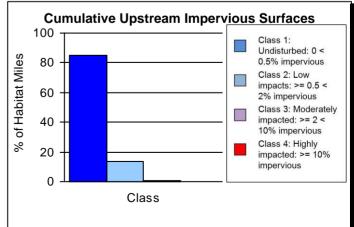
Species of Concern (G1 - G4):

<u>Fishes:</u> none <u>Crayfish, Mussels, and Snails:</u> brook floater See Appendix 2 for scientific names









Crosswalk to State Names:

<u>Vermont</u>: Blacknose dace-Creek chub, Tessellated darter-Fallfish. <u>New Hampshire</u>: Lower gradient cold-water streams; Very large, shallow, low gradient cold-water rivers (wadable). <u>New York</u>: Marsh headwater stream.

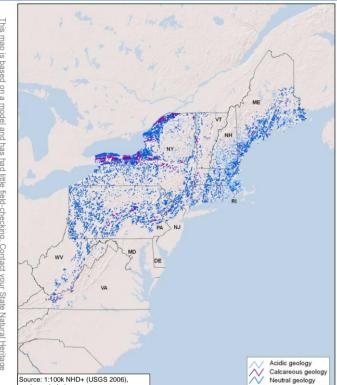


Low Gradient, Cool, Headwaters and Creeks



Shawsheen River, © John Phelar

Macrogroup: Headwaters and Creeks



State Distribution: CT, ME, MD, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT, VA,

Total Habitat	(mi):	16,579
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% Con	served:	11.5 Ur	nit = Acres o	f 100m Rip	barian Buffer
State	State Habitat %	Miles of Habitat	Acres GAP 1 - 2	Acres GAP 3	Total Acres Unsecured
NY	41	6830	94	325	4726
PA	19	3163	53	167	2142
ME	15	2419	65	119	1631
MA	9	1430	26	216	856
NH	5	792	22	113	470
СТ	4	643	27	50	403
WV	2	338	14	27	209
VT	2	294	5	26	190
NJ	2	272	35	6	167
VA	1	195	1	5	136
RI	1	145	6	25	80
MD	0	57	1	1	40



Description:

Cool, slow-moving, headwaters and creeks of low-moderate elevation flat, marshy settings. These small streams of moderate to low elevations occur on flats or very gentle slopes in watersheds less than 39 sq.mi in size. The cool slow-moving waters may have high turbidity and be somewhat poorly oxygenated. Instream habitats are dominated by glide-pool and ripple-dune systems with runs interspersed by pools and a few short or no distinct riffles. Bed materials are predominenly sands, silt, and only isolated amounts of gravel. These low-gradient streams may have high sinuosity but are usually only slightly entrenched with adjacent floodplain and riparian wetland ecosystems. Cool water temperatures in these streams means the fish community contains a higher proportion of cool and warm water species relative to coldwater species. Additional variation in the stream biological community is associated with acidic, calcareous, and neutral geologic settings where the pH of the water will limit the distribution of certain macroinvertebrates, plants, and other aquatic biota. The habitat can be further subdivided into 1) headwaters that drain watersheds less than 4 sq.mi, and have an average bankfull width of 16 feet or 2) Creeks that include larger streams with watersheds up to 39 sq.mi. and have an average bankfull width of 32 feet.

Similar Habitat Types:

Headwaters and creeks also occur at higher elevations and on higher slopes, but these tend to have coarser substrates and faster water. Cool low gradient streams typically flow into low gradient cool rivers.

Places to Visit this Habitat:

Blacklog Creek, Tuscarora State Forest | PA Black Creek, Genesee Valley Greenway Trail | NY Beaver Brook, Beaver Brook Reservation | MA Canoe River headwaters, Maple Park Conservation Area | MA Blackledge River headwaters, Salmon River State Forest | CT

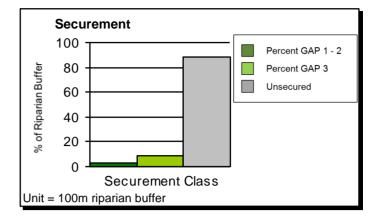
Most Abundant: white sucker, fallfish, common shiner, tessellated darter, creek chub, common shiner, centralstoneroller, longnose dace, bluntnose minnow, fathead minnow, mottled sculpin, eastern blacknose dace, smallmouth bass. Less Abundant: cutlip minnow. pumpkinseed, margined madtom, rock bass, brook trout, fantaildarter, northern hog sucker, largemouth bass, redbreast sunfish, bluegill, banded killifish, spottail shiner, johnny darter, green sunfish, silverjaw minnow, brown bullhead, river chub, redside dace, swallowtail shiner, greenside darter, pearl dace, chain pickerel, yellow perch, redfin pickerel, pearl dace, yellow bullhead, golden shiner, american brook lamprey, swamp darter, creek chubsucker, banded sunfish, eastern mudminnow

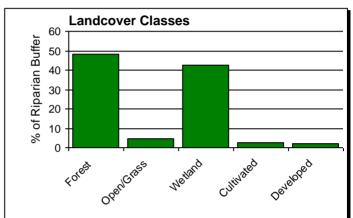
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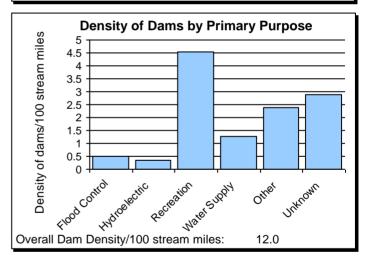
Fishes: redside dace, mountain brook lamprey, pugnose shiner, bridle shiner, kanawha minnow, tennessee dace, black sculpin, northern brook lamprey, american brook lamprey, ironcolor shiner, blacknose shiner, new river shiner, appalachia darter, stripeback darter

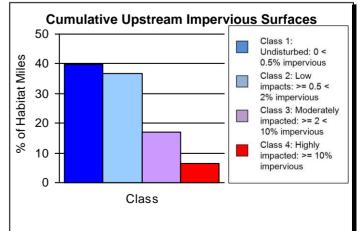
Crayfish, Mussels, and Snails: brook floater, dwarf wedgemussel, tennessee heelsplitter, triangle floater, slippershell mussel, eastern pondmussel, eastern pearlshell, vernal physa

See Appendix 2 for scientific names









Crosswalk to State Names:

Vermont: Blacknose dace-Bluntnose minnow, Blacknose dace-Creek chub. New Hampshire: Low gradient wetland streams; Sandy glide streams, Warm water riffle streams. New York: Marsh headwater stream. Maryland: Piedmont Streams: low gradient variant; Cold Water Streams. Pennsylvania: Atlantic Basin Fish Coolwater Community 1, Ohio-Great Lakes Basins Fish Coolwater Stream Community



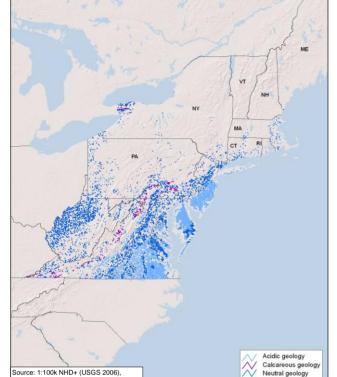
Gratwicke Creek chub, 0 Brian

Low Gradient, Warm, Headwaters and Creeks



Macrogroup: Headwaters and Creeks





State Distribution: CT, DE, DC, MD, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT, VA, WV

Total Habitat (mi): 17,704
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served:	9.0 Un	nit = Acres of	f 100m Rip	barian Buffer
State Habitat %	Miles of Habitat	Acres GAP 1 - 2	Acres GAP 3	Total Acres Unsecured
42	7455	26	162	5449
15	2649	24	56	1898
13	2360	266	231	1337
10	1727	58	145	1119
9	1637	48	38	1148
6	1087	23	59	761
3	473	4	14	341
1	161	5	29	93
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Description:

Warm, slow-moving, headwaters and creeks of low-elevation flat, marshy settings. These small streams of the Mid-Atlantic region occur at moderate to low elevations on flats or very gentle slopes in watersheds less than 39 sq.mi in size. The warm slow-moving waters may have high turbidity and be somewhat poorly oxygenated. Instream habitats are dominated by glide-pool and ripple-dune systems with runs interspersed by pools and a few short or no distinct riffles. Bed materials are predominenly sands, silt, and only isolated amounts of gravel. Some examples flow through wetlands and these segments may be dominated by silt, muck, peat, marl deposits, organic matter, and woody or leafy debris. These low-gradiient streams may have high sinuosity, but are usually only slightly entrenched with adjacent floodplain and riparian wetland ecosystems. Warm water temperatures in these streams means the fish community will contain a higher proportion of warmwater species relative to coolwater species, and are unlikely to support any resident coldwater species. Additional variation in the stream biological community is associated with acidic, calcareous, and neutral geologic settings where the pH of the water will limit the distribution of certain macroinvertebrates, plants, and other aquatic biota. The habitat can be further subdivided into 1) headwaters that drain watersheds less than 4 sq.mi, and have an average bankfull width of 16 feet or 2) Creeks that include larger streams with watersheds up to 39 sq.mi. and have an average bankfull width of 32 feet.

Similar Habitat Types:

Headwaters and creeks also occur at higher elevations and on higher slopes, but these tend to have coarser substrates, faster, and cooler water. Warm low gradient streams typically flow into low gradient warm rivers.

Places to Visit this Habitat:

North Branch Metedeconk River headwaters, Turkey Swamp | NJ Manasquan River headwaters, Manasquan River Linear Park | NJ South Branch Rahway River headwaters, Merrill Park | NJ Little Gunpowder Falls, Gunpowder Falls State Park | MD Wolf Den Branch, Cedarville State Forest | MD

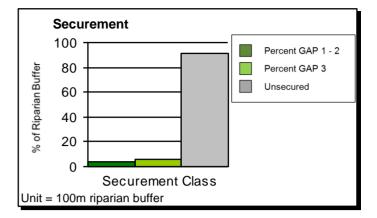


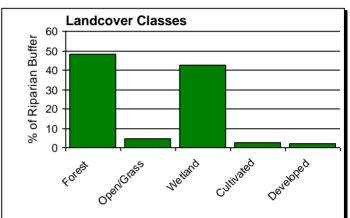
Small Creek in Maryland, © MD DNR

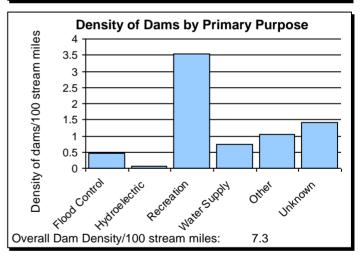
Most Abundant: white sucker, pumpkinseed, redbreast sunfish, goldern shiner, eastern blacknose dace, bluntnose minnow, tessellated darter, mottled sculpin, longnose dace, central stoneroller, fantail darter, bluehead chub, bluegill, black crappie, creek chub, common shiner, striped shiner, american eel, emerald shiner, spottail shiner, rosyside dace, swallowtail shiner, banded killifish, yellow perch, chain pickerel, brown bullhead, yellow bullhead, swamp darter. Less Abundant: creek chubsucker, redfin pickerel, banded sunfish. satinfin shiner, pearl dace, fallfish, eastern mudminnow, rock bass, green sunfish, mummichog, margined madtom, northern hog sucker, banded sculpin, crescent shiner, golden shiner, creek chubsucker, greensidedarter, johnny darter, river chub, smallmouth bass. mountain redbelly dace, spotfin shiner, rainbow darter, silverjaw minnow, pirate perch, longear sunfish, fathead minnow, torrent sucker, largemouth bass, cutlip minnow, rosyface shiner, bluespotted sunfish, sandshiner, saffron shiner, roanoke darter, bigeye chub.

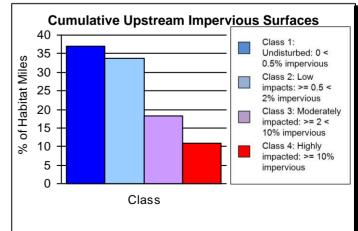
Species of Concern (G1 - G4):

<u>Fishes:</u> carolina darter, kanawha minnow, tennessee dace, potomac sculpin, blackbanded sunfish, glassy darter, tonguetied minnow, speckled killifish, american brook lamprey, whitemouth shiner, ironcolor shiner, new river shiner, appalachia darter, stripeback darter <u>Crayfish, Mussels, and Snails:</u> chowanoke crayfish, dwarf wedgemussel, cumberland bean, yellow lance, tennessee clubshell, tennessee pigtoe, roanoke slabshell, tennessee heelsplitter, slippershell mussel, eastern pondmussel, kidneyshell *See Appendix 2 for scientific names*









Crosswalk to State Names:

<u>New York</u>: Marsh headwater stream, Coastal plain stream. <u>Maryland</u>: Coastal Plain Streams, Blackwater Streams, Limestone Streams, Piedmont Streams: low gradient variant. <u>Pennsylvania</u>: Atlantic Basin Fish Warmwater Community 1, Ohio-Great Lakes Basins Fish Warmwater Stream Community

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Bluntnose minnow, ©

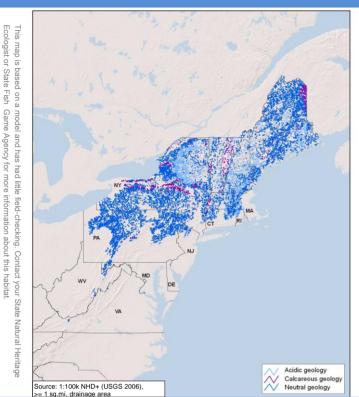
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Moderate Gradient, Cold, Headwaters and Creeks



Macrogroup: Headwaters and Creeks



Game Agency for more information about this habitat

State Distribution: CT, ME, MD, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT, VA, WV

Total H	labitat (mi):	32,073			
% Con	served: 1	7.8 Un	it = Acres of	f 100m Rip	barian Buffer
State	State Habitat %	Miles of Habitat	Acres GAP 1 - 2	Acres GAP 3	Total Acres Unsecured
NY	38	12183	883	777	7672
ME	27	8815	163	992	5739
PA	17	5439	120	719	3313
NH	6	1974	43	244	1236
VT	4	1352	25	79	923
MA	4	1227	22	182	744
СТ	2	577	17	53	371
NJ	1	169	37	5	88
MD	0	135	4	14	87
RI	0	101	3	10	67
WV	0	64	2	10	36
VA	0	38	2	4	23



Description:

Cold, moderately fast-moving, headwaters and creeks of hills and gentle slopes. These small streams of northern regions or high elevations, occur on hills and slopes at moderate to high elevations in watersheds less than 39 sq.mi in size. They have cold moderately fast-moving waters water with good oxygenation. Instream habitats are dominated by riffle-pool development with low sinuosity, moderately entrenchment, and moderately narrow valleys. They have substrates dominated by cobble, gravel, and sand with occassional small patches of boulders. The predominant source of energy to the stream is terrestrial leaf litter or organic matter (these are allochtonous streams). Permanent cold water temperatures in these streams means coldwater fish species, such as brook trout, likely represent over half of the fish community. Additional variation in the stream biological community is associated with acidic, calcareous, and neutral geologic settings where the pH of the water will limit the distribution of certain macroinvertebrates, plants, and other aquatic biota. The habitat can be further subdivided into 1) headwaters that drain watersheds less than 4 sq.mi, and have an average bankfull width of 16 feet or 2) Creeks that include larger streams with watersheds up to 39 sq.mi. and have an average bankfull width of 32 feet.

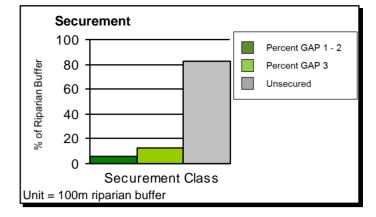
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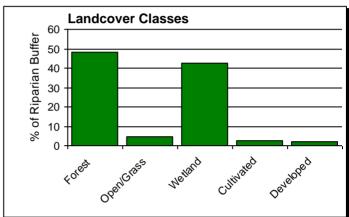
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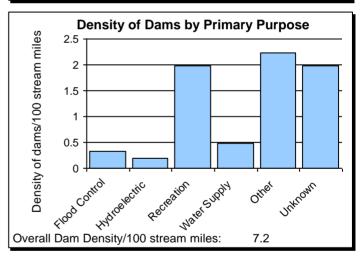
Places to Visit this Habitat:

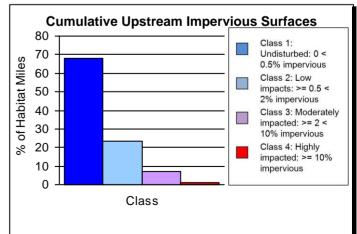
Sucker Brook, Boughton Park | NY Stony Brook, State Game Land 57 in Tunkhannock | PA Houghton Brook, Mount Blue | ME Boody Brook, Baxter State Park | ME North Branch Nulhegan River, Wenlock WMA | VT

<u>Most Abundant</u>: brook trout, slimy sculpin, longnose dace, eastern blacknose dace, creek chub, white sucker, common shiner. <u>Less</u> <u>Abundant</u>: central stoneroller, mottled sculpin, fathead minnow, fallfish, bluntnose minnow, brook stickleback, tessellated darter, fantail darter, blue ridge sculpin, atlantic salmon, mountain redbelly dace, trout-perch, river chub, spottail shiner, northern hog sucker, finescale dace, rainbow darter, burbot, longnose sucker









Species of Concern (G1 - G4):

<u>Fishes:</u> mountain brook lamprey, bridle shiner, american brook lamprey

<u>Crayfish, Mussels, and Snails:</u> eastern pearlshell, vernal physa See Appendix 2 for scientific names

Crosswalk to State Names:

<u>Vermont</u>: Brook trout, Brook trout-slimy sculpin, Blacknose dace-Slimy sculpin. <u>New Hampshire</u>: Lower gradient cold-water streams; High gradient, very cold streams. <u>New York</u>: Rocky headwater stream, Marsh headwater stream. <u>Maryland</u>: Cold Water Streams, Highland Streams. <u>Pennsylvania</u>: Atlantic Basin Fish Coldwater Community, Ohio-Great Lakes Basins Fish Coldwater Community.

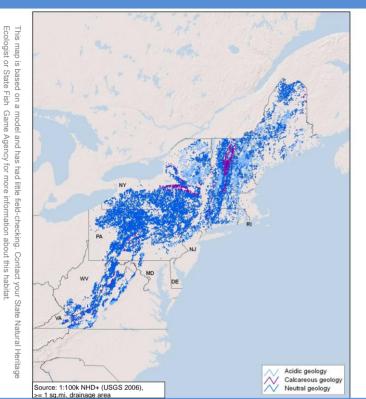


Slimy Sculpin, © Geoff Kimber

High Gradient, Cold, Headwaters and Creeks



Macrogroup: Headwaters and Creeks



State Distribution:CT, DE, ME, MD, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT, VA, WV

Total Habitat (mi): 36,183

% Con	served:	26.3 Ur	nit = Acres o	f 100m Rip	parian Buffer
State	State Habitat %	Miles of Habitat	Acres GAP 1 - 2	Acres GAP 3	Total Acres Unsecured
NY	29	10443	1008	696	6458
PA	24	8847	293	1935	4756
ME	10	3799	180	454	2380
VT	10	3552	109	345	2313
NH	8	2868	265	594	1396
VA	6	2143	296	394	1004
WV	5	1692	58	273	1006
MA	3	1196	41	231	669
СТ	2	816	37	74	526
NJ	1	403	65	28	224
MD	1	376	21	71	204
RI	0	47	1	9	28
DE	0	0	0	0	0



Description:

Cold, fast-moving headwaters and creeks of steeper slopes at moderate to high elevations. These small streams of northern regions or high elevations occur on steep slope in watersheds less than 39 sq.mi in size. The cold fast moving water has high water clarity and is well oxygenated. Instream habitats are dominated by riffles and cascade and step-pool systems. Channels are usually narrowly confined, high-gradient, and surrounded by upland forests. Bed materials often consist of bedrock, boulders, cobbles, and coarse gravel. The predominant source of energy to the stream is terrestrial leaf litter or organic matter (these are allochtonous streams). Permanent cold water temperatures in these streams means coldwater fish species, such as brook trout, likely represent over half of the fish community. Additional variation in the stream biological community is associated with acidic, calcareous, and neutral geologic settings where the pH of the water will limit the distribution of certain macroinvertebrates. plants, and other aquatic biota. The habitat can be further subdivided into 1) headwaters that drain watersheds less than 4 sq.mi, and have an average bankfull width of 16 feet or 2) Creeks that include larger streams with watersheds up to 39 sq.mi. and have an average bankfull width of 32 feet.

Similar Habitat Types:

Headwaters and creeks may also occur at lower elevations but these tend to be warmer, flatter, and slower. Coastal examples of high gradient headwaters are rare. Cold high gradient streams typically flows into moderate or low gradient cold and cool rivers in areas of less topography.

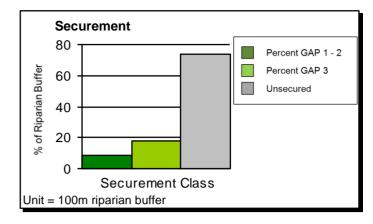
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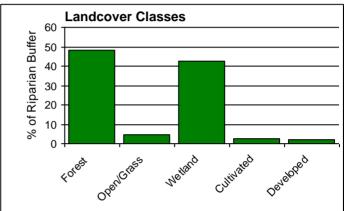
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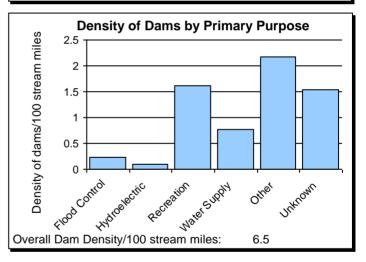
<u>Most Abundant</u>: brook trout, slimy sculpin, longnose dace, longnose sucker, eastern blacknose dace, creek chub <u>Less Abundant</u>: mottled sculpin, white sucker, fantail darter, common shiner, lake chub, fallfish, atlantic salmon.

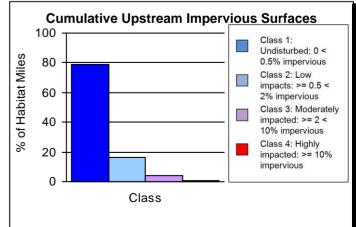


<u>Fishes:</u> black sculpin <u>Crayfish, Mussels, and Snails:</u> eastern pearlshell See Appendix 2 for scientific names









Crosswalk to State Names:

<u>Vermont</u>: Brook trout, Brook trout-slimy sculpin, Blacknose dace-Slimy sculpin. <u>New Hampshire</u>: High gradient, very cold streams; Very steep scour streams. <u>New York</u>: Rocky headwater stream. <u>Maryland</u>: Cold Water Streams. <u>Pennsylvania</u>: Atlantic Basin Fish Coldwater Community, Ohio-Great Lakes Basins Fish Coldwater Community.

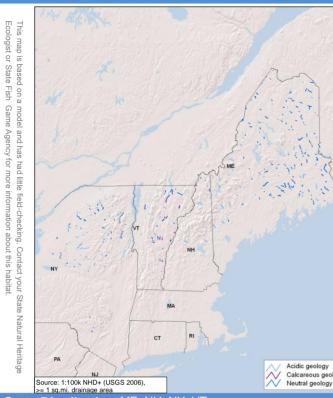


Brook trout, © USFWS Southeast

Low Gradient, Cold, Small River



Macrogroup: Small River



State Distribution: ME, NH, NY, VT

Total Habitat (mi): 989

% Conserved:		24.6 Un	it = Acres o	f 100m Rij	barian Buffer
State	State Habitat %	Miles of Habitat	Acres GAP 1 - 2	Acres GAP 3	Total Acres Unsecured
ME	59	653	13	58	300
NY	24	261	49	15	74
VT	12	137	5	5	68
NH	4	48	1	6	22



Description:

Cold, slow-moving, small rivers of flat, marshy settings at high elevations or in areas of substantial cold groundwater inflow. These small rivers of northern regions drain watersheds up to 200 sq.mi and have an average bankfull width of 72 feet. The slowmoving waters are dominated by runs with interspersed pool sections and a few short or no distinct riffles. Their substrate is usually dominated by silt, sand, and fine gravel, and they may exhibit high turbidity and be somewhat poorly oxygenated. These low-gradient rivers are often described as unconfined and have moderate to high sinuosity with broader valleys. They are typically surrounded by floodplain forest, wetlands, or eroded sand or clay banks or fine sediment bars. Permanent cold water temperatures in these rivers means coldwater fish species, such as brook trout, likely represent over half of the fish community. Additional variation in the biological community is associated with acidic, calcareous, and neutral geologic settings where the pH of the water will limit the distribution of certain macroinvertebrates, plants, and other aquatic biota.

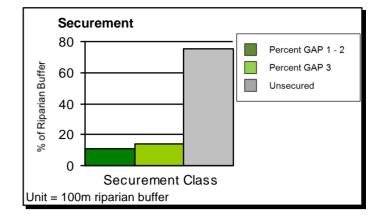
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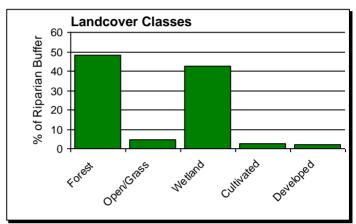
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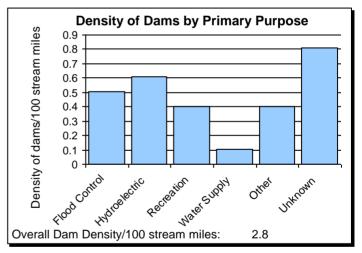
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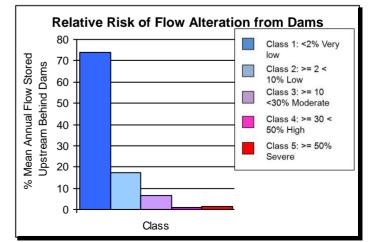
Sunkhaze Stream, Sunkhaze Meadows National Wildlife Refuge | ME Moose River, Holeb Public Land | ME Saint Regis River, Debar Mountain | NY West Branch Sacandaga River, Silver Lake | NY Black River, Vermont Land Trust Easement | VT

<u>Most Abundant</u>: white sucker, common shiner, eastern blacknose dace, redbreast sunfish, creek chub, brook trout, fallfish, burbot, longnose sucker. <u>Less Abundant</u>: longnose dace, bluntnose minnow, american eel, smallmouth bass.









Species of Concern (G1 - G4):

<u>Fishes:</u> none <u>Crayfish, Mussels, and Snails:</u> brook floater, yellow lampmussel, eastern pearlshell *See Appendix 2 for scientific names*

Crosswalk to State Names:

<u>Vermont</u>: Blacknose dace-White sucker, Blacknose dace-Creek chub. <u>New York</u>: Marsh headwater stream, Unconfined river, Backwater slough.



Longnose Sucker, © USFWS

Low Gradient, Cool, Small River

Sudbury River, © John Phelan





State Distribution: CT, ME, MD, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT, VA, WV

Acidic geology Calcareous geol

Neutral geology

Total Habitat (mi): 2,416

% Con	served:	13.4 Ur	nit = Acres o	of 100m Ri	parian Buffer
State	State Habitat %	Miles of Habitat	Acres GAP 1 - 2	Acres GAP 3	Total Acres Unsecured
NY	37	949	8	41	510
PA	23	594	15	20	324
MA	10	251	10	32	92
ME	8	215	5	6	109
NH	6	163	1	17	69
СТ	4	109	8	5	49
VT	3	70	1	4	41
NJ	3	66	11	3	24
WV	2	52	2	4	27
VA	2	38	0	0	24
RI	1	24	0	3	10
MD	0	5	1	0	2



Description:

Cool, slow-moving, small rivers of flat, marshy settings at low to moderate elevations. These small rivers drain small watersheds of up to 200 sq.mi. in size and have an average bankfull width of 65 feet. The slow-moving waters are dominated by runs with interspersed pool sections and a few short or no distinct riffles. Their substrate is usually dominated by silt, sand, and fine gravel, and they may exhibit high turbidity and be somewhat poorly oxygenated. These low-gradient rivers are often described as unconfined and have moderate to high sinuosity with broader valleys. They are typically surrounded by floodplain forest, wetlands, or eroded sand or clay banks or fine sediment bars. Cool water temperatures in these rivers means the fish community will contain a higher proportion of cool and warm water species relative to coldwater species. There will be less habitat with cool enough temperatures to support coldwater species year round. Additional variation in the biological community is expected in acidic, calcareous, and neutral geologic settings where the pH of the water will limit the distribution of certain macroinvertebrates, plants, and other aquatic biota.

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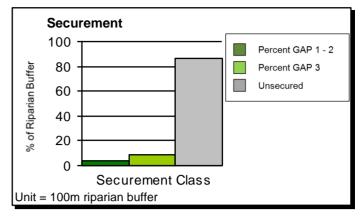
Small rivers also occur at higher elevations and on higher slopes, but these tend to have coarser substrates, cooler, and faster water. Warm low gradient small rivers typicallys flow into low gradient cool or warm medium rivers.

Places to Visit this Habitat:

Charles River, Elm Bank | MA Sudbury River, Great Meadows NWR | MA West River, High Tor Wilderness Management Area | NY Oak Orchard Creek, Iroquois National Game Refuge | NY Tohickon Creek, Nockamixon State Park | PA



<u>Most Abundant</u>: bluegill, white sucker, eastern blacknose dace, silverjaw minnow, longnose dace, pumpkinseed, yellow perch, central stoneroller, bluntnose minnow, cutlip minnow, creek chub, tessellated darter, rock bass. <u>Less Abundant</u>: fallfish, largemouth bass, telescope shiner, american eel, common shiner, spottail shiner, river chub, greenside darter, brown bullhead, golden shiner, smallmouth bass, chain pickerel, redbreast sunfish, banded darter, brook silverside, green sunfish.

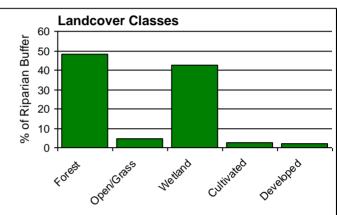


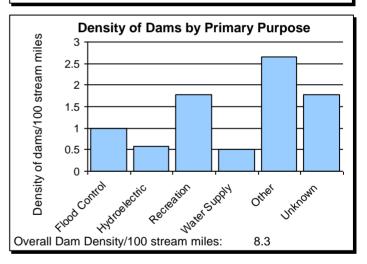


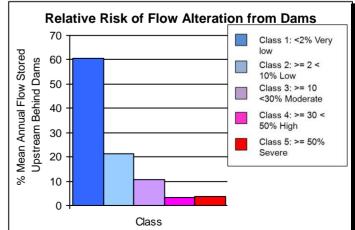
<u>Fishes:</u> blotchside logperch, sickle darter, ohio lamprey, mountain brook lamprey, pugnose shiner, , bridle shiner, longhead darter, kanawha minnow, eastern sand darter, gravel chub, northern brook lamprey, american brook lamprey, blacknose shiner, new river shiner, tangerine darter, gilt darter, appalachia darter

<u>Crayfish, Mussels, and Snails:</u> oyster mussel, shiny pigtoe, littlewing pearlymussel, purple bean, clubshell, tennessee clubshell, tennessee pigtoe, fluted kidneyshell, rayed bean, brook floater, snuffbox, longsolid, yellow lampmussel, tennessee heelsplitter, green floater, tidewater mucket, elktoe, triangle floater, slippershell mussel, eastern pondmussel, eastern pearlshell, round pigtoe, kidneyshell, spiny riversnail

See Appendix 2 for scientific names







Crosswalk to State Names:

Vermont: Blacknose dace-Bluntnose minnow, White sucker-Tessellated darter, Tessellated darter-Fallfish. <u>New York</u>: Marsh headwater stream, Unconfined river, Backwater slough. <u>Pennsylvania</u>: Atlantic Basin Fish Coolwater Community 1, Ohio-Great Lakes Basins Fish Coolwater Stream Community

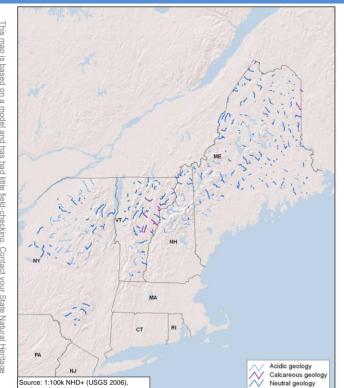


Bluegill, © Eric Engbretson

Moderate Gradient, Cold, Small River



Macrogroup: Small River



State Distribution: ME, NH, NY, VT

Total Habitat (mi): 2,352

% Con	served:	23.8 Un	it = Acres o	of 100m Rip	oarian Buffer
State	State Habitat %	Miles of Habitat	Acres GAP 1 - 2	Acres GAP 3	Total Acres Unsecured
ME	43	1032	37	90	526
NY	28	671	123	46	255
VT	19	460	3	18	271
NH	9	223	7	36	99



Description:

Cold, moderately fast-moving, small rivers at high elevations or in areas of substantial cold groundwater inflow. These small rivers of the northern region drain watersheds up to 200 sq.mi and have an average bankfull width of 69 feet. The moderately fast-moving waters are dominated by a well-defined pattern of alternating pools, riffles, and runs. Their substrate is dominated by sand, gravel, and cobble, and they often have high water clarity and are well oxygenated. These moderate gradient rivers exhibit moderate to low sinuosity with moderately narrow valleys and adjacent riverside upland communities. Cold water temperatures in these rivers means coldwater fish species, such as brook trout, likely represent over half of this fish community. Additional variation in the biological community is expected in acidic, calcareous, and neutral geologic settings where the pH of the water will limit the distribution of certain macroinvertebrates, plants, and other aquatic biota.

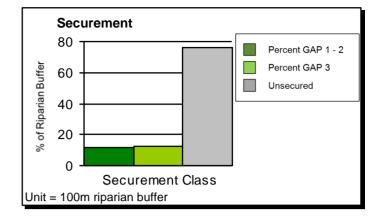
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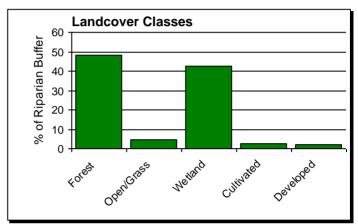
These moderate gradient small rivers are transitional types and often exhibit some charcateristics of both the higher and lower gradient small rivers. Cold moderate gradient small rivers typically flow into moderate or low gradient larger cold and cool rivers in areas of less topography.

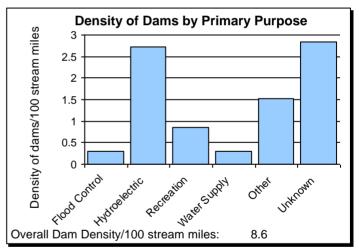
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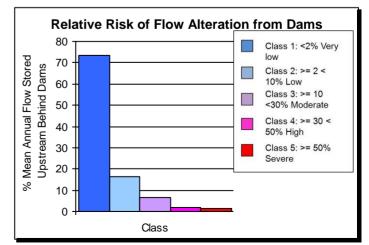
Nulhegan River, Brighton State Park | VT Old Stream, Machias River Watershed - Asc | ME Dead Diamond River, Second College Grant | NH East Branch Sacandaga River, Siamese Ponds | NY Middle Branch Oswegatchie River, Frank E Jadwin Memorial State Forest | NY Otter Creek, Independence River | NY

<u>Most Abundant</u>: eastern blacknose dace, longnose dace, slimy sculpin, white sucker, brook trout. <u>Less Abundant</u>: common shiner, longnose sucker, creek chub, lake chub, cutlip minnow, atlantic salmon, fallfish.









Species of Concern (G1 - G4):

Fishes: none

<u>Crayfish, Mussels, and Snails:</u> brook floater, eastern pearlshell See Appendix 2 for scientific names

Crosswalk to State Names:

Vermont: Blacknose dace-White sucker. New York: Confined river.

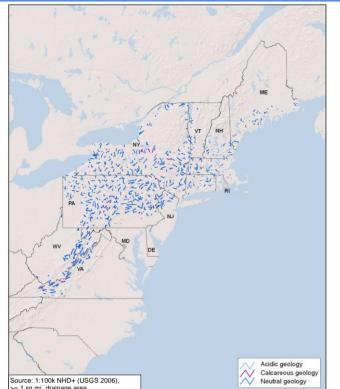


Moderate Gradient, Cool, Small River



Macrogroup: Small River





State Distribution:CT, ME, MD, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT, VA,

Total Habitat (mi): 6,343

% Con	served:	11.1 Ur	nit = Acres c	of 100m Rij	barian Buffer
State	State Habitat %	Miles of Habitat	Acres GAP 1 - 2	Acres GAP 3	Total Acres Unsecured
PA	33	2115	38	125	1195
NY	29	1866	7	37	1129
VA	8	536	15	18	308
WV	8	529	6	78	258
MA	5	310	7	26	160
NH	4	272	4	24	140
ME	3	210	6	2	121
СТ	3	188	8	14	94
NJ	2	154	17	3	79
VT	2	137	3	3	79
MD	1	47	3	4	24
RI	0	31	0	2	17



Description:

Cool, moderately fast-moving, small rivers at moderate to low elevations in the north and at higher elevations in the south. These small rivers drain watersheds up to 200 sq.mi and have an average bankfull width of 62 feet. The moderately fast-moving waters are dominated by a well-defined pattern of alternating pools, riffles, and runs. Their substrate is composed of sand, gravel, and cobble, and they often have high water clarity and are well oxygenated. These moderate gradient rivers exhibit moderate to low sinuosity with moderately narrow valleys and adjacent riverside upland communities. Cool water temperatures in these rivers means the fish community will support few permanent coldwater species and will contain a higher proportion of cool and warm water species relative to coldwater species. Additional variation in the biological community is expected in acidic, calcareous, and neutral geologic settings where the pH of the water will limit the distribution of certain macroinvertebrates. plants, and other aquatic biota.

Similar Habitat Types:

These moderate gradient small rivers are transitional types and often exhibit some charcateristics of both the higher and lower gradient small rivers. Similarly cool rivers are transitional between cold and warm systems and may include biota found in both colder and warmer types. Cool moderate gradient small rivers typically flow into moderate or low gradient cool and warm larger rivers in areas of less topography.

Places to Visit this Habitat:

Westfield River, Streeter | MA Musconetcong River, Allamuchy | NJ Bush Kill, Delaware State Forest | PA Little Connewango River, Connewango Swamp WMA | NY Shavers Fork, Monongahela National Forest | WV

<u>Most Abundant</u>: eastern blacknose dace, longnose dace, white sucker, common shiner, central stoneroller, tessellated darter, cutlip minnow, slimy sculpin, fallfish, telescope shiner, creek chub, rock bass, american eel. <u>Less Abundant</u>: mottled sculpin, smallmouth bass, margined madtom, river chub, fantail darter, bluntnose minnow, tennessee shiner, brook trout, northern hog sucker, spottail shiner, pumpkinseed, rosyface shiner, bluehead chub, redbreast sunfish, fathead minnow, mountain redbelly dace, bigmouth chub, white shiner, shield darter, atlantic salmon, yellow perch, banded sculpin, striped shiner, greenside darter.

Species of Concern (G1 - G4):

<u>Fishes:</u> clinch sculpin, cheat minnow, spotted darter, roughhead shiner, orangefin madtom, blotchside logperch, sickle darter, redside dace, candy darter, ohio lamprey, mountain brook lamprey, bridle shiner, longhead darter, kanawha minnow, eastern sand darter, black sculpin, gravel chub, bluebreast darter, greenfin darter, bluespar darter, swannanoa darter, tonguetied minnow, northern brook lamprey, american brook lamprey, greater redhorse, bigmouth chub, blacknose shiner, new river shiner, mirror shiner, channel darter, appalachia darter, stripeback darter

<u>Crayfish, Mussels, and Snails:</u> elk river crayfish, new river crayfish, oyster mussel, shiny pigtoe, finerayed pigtoe, littlewing pearlymussel, james spinymussel, cumberland bean, yellow lance, atlantic pigtoe, clubshell, tennessee clubshell, tennessee pigtoe, slabside pearlymussel, fluted kidneyshell, brook floater, snuffbox, longsolid, yellow lampmussel, tennessee heelsplitter, green floater, rough rabbitsfoot, elktoe, triangle floater, slippershell mussel, eastern pondmussel, eastern pearlshell, round hickorynut, round pigtoe, kidneyshell, Chittenango Ovate Amber Snail, fontigens morrisoni, spiny riversnail

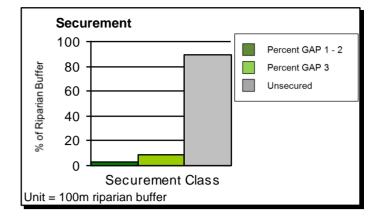
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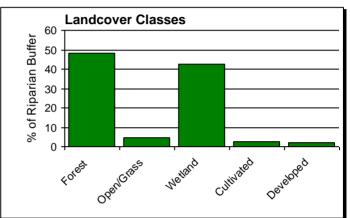
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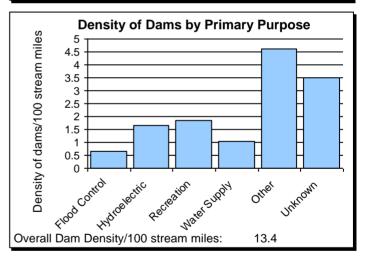
<u>Vermont</u>: White sucker-Tessellated darter. <u>New York</u>: Confined river. <u>Maryland</u>: Highland Streams. <u>Pennsylvania</u>: Atlantic Basin Fish Coolwater Community 2, Ohio-Great Lakes Basins Fish Coolwater Stream Community

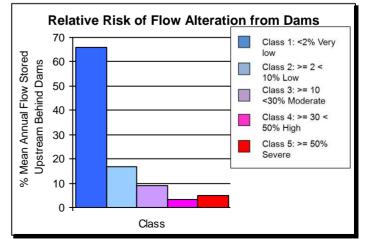


Common shiner, © Jor Cloutier









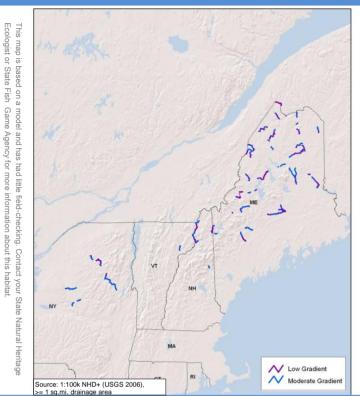
Cold, Medium River

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Macrogroup:

Medium River



State Distribution: ME, NH, NY, VT

Total Habitat (mi): 693

% Con	served:	36.1 Un	it = Acres o	of 100m Rip	parian Buffer
State	State Habitat %	Miles of Habitat	Acres GAP 1 - 2	Acres GAP 3	Total Acres Unsecured
ME	74	541	53	66	220
NY	15	108	37	2	34
VT	6	42	0	1	26
NH	5	36	4	3	16



Ipper Ammonoosuc River, © Alexius

Description:

Cold, medium-sized rivers of the northern region. These medium sized rivers drain watersheds up to 1000 sq.mi. in size and have an average bankfull width of 131 feet. Slower moving, lower gradient sections of these rivers are expected to be more unconfined with higher sinuosity, broader floodplain valleys, more riparian wetlands, and lower width/depth ratios than the more moderate gradient portions. Permanent cold water temperatures in these rivers means coldwater fish species likely represent over half of the fish community. Examples of this river type in the region include the Allagash, Aroostook, Southwest Branch Saint John, East Branch Penobscot, West Branch Penobscot, Moose, Piscataguis, Upper Connecticut, Raguette, and Upper Hudson.

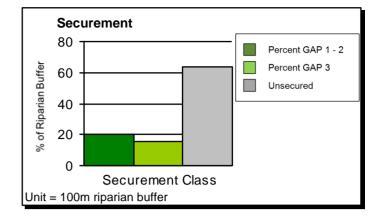
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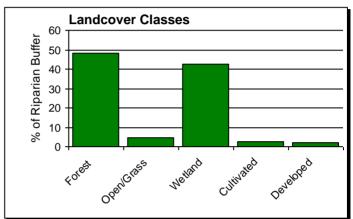
Cool and warm medium rivers are also found in the region. Cold medium rivers typcially flow into larger cool rivers or directly to the coast.

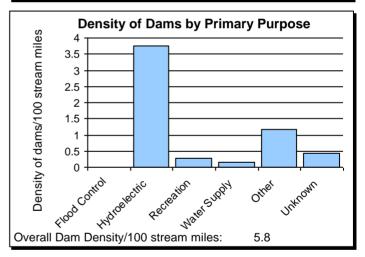
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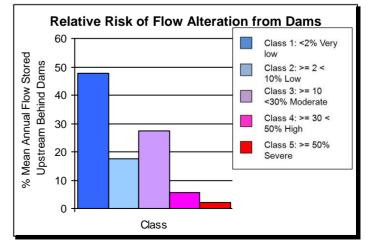
Raquette River, Sargent Ponds Wild Forest | NY East Branch Penobscot River, Baxter State Park | ME Baker Branch Saint John River, Upper St John River Watershed - Tnc Reserve | ME Connecticut River, Maidstone Bends | VT Connecticut River, Lyman Falls State Park | VT

<u>Most Abundant Species</u>: fallfish, yellow perch. <u>Less Abundant</u> <u>Species</u>: white sucker, common shiner, tessellated darter, northern pike, american eel, burbot, brook trout, atlantic salmon.









Species of Concern (G1 - G4):

<u>Fishes:</u> round whitefish <u>Crayfish, Mussels, and Snails:</u> brook floater, yellow lampmussel See Appendix 2 for scientific names

Crosswalk to State Names:

New York: Confined river, Unconfined river, Backwater slough.



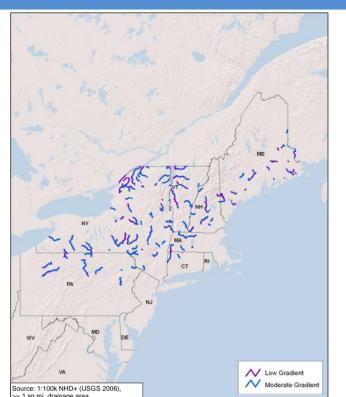
Fallfish, © Troutrageous

Cool, Medium River



Medium River





State Distribution: CT, ME, MA, NH, NY, PA, VT

Total Habitat (mi): 2,661

% Conserved:		13.7 Unit = Acres of 100m Riparian Buffer			
State	State Habitat %	Miles of Habitat	Acres GAP 1 - 2	Acres GAP 3	Total Acres Unsecured
NY	49	1335	23	41	791
PA	13	353	28	51	149
ME	12	336	5	35	174
VT	12	321	6	9	196
NH	7	199	1	22	104
MA	5	130	2	9	70
СТ	2	46	5	4	22



Description:

Cool, medium-sized rivers of the moderate elevation northern region. These medium sized rivers drain watersheds up to 1000 sq.mi. in size and have an average bankfull width of 115 feet. Slower moving, lower gradient sections of these rivers are expected to be more unconfined with higher sinuosity, broader floodplain valleys, more riparian wetlands, and lower width/depth ratios than the more moderate gradient portions. Cool water temperatures in these rivers means the fish community will support few permanent coldwater species and will contain a higher proportion of cool and warm water species relative to coldwater species. Examples of this type in the region include the Missisquoi, Lamoile, Saranac, Saint Regis, Uper Saco, Grass, Oswegatchie, Otter Creek, Hoosic, Schoharie Creek, Chenango, Housatonic, Genesee, Pine Creek, and Clarion River.

Similar Habitat Types:

Cool rivers are transitional between cold and warm systems and may include biota found in both colder and warmer types. Cool medium rivers typcially flow into larger cool or warm rivers.

Places to Visit this Habitat:

Saint Croix River, Spednick Saint Croix International Waterway | ME Cattaraugus Creek, Zoar Valley Mua | NY West Branch Saint Regis River, Southville State Forest | NY Clarion River, Allegheny National Forest Non-Reserved | PA Lehigh River, Lehigh Gorge State Park | PA

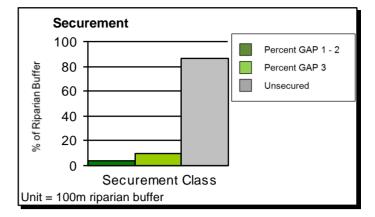


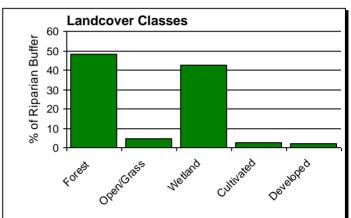
<u>Most Abundant:</u> fallfish, white sucker, longnose dace, central stoneroller, tessellated darter, eastern blacknose dace, smallmouth bass, golden shiner, creek chub, largemouth bass, pumpkinseed, spottail shiner, mottled sculpin, mimic shiner, yellow perch, rock bass, bluntnose minnow, rosyface shiner, cutlip minnow. <u>Less Abundant:</u> margined madtom, emerald shiner, greenside darter, northern hog sucker, river chub, common shiner, blackside darter, golden redhorse, fathead minnow, sand shiner, johnny darter, brook trout, redbreast sunfish, swallowtail shiner, walleye, american eel, shield darter, slimy sculpin.

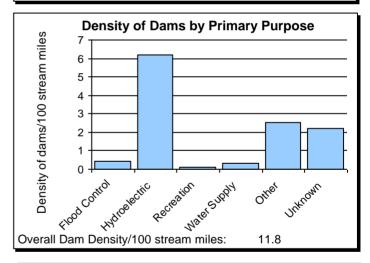
Species of Concern (G1 - G4):

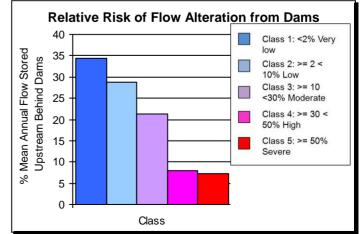
<u>Fishes:</u> lake sturgeon, ohio lamprey, mountain brook lamprey, bridle shiner, longhead darter, eastern sand darter, gravel chub, bluebreast darter, northern brook lamprey, american brook lamprey, greater redhorse, blacknose shiner, channel darter

<u>Crayfish, Mussels, and Snails:</u> rayed bean, brook floater, longsolid, yellow lampmussel, green floater, tidewater mucket, elktoe, triangle floater, eastern pondmussel, eastern pearlshell, round pigtoe *See Appendix 2 for scientific names*









Crosswalk to State Names:

<u>New York</u>: Confined river, Unconfined river, Backwater slough. <u>Pennsylvania</u>: Atlantic Basin Fish Warmwater Community 1, Ohio-Great Lakes Basins Fish Warmwater Stream Community



Smallmouth bass, © Eric Engbretson, USFWS

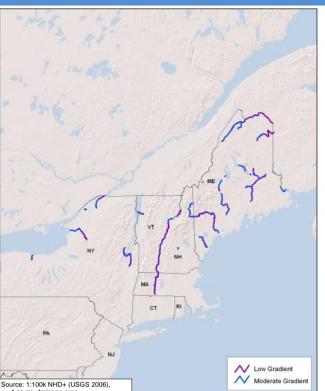
Cool, Large River



Androscoggin River, © Josh Royte

Macrogroup: Large River





State Distribution: ME, MA, NH, NY, VT

Total Habitat (mi): 1,180

% Con	served:	12.0 Unit = Acres of 100m Riparian Buffer			
State	State Habitat %	Miles of Habitat	Acres GAP 1 - 2	Acres GAP 3	Total Acres Unsecured
ME	58	678	32	27	432
NY	16	187	4	6	116
NH	15	174	3	18	100
VT	6	74	0	4	46
MA	5	63	0	5	39



Description:

Large, deep, coolwater rivers of the northern region. These very large and deep rivers drain watersheds >1000 sq.mi and have an average bankfull width of 250 feet. Slower moving, lower gradient sections of these rivers are expected to be more unconfined with higher sinuosity, broader floodplain valleys, more riparian wetlands, and lower width/depth ratios than the more moderate gradient portions. Species diversity is high in these rivers, and assemblages characteristic of runs, pools, and the pelagic zone dominate the community. Profundal areas without effective light penetration are also found and support populations of bacteria, fungi, and other decomposers that break down organic matter reaching the bottom. In coastal connected river sections, anadromous species are found. Cool water temperatures in these rivers means the fish community will contain a higher proportion of cool and warm water species relative to coldwater species and few permanent coldwater residents. Examples of this type in the region incluce the Saint John, Allagash, Aroostook, Mattawamkeag, Saint Croix, Piscataquis, Penobscot, Kennebec, Androscoggin, Raquette, Winooski, Saco, Black, Hudson, and Connecticut.

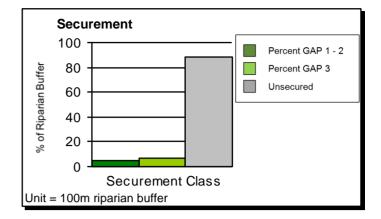
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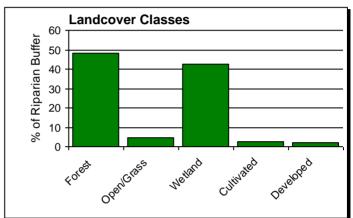
Cool large rivers typically have a number of cool, and sometimes cold, medium sized or small river sized tributary systems draining into them.

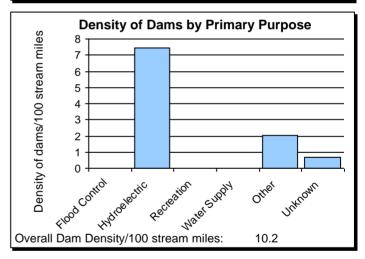
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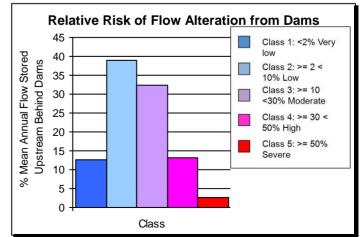
Androscoggin River, Alt-Jay Riley Dam | ME Allagash River, Allagash Wilderness Waterway State Park | ME Connecticut River, Maidstone Bends | NH Raquette River, Grantville State Forest | NY Winooski River, Winooski Valley Park District | VT

<u>Most Abundant</u>: yellow perch, common shiner, mimic shiner, white sucker, spottail shiner, tessellated darter, eastern blacknose dace. <u>Less Abundant</u>: smallmouth bass, bluntnose minnow, pumpkinseed, swallowtail shiner, creek chub, bluegill, redbreast sunfish, largemouth bass, golden shiner, american eel, rock bass, alewife, black crappie, longnose dace.









Species of Concern (G1 - G4):

<u>Fishes:</u> shortnose sturgeon, lake sturgeon, eastern sand darter, channel darter

<u>Crayfish, Mussels, and Snails</u>: brook floater, yellow lampmussel, tidewater mucket, triangle floater, eastern pondmussel, eastern pearlshell

See Appendix 2 for scientific names

Crosswalk to State Names:

<u>Vermont</u>: Atlantic Salmon-American Shad, Redhorse-Lake Sturgeon, White sucker-Tessellated darter. <u>New York</u>: Deepwater river.

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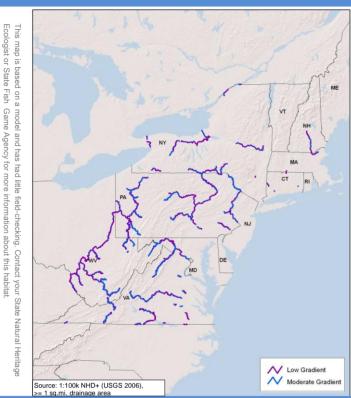
Yellow perch, © Otis Maha



Warm, Large River

Macrogroup:

Large River



State Distribution: CT, MD, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, VT, VA, WV

Total Habitat (mi): 3,853

% Conserved:		12.0 Unit = Acres of 100m Riparian Buffer			
State	State Habitat %	Miles of Habitat	Acres GAP 1 - 2	Acres GAP 3	Total Acres Unsecured
PA	31	1210	45	46	771
WV	25	969	40	34	584
VA	20	763	5	38	469
NY	16	605	6	22	402
MD	4	154	42	6	63
NH	2	66	1	6	38
NJ	2	60	19	8	17
MA	1	28	0	2	17
СТ	0	17	0	0	11
VT	0	6	2	0	2



Description:

Large, deep, warmwater rivers of the Mid-Atlantic and low elevations in the north. These very large and deep rivers drain watersheds >1000 sq.mi and have an average bankfull width of 250 feet. Slower moving, lower gradient sections of these rivers are expected to be more unconfined with higher sinuosity, broader floodplain valleys, more riparian wetlands, and lower width/depth ratios than the more moderate gradient portions. Species diversity is high in these large rivers, and assemblages characteristic of runs, pools, and the pelagic zone dominate the community. Profundal areas without effective light penetration are also found and support populations of bacteria, fungi, and other decomposers that break down organic matter reaching the bottom. In coastal connected river sections, anadromous species are often found. Warm water temperatures in these streams means the fish community will contain a higher proportion of warmwater species relative to coolwater species. These systems are unlikely to support any resident coldwater species. Examples of this type in the region include the lower Merrimack, Mohawk, Delaware, Susquehanna, West Branch Susquehanna, Allegheny, Juniata, Ohio, Monongahela, Potomac, South Fork Shenandoah, Kanawha, James, New, and Roanoke,

Similar Habitat Types:

Warm large rivers typically have a number of cool and warm medium sized or small river sized tributary systems draining into them.

Places to Visit this Habitat:

Potomac River, C & O Canal National Historical Park | MD West Branch Susquehanna River, Bucktail State Park Natural Area | PA Youghiogheny River, Ohiopyle State Park | PA Ohio River, Green Bottom Wildlife Management Area | WV Gauley River, Gauley River National Recreation Area | WV

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<u>Most Abundant:</u> smallmouth bass, emerald shiner, spotfin shiner, redbreast sunfish, northern hog sucker, rock bass, bluntnose minnow, spottail shiner, mimic shiner, white sucker, rosyface shiner, fallfish, telescope shiner, bluegill, gizzard shad, pumpkinseed, logperch, black redhorse, greenside darter, streamline chub, banded darter, yellow perch, american eel, shield darter, tessellated darter, swallowtail shiner, channel catfish, golden redhorse. <u>Less Abundant:</u> roanoke darter, walleye, satinfin shiner, margined madtom, sand shiner, largemouth bass, central stoneroller, shorthead redhorse, longhead darter, river chub, yellow bullhead, silver redhorse, bigmouth chub, silver shiner, longnose dace, whitetail shiner, longear sunfish, variegate darter, blueback herring, rainbow darter, green sunfish, golden shiner, common shiner, sharpnose darter, redline darter, white perch, white shiner, freshwater drum, banded killifish, flathead catfish.

Species of Concern (G1 - G4):

<u>Fishes:</u> duskytail darter, cheat minnow, roanoke logperch, ashy darter, golden darter, spotted darter, orangefin madtom, blotchside logperch, shortnose sturgeon, lake sturgeon, atlantic sturgeon, western sand darter, candy darter, tippecanoe darter, ohio lamprey, popeye shiner, northern madtom, longhead darter, kanawha minnow, eastern sand darter, highfin carpsucker, streamline chub, gravel chub, bluebreast darter, bluespar darter, american brook lamprey, river redhorse, bigmouth chub, new river shiner, mountain madtom, tangerine darter, channel darter, gilt darter, appalachia darter, stripeback darter, paddlefish

<u>Crayfish, Mussels, and Snails:</u> fanshell, dromedary pearlymussel, birdwing pearlymussel, virginia pigtoe, orangefoot pimpleback, james spinymussel, rough pigtoe, yellow lance, atlantic pigtoe, pink mucket, clubshell, pyramid pigtoe, tennessee pigtoe, rayed bean, brook floater, spectaclecase, atlantic spike, roanoke slabshell, snuffbox, longsolid, yellow lampmussel, green floater, tidewater mucket, sheepnose, rabbitsfoot, salamander mussel, northern riffleshell, elktoe, triangle floater, butterfly, ebonyshell, hickorynut, round hickorynut, ohio pigtoe, round pigtoe, kidneyshell, monkeyface, pistolgrip

See Appendix 2 for scientific names

Crosswalk to State Names:

<u>New York</u>: Deepwater river. <u>Pennsylvania</u>: Atlantic Basin Fish River & Impoundment Community, Ohio-Great Lakes Basins Fish Large River Community



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