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yard (yd)	0.9144	meter (m)
Area		
acre	4,047	square meter (m ²)
acre	0.4047	hectare (ha)
acre	0.004047	square kilometer (km ²)
square foot (ft ²)	0.09290	square meter (m ²)
square mile (mi ²)	259.0	hectare (ha)
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Temperature in degrees Celsius (°C) may be converted to degrees Fahrenheit (°F) as follows:

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Horizontal coordinate information is referenced to the North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83).

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Abstract

An inventory of mammals was conducted during 2004 at nine national park sites in the Northeast Temperate Network (NETN): Acadia National Park (NP), Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park (NHP), Minute Man NHP, Morristown NHP, Roosevelt-Vanderbilt National Historic Site (NHS), Saint-Gaudens NHS, Saugus Iron Works NHS, Saratoga NHP, and Weir Farm NHS. Sagamore Hill NHS, part of the Northeast Coastal and Barrier Network (NCBN), was also surveyed. Each park except Acadia NP was sampled twice, once in the winter/spring and again in the summer/fall. During the winter/spring visit, indirect measure (IM) sampling arrays were employed at 2 to 16 stations and included sampling by remote cameras, cubby boxes (covered trackplates), and hair traps. IM stations were established and re-used during the summer/fall sampling period. Trapping was conducted at 2 to 12 stations at all parks except Acadia NP during the summer/fall period and consisted of arrays of small-mammal traps, squirrel-sized live traps, and some fox-sized live traps. We

used estimation-based procedures and probabilistic sampling techniques to design this inventory. A total of 38 species was detected by IM sampling, trapping, and field observations. Species diversity (number of species) varied among parks, ranging from 8 to 24, with Minute Man NHP having the most species detected. Raccoon (*Procyon lotor*), Virginia Opossum (*Didelphis virginiana*), Fisher (*Martes pennanti*), and Domestic Cat (*Felis silvestris*) were the most common medium-sized mammals detected in this study and White-footed Mouse (*Peromyscus leucopus*), Northern Short-tailed Shrew (*Blarina brevicauda*), Deer Mouse (*P. maniculatus*), and Meadow Vole (*Microtus pennsylvanicus*) the most common small mammals detected. All species detected are considered fairly common throughout their range including the Fisher, which has been reintroduced in several New England states. We did not detect any state or federal endangered or threatened species.

Introduction

In 1999, the National Park Service (NPS) established a national strategy to institutionalize both inventory and monitoring of vertebrates and vascular plants so that science-based decisions could be made to protect and effectively manage park resources and in doing so created the Inventory and Monitoring (I&M) Program (National Park Service, 1999b). One aspect of the NPS I&M Program requires inventories to document occurrence (presence-absence) and, under certain circumstances, the abundance and distribution of vertebrates and vascular plant populations that occur within NPS boundaries (National Park Service, 1999a). As part of this effort, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), in cooperation with the NPS, conducted a baseline inventory of terrestrial mammals at nine parks (Acadia National Park (NP), Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park (NHP), Minute Man NHP, Morristown NHP, Roosevelt-Vanderbilt National Historic Site (NHS), Saint-Gaudens NHS, Saugus Iron Works NHS, Saratoga NHP, and Weir Farm NHS) in the Northeast



Temperate Network (NETN) (Johnson and others, 2000) and Sagamore Hill NHS (fig. 1), a park located in the Northeast Coastal and Barrier Network (NCBN); hereafter, all study sites are referred to as project parks. Previous research on mammals had been conducted at some of these project parks, but these efforts were typically limited in scope, focusing on either individual species or issues of management concern to the NPS. With the exception of Acadia NP in Maine, quantitative information on mammals throughout the NETN and Sagamore Hill generally is lacking (Johnson and others, 2000). Nevertheless, mammals play an important role in most natural systems (Mech, 1996), and knowledge about the mammalian fauna found in national parks will allow managers to more effectively protect and, if the need arises, manage natural resources within NPS boundaries.

This report presents the results of an inventory of mammals conducted during 2004 at 10 national parks in the northeastern United States, describes the sampling methods used, discusses the results with respect to species that were expected but not detected and endangered and threatened species, and provides a list of historical voucher specimens for each park.

Goals and Objectives

The goal of this project is to help the NPS document 90 percent of the terrestrial mammal species expected to occur within project park boundaries at nine parks in the NETN and Sagamore Hill NHS (table 1). Based on a review of taxonomic and geographic references, 65 terrestrial mammal and bat species theoretically could occur in project parks (Godin, 1977; Degraff and Rudis, 1986; Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998). This number does not include marine mammals or terrestrial mammals extinct for more than 50 years in the region (for example, Woodland Caribou (*Rangifer tarandus caribou*), Mountain Lion (*Puma concolor*)). The specific objectives of this project were to (1) inventory terrestrial mammals by direct (trapping and incidental observations) and indirect (remote photography, tracks, and hair) means, (2) determine the distribution of mammals by vegetation community type surveyed, and (3) collect voucher specimens of mammals from each park.

Physiography and Climate

Project parks in this study, with the exception of Acadia NP, are small and do not contain large areas of significant natural resources. Like most natural areas in the highly urbanized northeastern United States, they are part of larger ecological communities that can greatly influence resources within park boundaries. Nevertheless, these parks can still be important reservoirs of biodiversity (Mitchell and others, 2006). Project parks occur within three major temperate eco-

system provinces as described in the U.S. National Vegetation Classification (fig. 1; Mitchell and others, 2006). Acadia NP is the only park that falls within the Laurentian mixed forest class, a transitional region between the boreal forest to the north and the broadleaf deciduous forest to the south (McMahon, 1990). Acadia NP is unique in this region in that it contains substantial relief in a region generally dominated by low relief. The mountains of Acadia NP are famous and give the park its rugged beauty. Lakes and ponds are common on the landscape, as are many wetland types, including bogs, fens, and graminoid wetlands. The climate of Acadia NP is "cool, moist and maritime" (Patterson and others, 1983). Mean daytime temperatures range from 0 °C in January to 22 °C in July and nighttime temperatures range from -10 °C in January to 14 °C in July (National Park Service, 2006). Precipitation occurs throughout the year, averaging 135 cm of rain and 156 cm of snow (National Park Service, 2006), with maximum precipitation occurring in summer (Bailey, 1995a).

The Adirondack-New England mixed forest ecoregion is similar to the Laurentian mixed forest, with the exception that much greater vertical relief results in greater variation among forest types by elevation. The characteristics of this region are driven largely by the dramatic topography of rugged mountains and broad valleys, a feature of a glacially active past. Lakes, ponds, and wetlands in general are also important in this region, but are not major components of MABI or SAGA. Small ponds are present at MABI (the Pogue) and SAGA (Blow-Me-Down Pond), as well as some small wetland areas, but they are not dominant landscape features. Climate is similar to that of the Laurentian mixed forest, except that precipitation tends to be more evenly distributed throughout the year (Bailey, 1995b).

Seven project parks are found in the eastern broadleaf forest ecoregion: MIMA, MORR, ROVA, SAHI, SAIR, SARA, and WEFA. The topography in this region is varied, but is characterized as coastal plain in the east, with elevations to 300 m. Wetlands are limited in this region, but are more common in the north where glaciers have been active and where larger rivers or streams, such as the Hudson River (SARA) and the Concord River (MIMA), are located. Climate here is continental, with cold winters and warm summers. Precipitation is greatest in the summer (Bailey, 1995c).

Fields are an important feature of six of the seven eastern broadleaf forest parks (SAIR being the exception). The existence of fields in this region is a result of deforestation for farming during the 18th and 19th centuries, with peak deforestation occurring during 1820–1880 (Litvaitis, 1993), prior to the formal establishment of the parks. Land cleared for farming or logging is rapidly reverting to forest or becoming suburbanized (Foster, 1992; Litvaitis, 1993; Smith and others, 1993); in either case, the future existence of fields in this region is threatened by these processes.

At ACAD and SAHI, marine community types represent a substantial proportion of the natural resources and play an important role for marine organisms and other species that use the coastal community type.

Table 1. The number of mammal species that theoretically could occur in each of 10 project parks and the 90 percent documentation goal established by the National Park Service Inventory and Monitoring Program (National Park Service, 1999a).—Continued

[Codes: X = presence possible; U = presence unlikely, but known to occur in an adjacent state or extirpated; NP = not possible.]

Species	ACAD ¹	MABI ¹	MIMA ²	MORR ³	ROVA ⁴	SAGA ¹	SAHI ¹	SAIR ²	SARA ⁴	WEFA ¹
Meadow Jumping Mouse (<i>Zapus hudsonius</i>)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Woodland Jumping Mouse (<i>Napaeozapus insignis</i>)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Marsh Rice Rat (<i>Oryzomys palustris</i>)	NP	NP	NP	X	X	NP	X	NP	X	NP
Allegheny Woodrat (<i>Neotoma magister</i>)	NP	NP	U	X	U	NP	U	U	U	NP
Northern Bog Lemming (<i>Synaptomys borealis</i>)	X	U	U	NP	NP	X	NP	U	NP	NP
Southern Bog Lemming (<i>S. cooperi</i>)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
House Mouse (<i>Mus musculus</i>)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Muskrat (<i>Ondatra zibethica</i>)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Black Rat (<i>Rattus rattus</i>)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Norway Rat (<i>R. norvegicus</i>)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Porcupine (<i>Erethizon dorsatum</i>)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Nutria (<i>Myocastor coypus</i>)	NP	NP	NP	X	X	NP	X	NP	X	NP
Red Fox (<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Gray Fox (<i>Urocyon cinereoargenteus</i>)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Coyote (<i>Canis latrans</i>)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Gray Wolf (<i>C. lupus</i>)	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U
Black Bear (<i>Ursus americanus</i>)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Raccoon (<i>Procyon lotor</i>)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ermine (<i>Mustela erminea</i>)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Long-tailed Weasel (<i>M. frenata</i>)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Least Weasel (<i>M. nivalis</i>)	NP	NP	NP	U	U	NP	U	NP	U	NP
Mink (<i>M. vison</i>)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Striped Skunk (<i>Mephitis mephitis</i>)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Fisher (<i>Martes pennanti</i>)	X	X	X	U	X	X	X	X	X	X
American Marten (<i>M. americana</i>)	X	X	X	U	X	X	X	X	X	X
River Otter (<i>Lontra canadensis</i>)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Eastern Cougar (<i>Felis concolor cougar</i>)	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U
Bobcat (<i>Lynx rufus</i>)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Canada Lynx (<i>L. canadensis</i>)	U	U	U	NP	U	U	U	U	U	U
European Wild Boar (<i>Sus scrofa</i>)	NP	X	U	NP	NP	X	NP	U	NP	NP
White-tailed Deer (<i>Odocoileus virginianus</i>)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Elk (<i>Cervus elaphus</i>)	NP	NP	NP	NP	X	NP	X	NP	X	NP
Fallow Deer (<i>C. dama</i>)	NP	NP	U	NP	NP	NP	NP	U	NP	NP
Moose (<i>Alces alces</i>)	X	X	X	U	X	X	X	X	X	X
Total (X + U)	61	64	71	69	71	63	71	71	71	65
Presence possible (X)	58	58	57	61	65	59	65	57	65	58
Presence possible without bats (90 percent)	49 (44)	49 (44)	48 (43)	51 (46)	55 (50)	50 (45)	55 (50)	48 (43)	55 (50)	49 (44)

¹ List modified from Godin, 1977.² List modified from Cardoza and others, 1999.³ List modified from New Jersey Audubon Society, 2003a.⁴ List modified from Bopp and Kays, 2003.

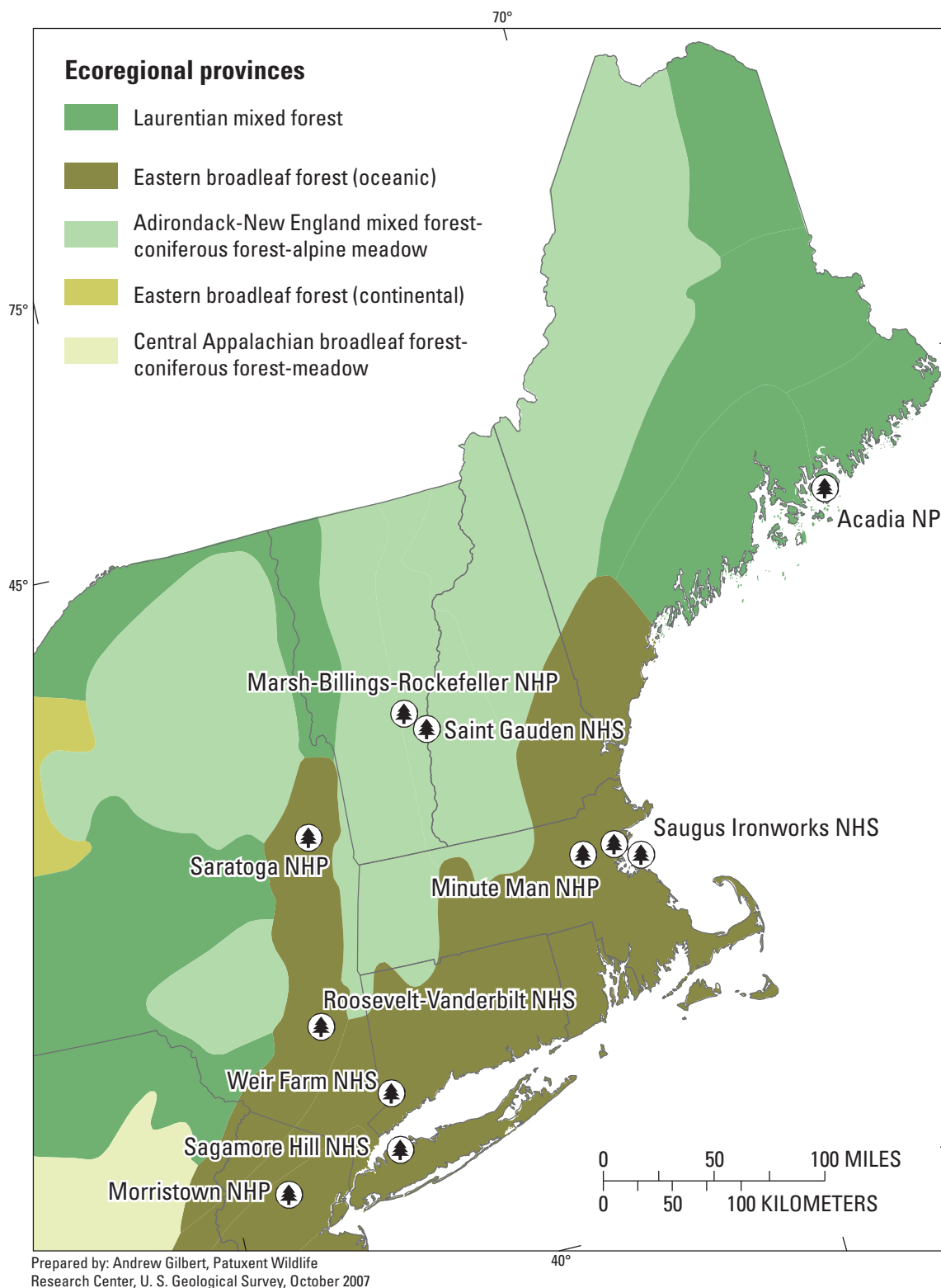


Figure 1. National Park units and representative ecoregions in the northeastern United States included in the 2004 mammal inventory of the Northeast Temperate Network and Sagamore Hill National Historic Site in the Northeast Coastal and Barrier Network. (NP = National Park; NHS = National Historic Site; NHP = National Historical Park.)

Historical Research, Surveys, and Inventories of Mammals

Research, surveys, or inventories of mammals are limited for project parks except Acadia NP, where a number of projects have been conducted since the 1980s. The scope of work varies widely and, although a few general inventories have been conducted, investigations focusing on a single species or species group are more common as a result of NPS management needs. Notable studies at ACAD include inventories of terrestrial mammals and bats on Schoodic Peninsula (Glanz and Connery, 1999) and Isle au Haut (Cole, 1993) and research on carnivores (Harrison, 1989; Winter, 1990) and small mammals (Garman, 1991; Hazen and others, 1992; O'Connell and others, 2001) on Mount Desert Island (MDI). Among the other project parks, bat surveys have been conducted at MABI (Reynolds and McFarland, 2001) and MORR (Pipliski, 2002), and deer have been studied in several parks including MORR (Christie and Sayre, 1989; Underwood, 1997) and SARA (Underwood and others, 1994). Small mammals have been documented at SARA (Stebblein and Mathews, 1987), ROVA (Steadman, 1991), and SAGA (Cook, 1985) to varying extents. Mammals were inventoried during the 1980s at SAGA as part of a larger effort to document vertebrates and other important resources (Cook, 1985). No prior studies of mammals have been conducted at SAHI, SAIR, or WEFA.

Mammal specimens have been collected by both scientists and lay people within the project parks and surrounding region since the 1800s. These specimens represent an important historical record of the mammalian fauna in the respective parks. Recently, voucher specimen data for vertebrates and vascular plants collected in or near northeastern national parks were gathered from natural history collections throughout North America and Europe (Gilbert and O'Connell, 2004; O'Connell and others, 2004). Mammal specimens were found for most parks. In some cases, these specimens may be the only record of historical biodiversity for that species for the project park or region. This type of information may be valuable for assessing historical changes and the current ecological condition of park resources.

Methods

Approach to Inventory Design

Biological inventories are fundamental surveys that generate presence or absence information about a species from a collection of sampling units (MacKenzie and others, 2006) and often serve as the first step in assessing biodiversity. Over the last decade there has been growing international interest in biological inventories followed by the development of monitoring programs as a way to track changes in populations



(Buckland and others, 2005). All too often, however, programs are implemented without considering the fundamental questions that surround detecting change (Yoccoz and others, 2001; Nichols and Williams, 2006). Accurate, science-based inventories can provide a foundation for credible monitoring programs, but scientists, practitioners, and administrators must realize that detecting change is difficult and requires the use of robust analytical procedures (Field and others, 2007). To provide a science-based, credible foundation for long-term monitoring we designed these inventories using estimation-based procedures (Goebel and Baker, 1982; Boulinier and others, 1998; Nichols and others, 1998) and probabilistic sampling methods that will allow future studies and surveys to easily resample should they choose to do so.

Inventories of an entire class of animals are difficult to achieve in a single project. The Class Mammalia includes nearly 5,000 species, more than 100 of which can be found in the eastern United States (Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998). Even the simple documentation of this number of species at multiple sites requires substantial resources. Inventories, surveys, or research are commonly initiated for threatened or endangered mammals or large species of public interest, but generic inventories rarely receive the attention and commitment that are necessary to ensure adequate sampling of all species groups in all major community types. Inadequate or convenience sampling (for example, one or two cameras, collection of road kill carcasses) provides only limited results that are not true inventories in that they do not completely sample the target population in a study area. To sample multiple species we used an array of devices that could be deployed simultaneously (O'Connell and others, 2006; Nichols and others, 2008). This approach minimized both effort and cost, two factors that commonly limit the amount of information that can be collected.

We chose occupancy (occurrence) as our state variable because occupancy met the inventory goals of the NPS I&M Program to document terrestrial mammals that inhabit our study areas. Additionally, we designed our inventory to accommodate both spatial variability and detection issues in future monitoring efforts. Meaningful estimates of detectability could have been generated from our data but were beyond the scope of this work (see MacKenzie and others, 2002; 2003; 2006; and Royle and Nichols, 2003, for examples and a review of the topic). If long-term monitoring programs are needed to track changes in populations over time and (or) space, appropriate design considerations can be used to allocate samples and effort (Pollock and others, 2002; MacKenzie and Royle, 2005; O'Connell and others, 2006). Specific methods used in this study are provided below.

Spatial Sampling Design and Sampling-Point Allocation

We implemented a stratified random-start systematic sampling design at all project parks. This design has the benefit of being spatially balanced and relatively easy to implement (Geissler and McDonald, 2003), and stratification makes certain that spatially limited (rare) community types are sampled. Sampling-point allocation followed the methodology specified by Geissler and McDonald (2003) for use in NPS inventory and monitoring projects (Fancy, 2000).

We developed two programs using ArcObjects for ArcGIS 8.3 to automate sampling-point generation. The first program generated a grid of specified size and random origin (app. A). The second program identified all cells in the stratum of interest and systematically drew sampling points based on the specified number of points desired (app. B). Strata were assigned outside ArcGIS using Microsoft Excel spreadsheet functions and imported back to the grid to be used by the second program (app. C).

Stratification

We defined strata by major vegetative community types (hereafter these are referred to as community types), wetlands, and riparian areas, resulting in a distribution of sampling points among all major community types, except at ACAD, where sampling points were confined to selected strata based on consultation with park staff. We imported spatial data layers (table 2) into a geographic information system (GIS) database using ArcGIS 8.3 (Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI), Inc., Redlands, Cal.). We digitized aerial photographs when vegetation cover maps were unavailable for a park and updated older vegetation cover maps by digitizing more current aerial photography. We buffered streams by 20 m on each side to adequately sample riparian areas. Riparian areas were not generated for ACAD (because they were not a community type of interest) or for MIMA (because stream data were unavailable).

Systematic Sampling Scheme

We used a sampling method that divided each park into grid cells (25–100 m on a side) to which we assigned strata (fig. 2). First, a 100-m grid was generated for each park, except SAIR (25 m) and WEFA (50 m). We used the boundary of each park as the limit of the sampling area for which we generated the grid cells. The program randomly placed a grid of cells beginning at the southwest corner of the map extent and proceeding toward the northeast corner. Initial randomization was achieved by randomly locating the lower left corner of the grid within one cell length (25–100 m) in both N-S and E-W directions. A dense grid of cells was created to cover the smallest rectangle that could contain the park (map extent), but only those cells whose centers were within the park boundary were kept.

Next, we assigned each grid cell a stratum type based on the majority proportion (by area) of all strata within each grid cell. To do this, we performed a clipping operation in ArcMap that divided all strata into small polygons within each grid cell. We exported the area data created by this operation in ArcMap to Microsoft Excel to calculate the percentage of each stratum in every grid cell. A simple formula was used to determine the stratum having the largest proportion in each grid cell and assign these results to the grid cells. The results from Microsoft Excel were imported back into ArcMap to be used by the second program for generating systematic sampling points.

The sampling program generated systematic sampling points for each stratum based on the number of grid cells in each stratum and the number of sampling points desired. The program implemented a systematic design by first dividing the total number of grid cells assigned to a stratum by the number of sampling points required. We denote this value as the sampling frame length. Next, the program selected a random starting cell between cell 1 and the length of the sampling frame. Finally, points were placed beginning at the sampling frame length and at grid cells every frame length until all desired sampling points were assigned.

For example, in figure 3 the conifer stratum (dark green) was assigned to 26 cells and we required seven sampling points to be drawn for the conifer stratum, resulting in a sampling frame length of 3.7 (26/7). Therefore, a sampling point would be placed every 3.7 cells, beginning with a random starting cell between 1 and 4. The program progresses geographically cell to cell from southwest to northeast across the map so that proper spacing is maintained among all points.

Assigning Sampling Points

We assigned two indirect measure (IM) stations (each station includes a camera, two hair traps, and two trackplates) (O'Connell and others, 2006) and two trapping stations for each pre-determined stratum or up to the maximum number of grid cells in a stratum. Initially, we planned to sample in four seasons and rotate equipment to different sampling locations

Table 2. Geographic information system (GIS) data layers used to develop strata for parks in the Northeast Temperate Network and Sagamore Hill National Historic Site mammal inventory.

[NPS, National Park Service; NP, National Park; NHP, National Historical Park; NHS, National Historic Site; NA, not applicable]

Park name	Data layer		
	Vegetation	Wetland	Stream
Acadia NP	Draft Acadia NP vegetation survey	Draft Acadia NP vegetation survey	NA
Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller NHP	Modified NPS natural communities GIS	Modified NPS natural communities GIS	Modified NPS natural communities GIS
Minute Man NHP	Modified Veg95	Modified Veg95	NA
Morristown NHP	Digitized from black and white digital orthophoto	National Wetland Inventory digital map	Modified New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection streams of Morris County
Roosevelt-Vanderbilt NHS	Modified draft National Vegetation Classification	National Wetland Inventory digital map	Modified NPS streams coverage
Saint-Gaudens NHS	Digitized from digital orthophoto (SAGACLP83) provided by NPS	Wetland coverage from NPS	Saint-Gaudens NHS supplied stream coverage
Sagamore Hill NHS	Modified draft National Vegetation Classification	Modified draft National Vegetation Classification	NA
Saugus Iron Works NHS	Digitized from color Mass GIS digital orthophoto	Digitized from color Mass GIS digital orthophoto	NA
Saratoga NHP	Modified draft National Vegetation Classification	National Wetland Inventory digital map	Modified baseline water quality GIS data (WQGIS, rf3_hydro)
Weir Farm NHS	Digitized from 1997 black and white digital orthophoto	National Wetland Inventory digital map	Digitized from 1997 black and white digital orthophoto

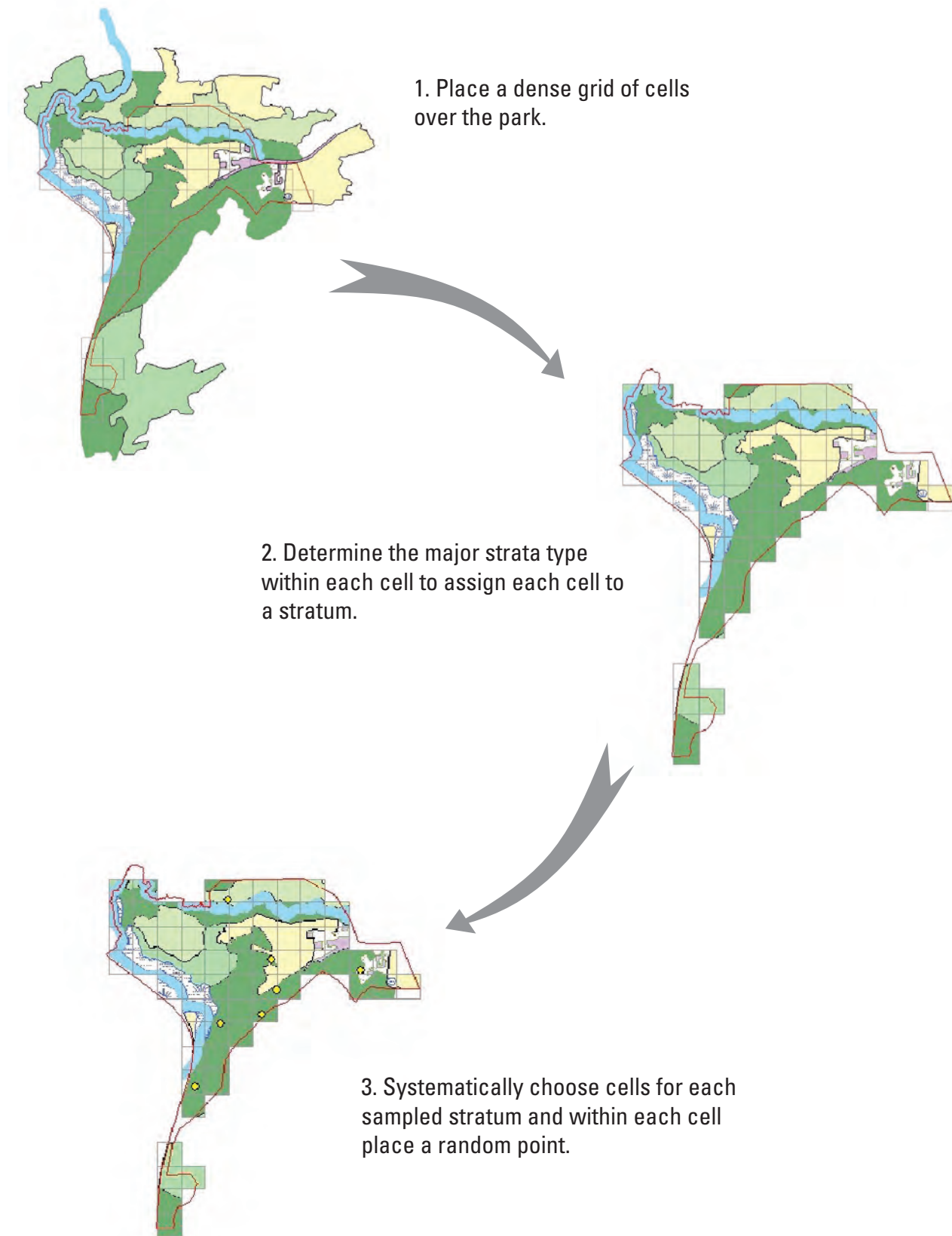
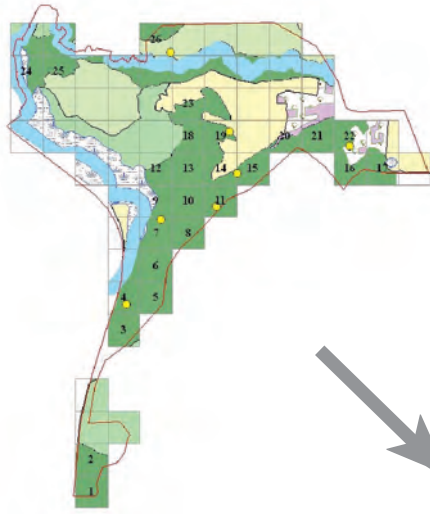
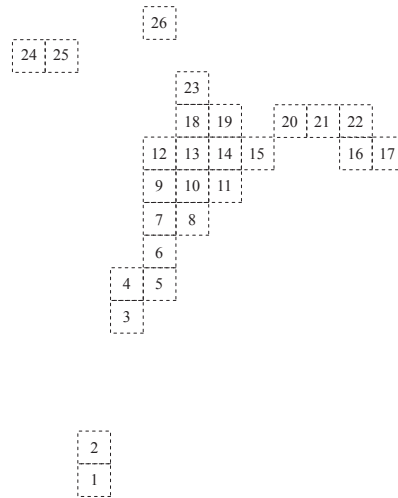


Figure 2. Steps used to select sampling points for the 2004 mammal inventory using a grid system, vegetation strata, and random point placement.



1. Cells are numbered sequentially for each stratum progressing from the southwest corner of the park to the northeast corner.



2. The sampling frame is calculated:

$$\text{Sampling Frame} = (\# \text{ cells} / \# \text{ sampling points})$$

Example: 26 cells / 7 sampling points = 3.7 cells/sampling point

3. Sampling points are assigned to the cell encountered at the end of the frame, beginning with a random starting cell and progressing every 3.7 cells until all 7 sampling points are assigned.

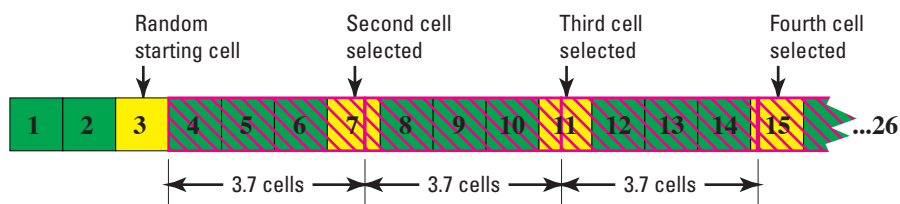


Figure 3. Steps used to calculate the sampling frame and assign sampling points for the 2004 mammal inventory.

each season, resulting in a total of 16 locations for each stratum (four stations per season times four seasons). We reduced the number of sampling sessions to two and also decided to keep equipment in the same location for both sampling sessions because of time constraints. Therefore, although we generated as many as 16 sampling points per stratum, we actually used no more than 4. We systematically chose sets of 4 points from the 16 by selecting every fourth station (for example, 1, 5, 9, 13) and using a set of four as the basis for sampling.

Occasionally, we were unable to generate 16 sampling points because fewer than 16 grid cells were assigned to a stratum. However, because we used only four sampling points, this typically was not a problem unless the program generated fewer than four sampling points. In several instances, the program assigned fewer than four grid cells to a stratum and, consequently, that stratum had fewer than the maximum of four stations. The two trapping and two IM stations were randomly assigned to the four sampling points. We sometimes used one of the other 12 unused sampling points if we encountered a site where it was impossible to locate equipment because of concerns about the security of equipment and (or) visitor disruption. In these instances, we used the next closest point. In some parks, the number of trapping stations was reduced to less than the full sampling regime (two per stratum) because we could not logistically maintain more than 12 trapping stations per park. In these instances, we made sure to include at least one station in each stratum and randomly determined in which strata to place additional sets of trapping equipment.

We used the true (geographic) location of sampling points as designated by the sample selection program, but in some cases the program placed points outside the target community type (stratum). First, as previously noted, we assigned a community type to a grid cell if it constituted the majority percentage of the community in that cell. Nevertheless, there were often other community types within a cell and, because sampling-point allocation was random within the grid cell and not the community, the community type where the sampling point was located may have been different than that originally assigned to the cell. Using smaller grid-cell sizes minimized this discrepancy, but did not eliminate it. Second, community type features were sometimes misidentified on the digital map layer. In either case, we did not reassign sampling points.

Once on site, we recorded the community type for the location of each IM device and trap line. This community type classification was sometimes different from the stratum designation because of the reasons described above. Thus, we determined species-community type associations using classifications recorded from the locations of each detection device (trackplate, cubby box, remote camera) in our sampling array and not prior stratum designation or general station information. Although this method frequently resulted in unequal sampling effort in different community types, we believe linking species presence with local community type

was the most accurate. We did not add sampling points to account for this inequity.

Locating Sampling Points

We located sampling points by global positioning system (GPS) to within 10 to 30 m of the true location (typical accuracy of handheld GPS). For IM stations, the remote camera location became the sampling point and we oriented all other devices in a circular fashion around that point (see fig. 4 for details). In a few cases, where the sampling point was close to the project park boundary and the cubby box or hair trap fell outside the boundary, we placed either device at the generated sampling point. Under such circumstances, we arranged the remainder of the sampling equipment within the boundary as described above. If the point fell outside the park boundary, we relocated the point to just within the boundary and arranged the sampling equipment as described above. We gave all cameras, cubby boxes, and hair traps a unique location identifier and located each device with a GPS. For trapping stations, we located the first trap on the small-mammal trap line at a specified sampling point. We then arranged all other traps relative to that point (fig. 5). We gave a unique location identifier to the starting point of each small-mammal trap line as well as each squirrel-sized and fox-sized trap. We recorded coordinates from GPS positioning.

Temporal Sampling Scheme

We sampled at each park twice in 2004 except Acadia NP, where we sampled only once. We divided sampling into winter/spring and summer/fall periods (sampling sessions 1 and 2, respectively). Because of time and manpower limitations and the long distances between parks, we sampled at parks in a manner that was most efficient for traveling. We also decided to begin sampling at parks in the south, traveling north as winter progressed into spring to avoid relatively difficult sampling conditions in the northern part of the NETN. This decision dictated when we conducted sampling in each project park and we carried this routine through to the second sampling session (table 3). We conducted IM sampling at all parks except ACAD during both sampling sessions. We visited ACAD only once during the first sampling session as a result of time and budget constraints. We trapped during sampling session 2 at all parks except ACAD and WEFA. We did not trap at ACAD but trapped in both sessions at WEFA. Initially, we intended to trap at all parks during session 1, but winter trapping proved difficult and dangerous, yielding too few captures to make trapping worthwhile. Trapping required an inordinate amount of time to set up and run trap lines, and raised the possibility of harm to both trapped animals and investigators. Therefore, WEFA was the first and only park in which we trapped during sessions 1 and 2.

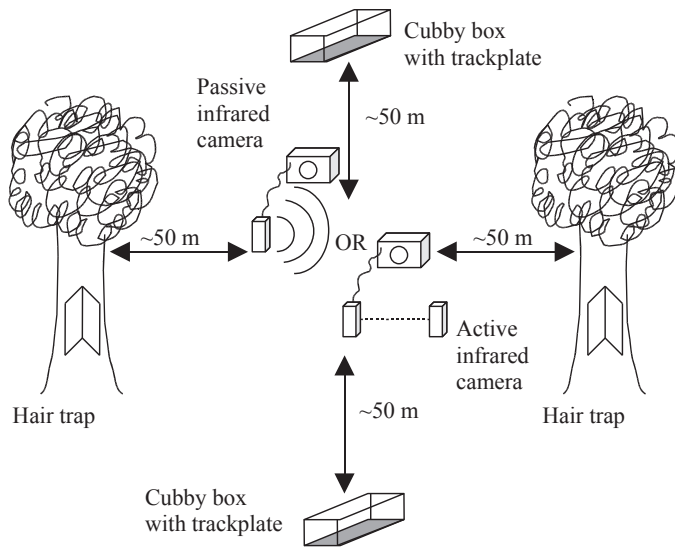


Figure 4. Design of indirect measure stations used to detect mammals in the 2004 mammal inventory. (m, meters)

Indirect Measure Sampling

We arranged IM stations in a “+”-shaped array, with a camera and infrared monitor (transmitter, receiver) at the center, and two hair traps and two cubby boxes arranged 50 m from the camera so that the cubby boxes and hair traps were located opposite one another (fig. 4). We randomly placed IM equipment relative to the major cardinal directions (N-S/E-W). We arranged some IM arrays along the four ordinal directions (NE-SW/SE-NW) to keep equipment within the park boundary and, as much as possible, to keep equipment within the selected stratum type. We set up IM stations at the beginning of each sampling session and left them operational for 2 weeks. We checked equipment every 2 to 3 days, though longer periods between checks did occur as result of logistics or weather. As necessary, we applied fresh bait and scent lure each time we visited a station. We developed detailed protocols for checking equipment (app. D).

Remote Cameras

We used either Trailmaster® active (TM 1500 or 1550) or passive (TM 550) infrared monitors with cameras (Goodson & Associates, Inc., Lenexa, Kan.). Active units have three parts: an infrared transmitter that transmits a narrow infrared beam, a receiver, and a camera. Motion is detected when an animal breaks the narrow infrared beam. Passive units have two parts: a transmitter/receiver that emits a wide infrared beam and receives the reflected signal, and a camera. Motion or change in the ambient temperature is detected over a wide cone-shaped area in the same way that a motion-sensitive light responds. In both types of systems, the camera is connected to the receiver unit with wires and triggered according to

user-specified controls. A 5-minute delay was used to reduce the occurrence of multiple photographs of the same animal. Furthermore, we set cameras to take photos only between dusk and dawn to limit photos of non-target species (for example, birds).

We set cameras on level ground or, if systems were mounted on sloped ground, we aimed the cameras perpendicular to the slope. Active units were very sensitive to problems with alignment of the transmitter and receiver. Under these circumstances, we attempted to minimize elevation change along the path of the infrared beam. Improper alignment resulted in event errors and high counts (sometimes in the thousands) of false events. We cleared vegetation from the surrounding areas to reduce the number of false events caused by vegetation movement and to increase the visibility of animals. We baited cameras with chicken and commercial scent lure (Predator 500, Cronk’s Outdoor Supplies, Wiscasset, Maine) applied to pieces of cotton cloth located near the bait. Appendix D contains the full protocol for setting and checking the remote cameras.

We used 24- or 36-exposure 35 mm color print film having an ISO of 400 or 800 speed in all cameras. We developed film as prints and obtained digital copies on CD. We referenced photos by event ID in the project database.

Trackplates

We used Zielinski’s (1995) design for cubby boxes. We constructed trackplates from 20- x 76-cm aluminum valley flashing placed within the wooden frame with a single opening. We made boxes (23 x 23 x 81 cm) from exterior-grade plywood with the bottom and top pieces routed along the outside edge to hold the sides together easily. The entire structure was held together by two lengths of rope. Cubby boxes were collapsible for easy transportation. We placed boxes against a solid object (such as a tree or rock) to limit access at one end and covered the box with tree limbs to make the box rigid. We applied these techniques to obscure the box against the physical background, hoping to make the device more appealing to animals.

We covered trackplates with copier toner (Belant, 2003) on two-thirds of the side nearest the entrance to the cubby box. We cleaned trackplates with vinegar and then lightly coated them with mineral oil periodically to improve adherence of toner to the plates. We applied clear or white shelf paper (30 x 23 cm) to the plate with the adhesive side up at the closed end of the box, leaving some clean plate (~7.5 cm) for the bait, either raw chicken or canned cat food (pierced with a can opener). We also used dry cat food mixed with cod liver and anchovy oils, which was secured in a wire mesh pouch attached to the upper rear of the cubby box. We applied Predator 500 lure to cloth stapled to the outside of the box. Mammals accessing the bait transferred toner to the contact sheet, leaving a positive impression. We changed sheets during station checks if tracks were discovered. However, we did not change trackplates if only mouse-sized tracks were found,

unless the tracks would have obscured future tracks of larger animals. We collected all contact sheets with tracks (including those with mouse tracks only) when equipment was removed. We then placed contact sheets in acetate sheet protectors in the field and archived them for later identification. Occasionally, tracks were present only on the sooted portion of the plate, leaving a negative impression. These tracks were photographed and then lifted onto clean contact sheets for archiving.

We identified tracks in the lab by measuring track width and length, palm size and shape, presence of heel pads, and general appearance (hairy, clean, pebbly, etc.) and recorded this information for front and rear tracks (when both were available). We identified tracks primarily using track descriptions and dimensions provided by Elbroch (2003), but other guide books and publications also proved helpful (Murie, 1974; Halfpenny and Biesiot, 1986; Taylor and Raphael, 1988; Rezendes, 1995; Zielinski, 1995; Loukmas and others, 2001).

Hair Traps

We used the hair sampling device developed for American Marten (*Martes americana*) by Mowat and Paetkau (2002). The trap consisted of two 2- x 14- x 60-cm pieces of pine screwed together lengthwise along the edges to form a roof (at approximately a 90-degree angle). The trap was screwed to trees ~1.5 m from the ground, forming a triangular passageway through which animals could access bait as they passed through the trap. Catchmaster glue traps (AP&G Co., Brooklyn, N.Y.) cut to 1.5- x 5-cm strips were used to capture hairs as the animal passed through the device. During the first sampling session and the beginning of the second session, we attached eight glue strips by thumbtack to the upper part of the inside of the trap at one-third the distance (~20 cm) from each edge. During the second sampling session, we attached an additional eight glue strips to both the upper and lower outside edges of the trap, increasing our ability to sample animals that were unable or unwilling to access the interior of the trap. We attached raw chicken to the tree at the mid portion of the hair trap. We applied scent lure to pieces of cloth either inside or above the trap. We checked glue strips for hairs during each visit and replaced the glue strips if hairs were found or if the glue strips were missing or rendered ineffective by rain, insects, or other debris. We placed hair samples in bags and labeled them with the location and station identifier. We kept samples frozen for later analysis. Details of identification methods are available in Appendix E.

Trapping

We used linear arrangements of 20 small-mammal traps with 2 squirrel-sized live traps placed perpendicular to the end of the small-mammal trap lines. At some stations, one fox-sized live trap was also used (fig. 5). We arranged small-mammal trap lines along the longest axis of the selected community type (i.e., stratum) to make sure that as much of

the trap line as possible was placed within the target community. We recorded the orientation of trap lines (bearing from trap 1 to 10), documented in station-description tables found in the results section for each park. We set two 90-m-long trap lines spaced 10 m apart with traps placed every 10 m. We used one line of 10 Longworth-style “Little Critter” live traps (Rogers Manufacturing Co., Peachland, British Columbia) and one line of 10 Museum Special traps (Woodstream Corp., Lititz, Pa.). We set squirrel-sized 46- x 13- x 13-cm Havahart live traps (Woodstream Corp., Lititz, Pa.) ~50 m from and perpendicular to the beginning and ends of each trap line. Initially, we set squirrel-sized traps in trees 2 m off the ground to target flying squirrels (Risch and Brady, 1996), but had little success using this approach. We then moved these traps to the ground to increase our chances of capturing other species. We baited small-mammal and squirrel-sized traps with a peanut butter-suet-oat mixture bound with paraffin wax that was developed for general mammal trapping (Calhoun, 1959). We used synthetic batting in each small-mammal live trap during colder months to provide nesting material. We used one large 107- x 38- x 38-cm fox-sized live trap (Tomahawk Live Trap Co., Tomahawk, Wisc.) in each stratum to document larger mammals like foxes or Fisher. We also set these traps perpendicular to and ~50 m from one end of the small-mammal trap line opposite one of the squirrel-sized traps (~100 m distant).

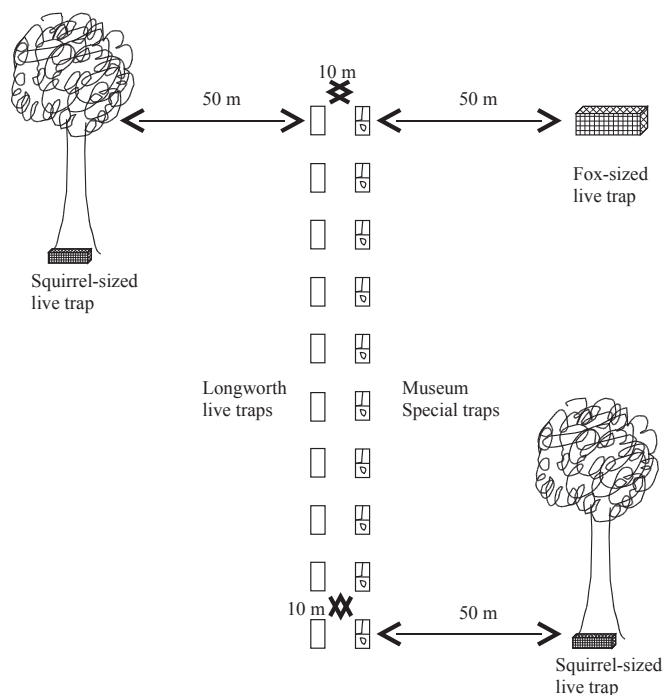


Figure 5. Small-mammal trap lines and placement of squirrel-sized and fox-sized live traps used in the 2004 mammal inventory of national parks in the Northeast Temperate Network and Sagamore Hill National Historic Site.

Table 3. Temporal sampling scheme used in the mammal inventory at parks in the Northeast Temperate Network and Sagamore Hill National Historic Site.

[NP, National Park; NHP, National Historical Park; NHS, National Historic Site; NA, not applicable]

Park name	Sampling session 1	Sampling session 2
Acadia NP	4/5/2004 – 4/19/2004	NA
Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller NHP	3/11/2004 – 3/26/2004	10/12/2004 – 10/26/2004
Minute Man NHP	2/22/2004 – 3/8/2004	7/19/2004 – 8/2/2004
Morristown NHP	2/3/2004 – 2/20/2004	6/21/2004 – 7/7/2004
Roosevelt-Vanderbilt NHS	2/7/2004 – 2/23/2004	8/2/2004 – 8/18/2004
Saint-Gaudens NHS	3/9/2004 – 3/25/2004	9/27/2004 – 10/22/2004
Sagamore Hill NHS	4/28/2004 – 5/12/2004	11/16/2004 – 11/22/2004
Saugus Iron Works NHS	2/26/2004 – 3/10/2004	9/20/2004 – 10/4/2004
Saratoga NHP	3/29/2004 – 4/14/2004	11/1/2004 – 11/22/2004
Weir Farm NHS	1/20/2004 – 2/7/2004	6/7/2004 – 6/22/2004

We baited each of these large traps with raw chicken and Predator 500 lure.

We did not attempt to fully document species like moles or shrews by using devices like Victor or pitfall traps that are generally regarded as the preferred methods to capture or detect these species. Moles burrow underground and require trapping devices that accommodate this trait. Also, we did not have sufficient resources to purchase the necessary equipment and devote the time required to locate and capture moles. Instead, we used incidental observations to document these mammals. We originally intended to set pitfall traps because they are the preferred device to capture shrews (Williams and Braun, 1983; Bury and Corn, 1987; Kalko and Handley, 1993), but we were unable to obtain the necessary permission from regional cultural resource program managers to use these traps. The omission of pitfalls from this study likely resulted in an under-sampling of shrews, thereby reducing species diversity estimates. We note, however, that several shrew species probably occur in each project park based on known ranges and historic documentation (Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998).

We checked and set traps daily. Initial trap setup usually required several days, resulting in a staggered sampling scheme in most project parks. When possible, we removed traps in a staggered, reverse fashion to allow traps to remain in the field the same amount of time—usually 5 trap nights. We collected physical measurements (total length, tail length, and hind foot length) and weight of small mammals caught in Longworth traps and recorded a general physical description. We recorded sex and sexual maturity when these were apparent. We marked all small mammal captures with fingernail polish on the head between the ears to identify recaptures. We collected voucher specimens when we caught individuals in Museum Special traps and froze them for later preparation as study skins. We marked larger mammals with spray paint, and took photographs. We released all captured animals as quickly as possible and at the point of capture to minimize stress.

Observation Cards

Prior to beginning field work, we developed observation cards (app. F) for reporting mammal observations. We designed these cards to be carried in the field by NPS personnel and include pertinent information to make an accurate identification (for example, observer, date, time, location). We distributed cards to park staff at the beginning of the project and we asked all personnel assisting on the project to record observations when possible. We also encouraged personnel to record observations of indirect evidence like tracks and scat. We collected cards at the end of the second sampling session and these data are included in the summary results for each park.

Historical Voucher Specimen Records

Historical species lists (>10 years old) were compiled from voucher specimen data (O'Connell and others, 2004) and allow for historical comparisons of biodiversity. We did not survey for marine mammals or bats; however, we include documentation of these species in this report from the historical voucher specimens and related records.

Data Collection

We recorded data in the field using weather-resistant handheld computer devices (SPT 1700, Symbol Technologies, Inc., Oakland, Cal.) and used Pendragon Forms 3.2 software (Pendragon Forms Software Corp., Libertyville, Ill.) to create and manage forms for data collection. This software allowed multiple users to collect data and synchronize information to a single database. We created multiple data sheets consisting of equipment check logs (for example, camera check log) and identification (event) data sheets where identification of tracks or observations were recorded. We linked all events (either

check logs or event data) to a location with a unique location identifier consistent with NPSpecies data requirements (National Park Service, 2002). The location database describes locations and provides point coordinates (Universal Transverse Mercator, North American Datum 1983). We provided field data sheets to park staff for data collection when they checked IM stations (app. G). We added these data to the database, from which a Microsoft Access 2002 database was created and populated.

Data Analyses

We calculated naïve estimates of station occupancy and detection rates for each of the species documented by means of IM sampling. We determined which strata were occupied by each species by calculating the proportion of stations occupied. For stations with IM arrays, species detection rates were calculated by dividing the total number of individual species detections for all checks at a station by the number of checks made at that station. Mean rate of detection for each species over all stations included those stations where the species was not detected (detection rate = 0).

For trapping stations, we calculated the total number of individuals captured and the rate at which they were captured.

We also calculated naïve estimates of station occupancy. We calculated the mean rate of new captures (number of new captures per night) for all trapping stations, including those with no detections. These results provide an index of occurrence for each species based on the number of days sampled but cannot be used to track changes in the target populations over time or space (Pollock and others, 2002).

Hair traps yielded a substantial number of samples. However, observation of gross morphological features for making species identifications is not an entirely objective process. Because we could not be certain of our identifications, we elected not to include these data in the analytical results sections for each park and have placed these results in appendix H. In addition, a companion research project (Talancy, 2005) on carnivores was conducted simultaneously with this survey and used an additional, more objective technique to validate species identification from hair. This technique identified species by analyzing the unique composition of peptides in hair proteins using matrix-assisted laser desorption/ionization time-of-flight mass spectrometry (MALDI-TOF) (Hollemeier and others, 2002). Details of these results can be found in Talancy (2005) and identifications made by this method are also shown in appendix H.



Weir Farm National Historic Site (WEFA)

Background

Weir Farm National Historic Site (WEFA) is a small suburban park dedicated to the American Impressionist work of J. Alden Weir, sculptor Mahonri Young, and painter Sperry Andrews. The park is located in south-central Connecticut between the towns of Wilton and Ridgefield. The farm is designed around Weir's home, studios, and grounds and is typical of an old New England homestead with woods, fields, a small pond, and outbuildings. The park, although small (30 ha), is bordered by several other protected areas. A 45-ha preserve owned by the Nature Conservancy—Weir Nature Preserve (The Nature Conservancy, 2005) borders WEFA on the southwest and town land borders the park on the eastern boundary. Paths through WEFA allow visitors access to the fields, forest, and pond. The majority of parkland (18 ha) is dominated by central hardwood forest typical of southern New England and 6 ha of fields (Mitchell and others, 2006). A single small pond once used for ice and recreation by the Weir family provides community type for aquatic mammals like Muskrat (*Ondatra zibethica*) and feeds the small stream that runs through the park.

Prior Investigations

We are not aware of any prior work on mammals that has been conducted at Weir Farm or the surrounding area.

Sampling Stations

We conducted IM sampling and trapping in January and June of 2004. We selected 16 sampling points in four community types for sampling (8 IM and 8 trap) (table 4, fig. 6).

Survey Results

We detected 16 species at WEFA: 9 during indirect measure sampling, 10 during trapping, and 7 by observation, excluding 2 individuals not identified to the species level (table 5). This is only 33 percent of the potential mammals that could occur at WEFA, excluding bats (N=49, table 1). Measured diversity of mammals at WEFA was low, which may reflect either the small size of the park (O'Connell and others, 2004), other landscape scale factors such as fragmentation (Rosenblatt and others, 1999; Talancy, 2005) and urbanization (Crooks, 2002), and (or) an artifact of limited sampling during this study. The Domestic Cat (*Felis silvestris*) and Raccoon (*Procyon lotor*) were the most commonly detected medium-sized mammals during the winter (sampling session 1) at WEFA, although detection rates were low overall (table 6). Virginia Opossum (*Didelphis virginiana*) and Raccoon were the most commonly detected medium-sized mammals during sampling session 2 in the summer (table 6).

White-footed Mouse (*Peromyscus leucopus*) was the most commonly detected small mammal, followed by the Deer Mouse (*Peromyscus maniculatus*) (tables 7–8). The Northern Short-tailed Shrew (*Blarina brevicauda*), detected commonly in other parks, was captured only twice. Based on the natural history of this species and available community types, we expect that this species was more common than our detections would indicate. A Woodland Vole (*Microtus pinetorum*) was



detected once and may be rare within WEFA (Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998).

We detected mammals more frequently in the summer (session 2) than in the winter (session 1) (table 6). We detected Coyotes (*Canis latrans*) only in winter, whereas the Eastern Chipmunk (*Tamias striatus*), Striped Skunk (*Mephitis mephitis*), Virginia Opossum, and Woodchuck (*Marmota monax*) were detected only in summer. The four species detected only in summer spend much of the winter in dens, especially during colder periods. The winter sampling period at WEFA was very cold with >25 cm of snow on the ground, which may have limited movement of many species. Several species (Virginia Opossum, Raccoon, White-footed Mouse) were found in all community types, whereas Striped Skunk

and Domestic Cat were detected in all but the riparian community type (table 5). Most other species were detected in at least two different community types (table 5).

There was no clear relationship between vegetation communities sampled and the number of detections of or diversity of mammals (fig. 7). This is not surprising because WEFA is dominated by deciduous forest with small patches of wetland evenly dispersed throughout the park, resulting in a more or less homogeneous landscape, with the exception of fields around the visitor center and home. Fields were the only community type in which we detected White-tailed Deer, Coyotes, and Woodland Vole, although Coyotes and deer are probably found throughout the park. Coyotes may use altered open areas such as fields for hunting and ease of travel, but also make use of wooded areas and even residential areas in suburban environments (Way and others, 2004). White-tailed Deer use a wide variety of habitats (Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998), and their tracks were evident throughout WEFA. Woodland Voles use a wide range of communities, including deciduous woodlands and fields (Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998). However, as noted, we captured only one individual of this species near the edge of a field, and this is not enough information to draw any conclusions about use of community types.

Table 4. Indirect measure (IM) and trap station numbers, community type, GPS locations of the camera at IM stations and the start of the Longworth trap line, orientation of IM stations, and bearing of trap lines used in the 2004 mammal inventory at Weir Farm National Historic Site.

Station number	Station type	Community type	UTM X ^a	UTM Y ^a	Orientation/bearing ^b
1	IM	riparian	629584	4568544	N-S
2	Trap	riparian	629626	4568582	25°
3	IM	riparian	629688	4568893	E-W
5	Trap	riparian	629529	4568453	50°
7	Trap	wetland	629372	4568332	156°
9	IM	wetland	629187	4568554	NE-SW
11	Trap	wetland	629487	4568576	200°
13	IM	wetland	629416	4568474	E-W
15	IM	field	629280	4568384	E-W
19	Trap	field	629187	4568344	140°
23	Trap	field	629283	4568454	200°
27	IM	field	629326	4568267	N-S
35	IM	deciduous	629619	4568751	NE-SW ^c
39	Trap	deciduous	629677	4569228	330°
40	IM	deciduous	629630	4569281	N-S
43	Trap	deciduous	629237	4568481	340°

^a Universal Transverse Mercator Zone 18; datum, North American Datum 1983; units, meters.

^b The orientation of the trackplates relative to the cameras in the IM station or the bearing of the trap lines.

^c Due to boundary constraints, this station was arranged with the two hair traps in line with the NE trackplate instead of the camera.

Species Expected but Not Detected

Several species of shrews (*Sorex* spp.) may occur in the park. Masked Shrew (*S. cinereus*), Smoky Shrew (*S. fumeus*), and Water Shrew (*S. palustris*) all have ranges that overlap park boundaries (Godin, 1977; Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998). The Masked Shrew makes use of a wide variety of habitats (Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998) including those found at WEFA. Many specimens have been collected in Fairfield County, and two found in the town of Wilton (Godin, 1977) indicate a very high likelihood that this species occurs on NPS land. The Smoky Shrew prefers shaded, damp woods, which occur along the inlet and outlet to Weir Pond. Specimens have been collected in Wilton and other towns in Fairfield County (Godin, 1977). Water shrews, as the name implies, are semi-aquatic, and they prefer wetlands along streams, lakes, and ponds (Godin, 1977; Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998). The areas around Weir Pond and adjacent streams as well as wetlands along the western edge of the park may provide suitable habitat for this species.

We did not detect any moles at WEFA. These animals are primarily fossorial, preferring to tunnel underground for food, although the Star-nosed Mole (*Condylura cristata*) also makes use of wet areas such as meadows, swamps, and streams to feed (Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998). They are not routinely captured in small-mammal traps, and we did not expect to detect them in this study unless we observed them directly or found evidence of the mounded tunnels they create in the soil. We expect that both Eastern (*Scalopus aquaticus*) and Star-nosed Moles occur at WEFA because voucher specimens have been recorded for both species (table 9).

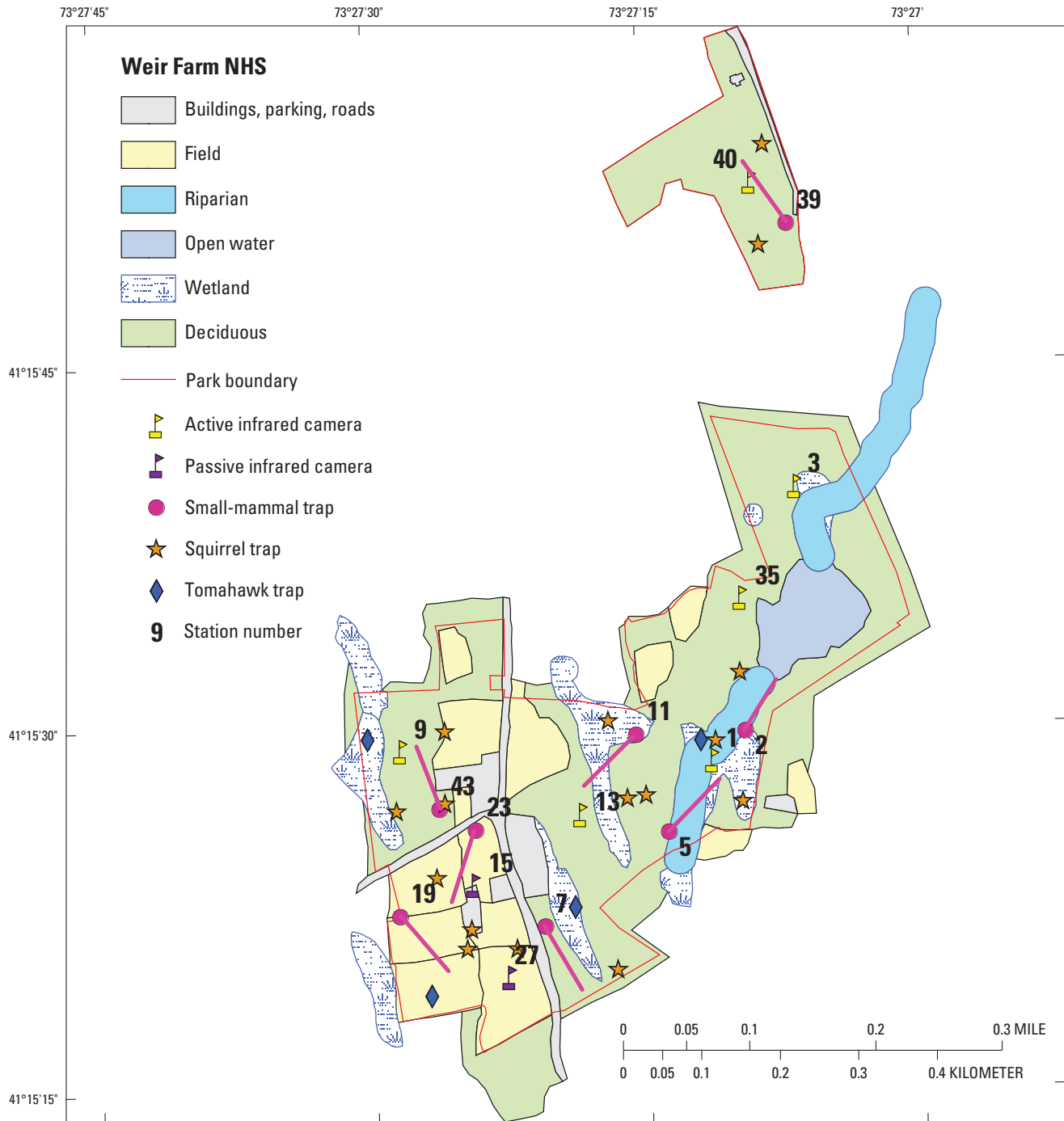


Figure 6. Locations of remote cameras and other detection devices, trapping equipment, and orientation of small-mammal trap lines used in the 2004 mammal inventory at Weir Farm National Historic Site. (Two trackplates and two hair traps were arranged about 50 meters from each camera location. Two small-mammal trap lines (10 Longworth and 10 Museum special traps spaced 10 meters between traps) were set parallel to each other 10 meters apart and oriented as shown (pink lines). Two squirrel-sized live traps and, at some stations, a single fox-sized live trap completed each trapping station. Station numbers are provided for sampling arrays.)

Table 5. Community type associations of mammals detected at Weir Farm National Historic Site by indirect measure sampling, trapping, and observation.

[Community type associations are based on vegetation community descriptions of each sampling location. C, camera; TP, trackplate; TR, trapping; X, species observed for which we have records; -, not detected]

Species detected	Community type				Observed
	Deciduous	Field	Riparian	Wetland	
Virginia Opossum	C, TP, TR	TP	C, TP	C, TP	-
Northern Short-tailed Shrew	TR	-	TR	-	-
Shrew spp.	-	-	-	TP	-
Gray Squirrel	TR	-	-	-	-
Eastern Chipmunk	TP	-	TR	-	-
Woodchuck	TP	-	-	-	X
Deer Mouse	-	-	TR	TR	-
White-footed Mouse	TR	TR	TR	TR	-
Woodland Vole	-	TR	-	-	X
White-footed or Deer Mouse	TR	-	TR	TR	-
Mouse/Vole spp.	TP	TP	TP	-	X
Beaver	-	-	-	-	X
Coyote	-	C	-	-	-
Red Fox	-	-	-	-	X
Canid spp.	-	-	-	-	X
Raccoon	C, TP, TR	TP	C, TP	C, TR, TP	-
Mink	-	-	-	-	X
Striped Skunk	C, TP	C, TR	-	C	X
Domestic Cat	TP, TR	TP	-	C, TP	-
White-tailed Deer	-	C	-	-	X
Total species detected^a	9	8	6	7	7

^a Totals exclude generic counts unless no other species in that group were detected (for example, Shrew spp. would be counted if no other specific shrew was detected).

Table 6. Mammal species detection rates and site occupancy at eight indirect measure stations at Weir Farm National Historic Site during two sampling sessions in 2004.

[-, species not detected]

Species detected	Session 1 (1/20/2004 – 2/7/2004)		Session 2 (6/7/2004 – 6/22/2004)	
	Number of stations occupied (proportion)	Mean detection rate (SE) ^a	Number of stations occupied (proportion)	Mean detection rate (SE) ^a
Virginia Opossum	-	-	7 (0.88)	2.69 (0.70)
Shrew spp.	1 (0.12)	0.02 (0.02)	-	-
Eastern Chipmunk	-	-	1 (0.12)	0.02 (0.02)
Woodchuck	-	-	1 (0.12)	0.02 (0.02)
Mouse/Vole spp.	3 (0.38)	0.11 (0.06)	1 (0.12)	0.02 (0.02)
Mouse/Vole/Shrew spp.	1 (0.12)	0.04 (0.04)	-	-
Coyote	1 (0.12)	0.02 (0.02)	-	-
Raccoon	3 (0.38)	0.11 (0.06)	8 (1.00)	1.35 (0.27)
Striped Skunk	-	-	5 (0.62)	0.15 (0.06)
Domestic Cat	4 (0.50)	0.11 (0.05)	2 (0.25)	0.23 (0.19)
White-tailed Deer	1 (0.12)	0.02 (0.02)	1 (0.12)	0.02 (0.02)

^a The mean rate of detection and standard error over all stations, including those stations where the species was not detected (detection rate = 0). Species detection rates were calculated for each station by dividing the total number of individual species detections for all checks at a station (camera and trackplate only) by the number of checks made at that station. SE, the standard error of this mean.

Table 7. Mammal capture rates and site occupancy for eight trapping stations (four with fox-sized live traps) at Weir Farm National Historic Site during sampling session 1 (1/20/2004–2/7/2004).

Species detected	Number of new captures	Number of stations occupied (proportion) ^a	Mean rate of new individuals captured (SE) ^b
Gray Squirrel	1	1 (0.12)	0.02 (0.02)
White-footed Mouse	1	1 (0.12)	0.03 (0.03)
Deer or White-footed Mouse	2	1 (0.12)	0.05 (0.05)
Domestic Cat	1	1 (0.25)	0.05 (0.05)

^a Small-mammal and squirrel-sized live traps were placed at all 8 stations whereas fox-sized live traps were set at only 4; therefore, the number of stations at which medium-sized mammals (Domestic Cat) could be captured was reduced to 4 for individual species for each night of sampling.

^b Rates were calculated for each station by dividing the total number of new individuals captured (per species) by the number of nights that traps were operational. SE, standard error of the mean.

Table 8. Mammal capture rates and site occupancy for eight trapping stations (four with fox-sized live traps) at Weir Farm National Historic Site during sampling session 2 (6/7/2004–6/22/2004).

Species detected	Number of new captures	Number of stations occupied (proportion) ^a	Mean rate of new individuals captured (SE) ^b
Virginia Opossum	3	2 (0.50)	0.11 (0.07)
Northern Short-tailed Shrew	2	2 (0.25)	0.04 (0.02)
Eastern Chipmunk	1	1 (0.12)	0.02 (0.02)
Deer Mouse	3	3 (0.38)	0.05 (0.03)
White-footed Mouse	20	6 (0.75)	0.36 (0.11)
Deer or White-footed Mouse	9	5 (0.62)	0.16 (0.05)
Woodland Vole	1	1 (0.12)	0.02 (0.02)
Raccoon	3	2 (0.50)	0.11 (0.07)
Striped Skunk	1	1 (0.25)	0.04 (0.04)

^a Small-mammal and squirrel-sized live traps were placed at all 8 stations whereas fox-sized live traps were set at only 4; therefore, the number of stations at which medium-sized mammals (Domestic Cat, Raccoon) could be captured was reduced to 4 for individual species for each night of sampling.

^b Rates were calculated for each station by dividing the total number of new individuals captured (per species) by the number of nights that traps were operational. SE, standard error of the mean.

We did not capture Meadow Voles despite the availability of seemingly adequate habitat. Populations of this species are cyclical (Ostfeld and Canham, 1995, and references therein), and we may have sampled during a low population level. The occurrence of this species within the county has been documented previously (table 9) and indicates that it may occur in the fields around the Weir studio and visitor center.

The Southern Flying Squirrel (*Glaucomys volans*) can occur in a variety of forest types but their range is limited by mast-producing species such as oaks and hickories (Weigl, 1978; Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998) and they are known to require a mature forest component (Taulman and Smith, 2004; Holloway and Malcolm, 2007). Although we did not detect this species during this inventory, a voucher specimen is available from Fairfield County (table 9), and because of the amount of suitable forested land within WEFA, and on adjacent Nature Conservancy and undeveloped town properties, we believe that this squirrel species does occur locally.

We did not detect Gray Fox (*Urocyon cinereoargenteus*), but believe that this canid can occur in WEFA and the surrounding area. This predator is native to New England (Godin, 1977) and was detected in other parks in this inventory in southern New England and New York. We found voucher specimens from Fairfield County (table 9), which indicates that this species occurred historically in the area. However, the increasing numbers of Coyotes in the region may have displaced this species as a result of competitive exclusion (Fedriani and others, 2000).

We did not detect the Long-tailed Weasel (*Mustela frenata*), despite records of occurrence in the county (table 9) and widespread distribution across Eastern North America. Voles are a major prey source for this weasel (Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998), and a low vole population may have suppressed the population of this predator. Furthermore, Long-tailed Weasels range widely over as much as 10 to 20 ha (Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998), indicating that few individuals are likely

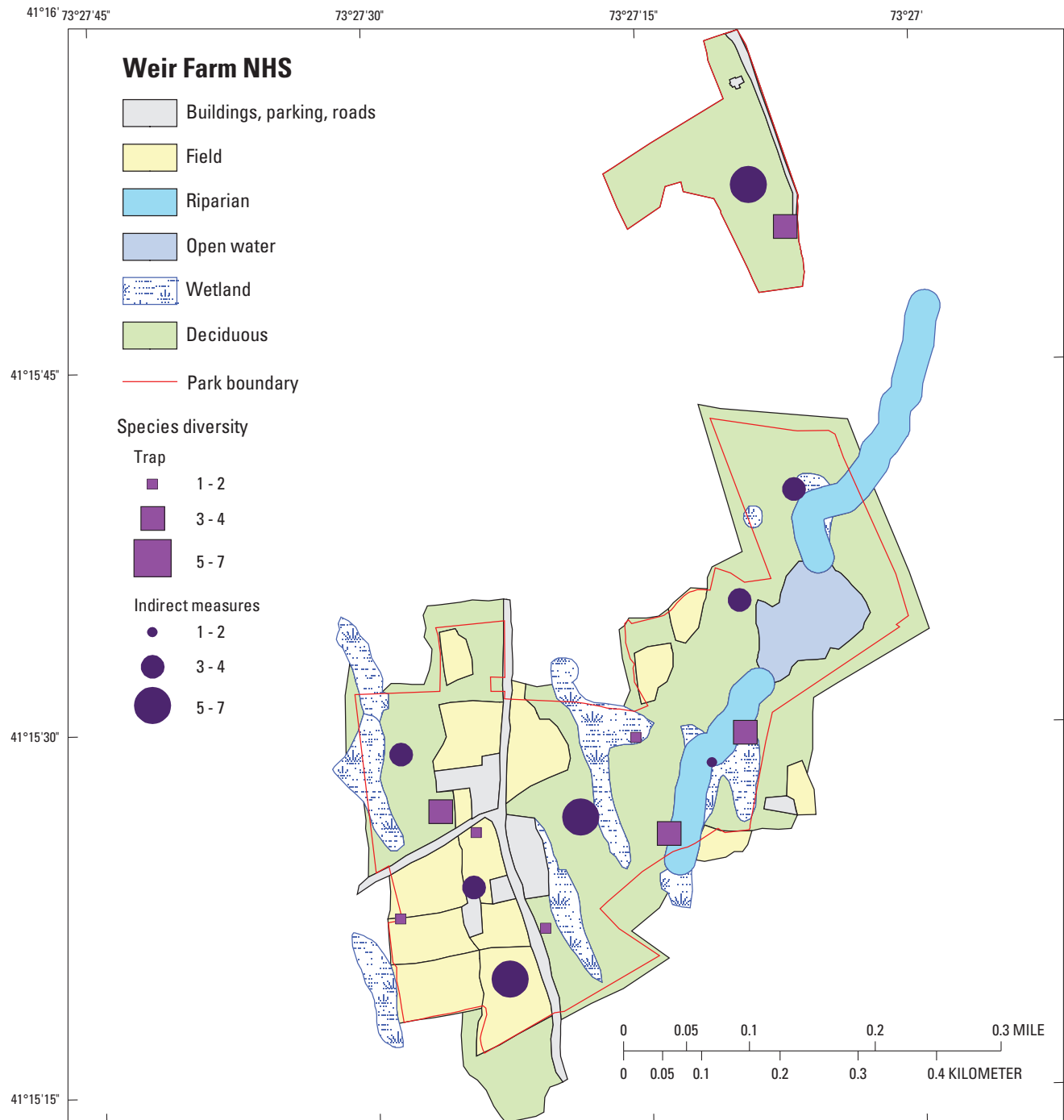


Figure 7. Species diversity results for trapping and indirect measure sampling stations during the 2004 mammal inventory at Weir Farm National Historic Site.

to occur within park boundaries as a result of the WEFA's small size. Short-tailed Weasel (Ermine, *M. erminea*) also may occur here, but its presence is much less likely because this species is at the southern edge of its range (Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998).

Endangered and Threatened Species

We did not detect any species that were state or federally threatened or endangered, and in fact, all species detected are locally or regionally abundant. The State of Connecticut lists only the Least Shrew (*Cryptotis parva*) as endangered, with no mammals listed as threatened (Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, 2004a). The Least Shrew is thought to occur in southwestern Connecticut; but few specimens have been documented; the last was reported in 1989 in Middlesex County. Godin (1977) noted a specimen collected in Fairfield County from the town of Darien. The likelihood that the Least Shrew occurs in the park is low.

The New England Cottontail (*Sylvilagus transitionalis*) was not detected in this study, and the State of Connecticut has considered listing this species as threatened or endangered (Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection,

2004b). The Federal government was petitioned to list the species as federally threatened or endangered, and the listing status was recently updated to level two for final determination on the proposed listing (CFR 50-17; 06:53756-53835). The species prefers dense, shrubby habitat (Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998; Litvaitis and others, 2003), including that formed by Mountain Laurel (*Kalmia latifolia*) (Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, 2004b). Some small, dense stands of Mountain Laurel occur in the park, but these areas may not be large enough to accommodate this species, which has a mean home range size of 3.7 hectares (Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, 2004b). The historic range of the New England Cottontail included all of Connecticut (Litvaitis and others, 2003), and recent work has documented the occurrence of this species in the southwestern part of the state, including the towns of Newtown and Sherman in Fairfield County (Kilpatrick, 2005). The New England Cottontail may occur in the park, but it is difficult to distinguish this species from the physically similar Eastern Cottontail (*S. floridanus*). Correct species identification requires DNA analysis from tissue or fecal material or examination of skull structure (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2005b).

Table 9. Number of mammal specimens in museum collections and their proximity to Weir Farm National Historic Site.

[Proximity-to-park codes: 1, collected within park boundaries; 2, collected in the town (Wilton and Ridgefield, Conn.) the park is located in; 3, collected in the county (Fairfield) the park is located in. Institutions: AMNH, American Museum of Natural History; CUMV, Cornell University Museum of Vertebrates; FMNH, Field Museum of Natural History; UMMZ, University of Michigan Museum of Zoology; YPM, Yale University Peabody Museum of Natural History. -, no specimens]

Species ^a	Proximity to park			Institutions
	1	2	3	
Virginia Opossum (<i>Didelphis virginiana</i>)	-	-	1	YPM
Northern Short-tailed Shrew (<i>Blarina brevicauda</i>)	-	1	7	AMNH, FMNH
Shrew spp. (<i>Sorex</i> spp.)	-	1	-	AMNH
Eastern Mole (<i>Scalopus aquaticus</i>)	-	1	4	AMNH, CUMV, FMNH
Star-nosed Mole (<i>Condylura cristata</i>)	-	-	1	AMNH
Little Brown Bat (<i>Myotis lucifugus</i>)	-	-	1	AMNH
Big Brown Bat (<i>Eptesicus fuscus</i>)	-	-	3	AMNH
Hoary Bat (<i>Lasiurus cinereus</i>)	-	-	1	AMNH
Eastern Cottontail (<i>Sylvilagus floridanus</i>)	-	-	1	CUMV
New England Cottontail (<i>S. transitionalis</i>)	-	-	3	CUMV
Eastern Chipmunk (<i>Tamias striatus</i>)	-	-	3	AMNH, FMNH
Woodchuck (<i>Marmota monax</i>)	-	1	-	AMNH
Red Squirrel (<i>Tamiasciurus hudsonicus</i>)	-	-	2	AMNH, UMMZ
Southern Flying Squirrel (<i>Glaucomys volans</i>)	-	-	1	YPM
Deer Mouse (<i>Peromyscus maniculatus</i>)	-	-	1	AMNH
White-footed Mouse (<i>P. leucopus</i>)	-	-	23	AMNH, FMNH, UMMZ
Meadow Vole (<i>Microtus pennsylvanicus</i>)	-	-	4	AMNH, FMNH, UMMZ
Woodland Vole (<i>M. pinetorum</i>)	-	-	1	AMNH
Meadow Jumping Mouse (<i>Zapus hudsonius</i>)	-	-	2	AMNH
Red Fox (<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>)	-	-	1	AMNH
Gray Fox (<i>Urocyon cinereoargenteus</i>)	-	-	1	AMNH
Raccoon (<i>Procyon lotor</i>)	-	-	1	AMNH
Long-tailed Weasel (<i>Mustela frenata</i>)	-	-	2	AMNH
White-tailed Deer (<i>Odocoileus virginianus</i>)	-	-	1	AMNH

^a Specimen data available through the National Park Service, NPSpecies database. For more information, see Gilbert and O'Connell, 2004; O'Connell and others, 2004; and A.F. O'Connell and A.T. Gilbert, unpublished data available at the USGS Patuxent Wildlife Research Center laboratory in Beltsville, Md.

Morristown National Historical Park (MORR)

Background

Morristown National Historical Park (MORR) is the site of an important winter encampment for the Continental Army under the leadership of George Washington during the Revolutionary War. The park is within the suburban area surrounding the city of Morristown, a populous urban area in north-central New Jersey. The park is 691 ha in size and bordered by additional open space. The Scherman-Hoffman Sanctuary of the New Jersey Audubon Society (75 ha) lies adjacent to the southeast portion of the New Jersey Brigade Encampment Area, and Lewis Morris County Park (318 ha) is adjacent to the western border of the Jockey Hollow Encampment Area. Together these areas comprise a substantial amount of protected land that provide for a variety of land uses including natural and historic preservation, education, picnicking, and other recreational uses. MORR is mostly forested in the central hardwood type but also contains a large amount of old-field successional community type (Mitchell and others, 2006). Very few wetlands occur in the park, and most of these are small streams. The Passaic River has its source near the New Jersey Brigade unit and is an important natural resource for the park and the adjacent Scherman-Hoffman Sanctuary.

Prior Investigations

Several studies of White-tailed Deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*) have been conducted at MORR. The first study of deer ecology and condition was in the mid 1980s (Christie and Sayre, 1989), and results showed that deer remained mostly within park boundaries and that mortality was due

primarily to vehicle collision or malnutrition. In addition, this study reported that deer adversely affect both structure and composition of vegetation at MORR. A feasibility study of deer fertility control was conducted at MORR in 1997, in which accessibility of deer to treatment and the ability to monitor success of the control program were tested (Underwood, 1997). Deer were found to be only moderately accessible for remote delivery of contraceptives and the method was not recommended as a future management option. A follow-up study was proposed by Porter and Underwood (1997) to test bait stations as an alternative method for attracting deer to administer fertility treatments but was never carried out.

More recently, interactions between deer and plant growth have been evaluated at MORR. The New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife conducted a study of the effects of varying deer density on vegetation diversity and density (Robert Masson, National Park Service, oral commun., 2005) and Ruhren and Handel (2003) studied forest herb restoration from 1997 to 2000 in the Jockey Hollow section of the park. The Ruhren and Handel study indicated that plant survival was low outside of exclosures and that surviving plants did not flower. They concluded that plant restoration was not feasible with this amount of herbivory unless protective fencing was used.

The diversity and abundance of bats was studied in the summer of 2002 (Pipliski, 2002). Four species were captured: Big Brown Bat (*Eptesicus fuscus*), Red Bat (*Lasiurus borealis*), Little Brown Bat (*Myotis lucifugus*), and Northern Long-eared Bat (*M. septentrionalis*), the last being the most commonly captured species.

Sampling Stations

Indirect measure sampling was conducted in February and both IM sampling and trapping were conducted in June of 2004. We selected 22 sampling points (11 IM and 11 trap)



in six community types (table 10; figures 8–9). Only two grid cells were assigned to the wetland stratum, resulting in only 22 sampling points (expected 24); both sampling points were used, one for trapping and the other for IM. A seventh community type (mature deciduous trees with Barberry (*Berberis thunbergii*)) was discovered once we initiated field work. Several areas of conifer at MORR were incorrectly classified prior to field work. We maintained the original suite of sampling points in the original conifer strata, but described these stations according to their true community type (mature deciduous with Barberry) to determine community type associations after work was complete.

Survey Results

Seventeen species were detected at MORR: 13 during indirect measure sampling, 7 during trapping, and 3 by observation. This is 33 percent of the potential number of mammal species that could occur in the park, excluding bats (N=51, table 1). Raccoon (*Procyon lotor*) was by far the most fre-

quently detected and widely distributed medium-sized mammal species during both winter and summer (tables 11–12). Red Fox (*Vulpes vulpes*) was detected frequently at more than half of all stations in the winter and with moderate frequency in the summer. Southern Flying Squirrel (*Glaucomys volans*) and the Domestic Cat (*Felis silvestris*) were the next most frequently detected mammals during the winter. The Virginia Opossum (*Didelphis virginiana*) also was detected frequently during the summer. White-footed Mouse (*Peromyscus leucopus*) was the most commonly detected small mammal, and many Eastern Chipmunks (*Tamias striatus*) and Meadow Voles (*Microtus pennsylvanicus*) were detected (table 13).

We detected a single weasel (*Mustela* spp.) by camera. The individual could be either a Long-tailed Weasel (*M. frenata*), whose range includes nearly all of eastern North America and which can be found in a variety of habitats, or an Ermine (*M. erminea*), which is also distributed throughout North America but is confined to more northerly latitudes, reaching its southern limit in northern New Jersey (Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998; Svendsen, 2003). The Long-tailed Weasel is listed as a rare mammal at the Scherman-Hoffman Wildlife

Table 10. Indirect measure (IM) and trap station numbers, community type, GPS locations of the camera at IM stations and beginning of the Longworth trap lines, orientation of IM stations, and bearing of trap lines at Morristown National Historical Park.

Station number	Station type	Community type	UTM X ^a	UTM Y ^a	Orientation/bearing ^b
1	IM	riparian	539945	4513142	N-S
5	IM	riparian	539162	4512967	E-W
9	Trap	riparian	537842	4510956	0°
13	Trap	riparian	539385	4513289	30°
17	IM	mature deciduous w/ Barberry	539639	4514365	N-S
18	Trap	wetland	539833	4514254	180°
19	IM	field	539222	4512790	NW-SE
23	Trap	field	540497	4512922	20°
27	Trap	field	538466	4512801	30°
31	IM	field	538412	4511253	N-S
35	Trap	mature deciduous w/ Barberry	538418	4513638	210°
39	Trap	successional broadleaf	539105	4513093	220°
43	IM	mature deciduous w/ Barberry	539320	4512125	E-W
47	IM	successional broadleaf	538751	4513036	N-S
51	IM	broadleaf mature	538819	4513395	E-W
55	Trap	broadleaf mature	539640	4513463	140°
59	Trap	broadleaf mature	540146	4512623	20°
63	IM	broadleaf mature	540820	4513482	E-W
67	Trap	conifer	540065	4512539	160°
69	IM	mature deciduous w/ Barberry	538079	4510964	N-S
70	Trap	mature deciduous w/ Barberry	538297	4511154	180°
71	IM	mature deciduous w/ Barberry	538211	4510969	N-S

^a Universal Transverse Mercator Zone 18; datum, North American Datum 1983; units, meters.

^b The orientation of the trackplates relative to the cameras in the IM station or the bearing of the trap lines.

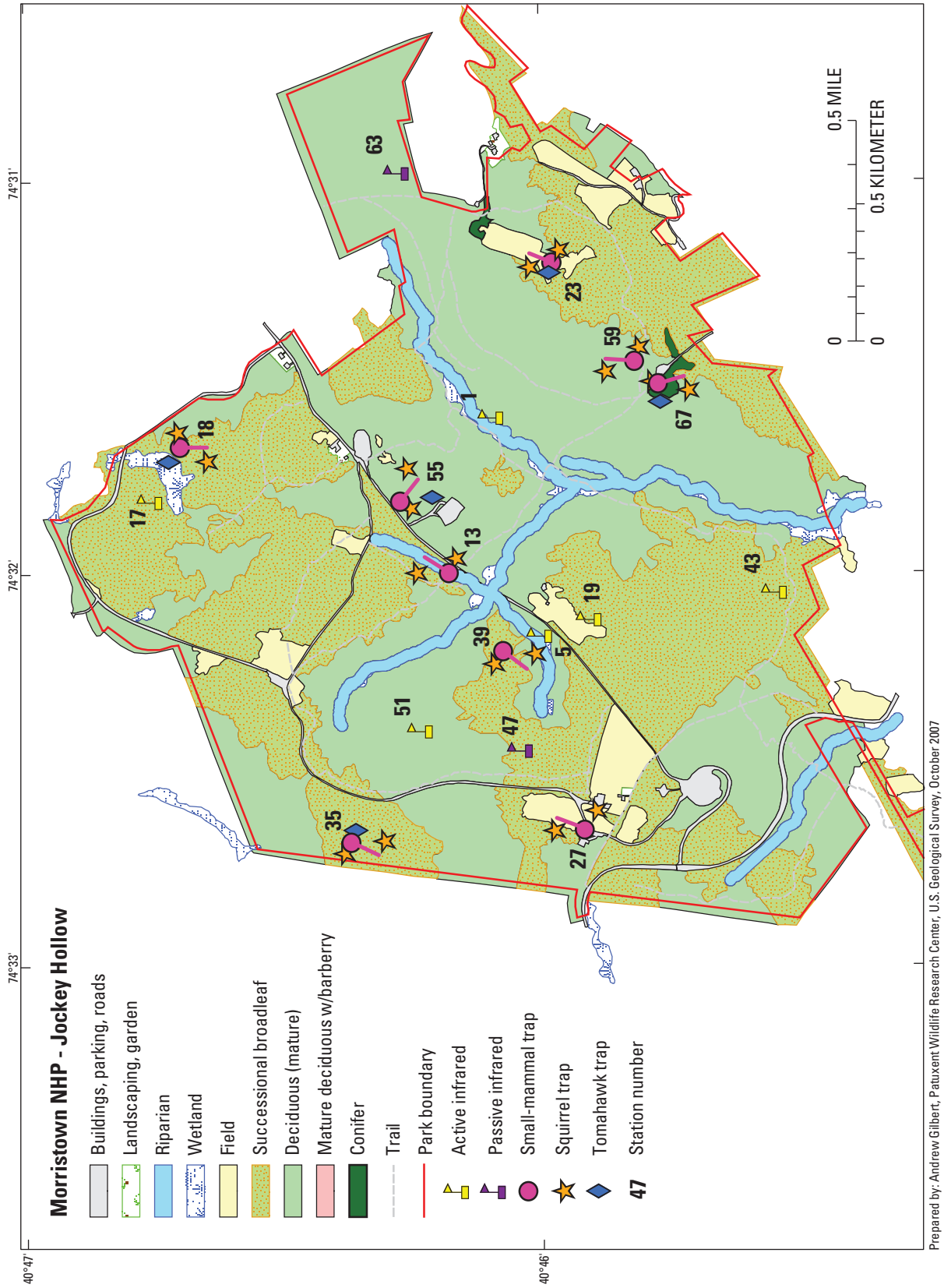


Figure 8. Locations of remote cameras and other detection devices, trapping equipment, and orientation of small-mammal trap lines used in the 2004 mammal inventory at Morristown National Historical Park – Jockey Hollow Unit. (Two trackplates and two hair traps were arranged ~50 meters from each camera location. Two small-mammal trap lines (10 Longworth and 10 Museum special traps spaced 10 meters between traps) were set parallel to each other 10 meters apart and oriented as shown (pink lines). Two squirrel-sized traps and, at some stations, a single fox-sized live trap completed each trap array. Station numbers are provided for sampling arrays.)

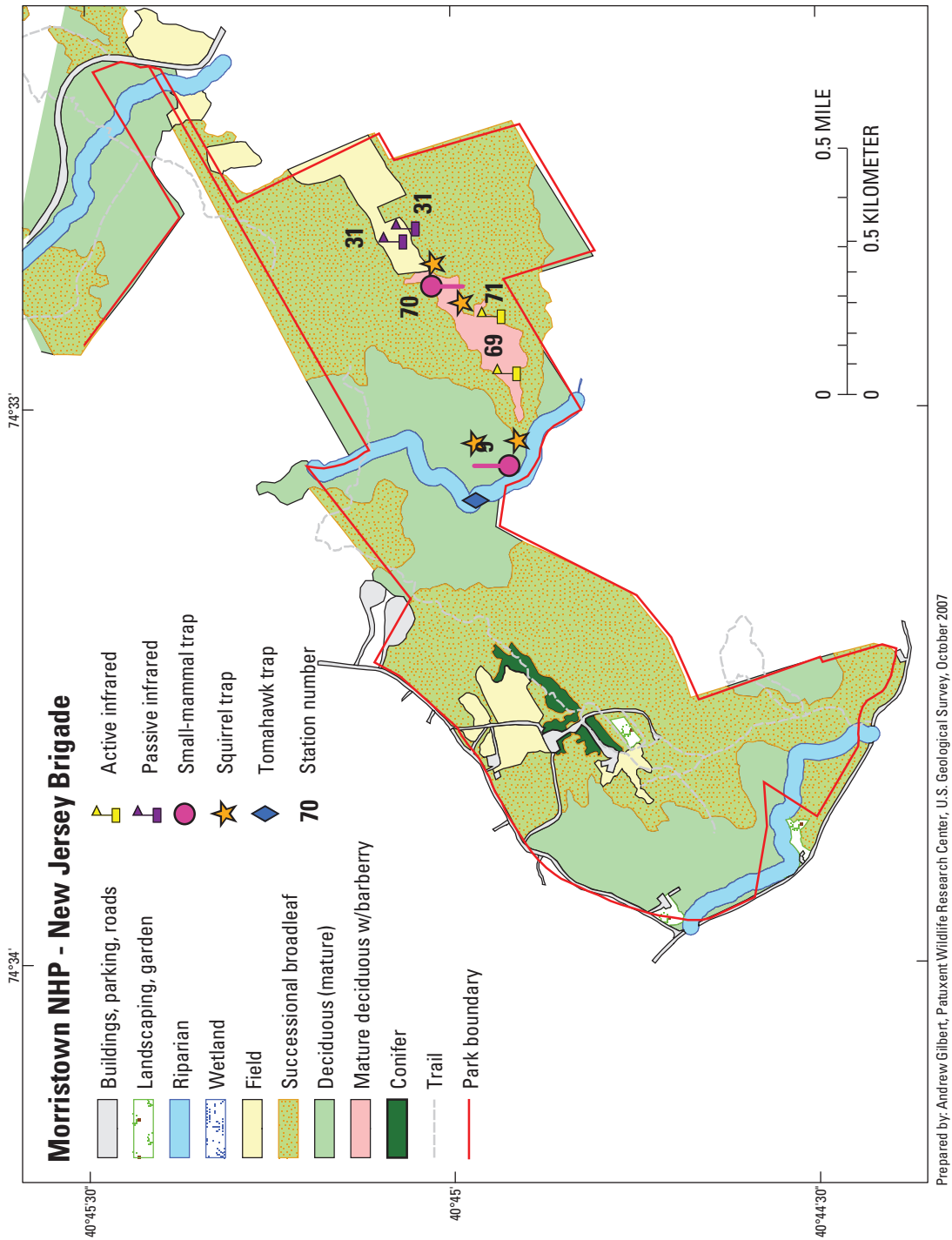


Figure 9. Locations of remote cameras and other detection devices, trapping equipment, and orientation of small-mammal trap lines used in the 2004 mammal inventory at Morristown National Historical Park – New Jersey Brigade Unit. (Two trackplates and two hair traps were arranged ~50 meters from each camera location. Two small-mammal trap lines (10 Longworth and 10 Museum special traps spaced 10 meters between traps) were set parallel to each other 10 meters apart and oriented as shown (pink lines). Two squirrel-sized live traps and, at some stations, a fox-sized live trap completed each trapping array. Two camera locations are shown for station 31; the camera was moved to the center of the array (field center) during the summer when ground conditions allowed for setup in this location. Station numbers are provided for sampling arrays.)

Table 11. Community type associations of mammals detected at Morristown National Historical Park by indirect measure sampling, trapping, and observation.

[Community type associations are based on vegetation community descriptions of each sampling location. C, camera; TP, trackplate; TR, trapping; X, species observed for which we have records; -, not detected]

Species detected	Community type							Observation
	Broadleaf mature	Conifer	Field	Mature deciduous w/ Barberry	Riparian	Successional broadleaf	Wetland	
Virginia Opossum	C, TP, TR	-	C, TP	TP, TR	C, TP	TR	-	X
Northern Short-tailed Shrew	-	TR	TR	-	TR	-	-	-
Shrew spp.	-	-	-	-	-	TP	-	-
Mole spp.	-	-	TP	-	-	-	-	-
Gray Squirrel	TP	-	TP	-	TP	-	-	X
Red Squirrel	-	-	-	-	TP	-	-	-
Eastern Chipmunk	TR	TR	-	-	-	-	-	-
Southern Flying Squirrel	TP	-	-	TP	-	-	-	-
Squirrel spp.	TP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Woodchuck	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X
Deer Mouse	-	TR	-	-	-	-	-	-
White-footed Mouse	TR	TR	-	TR	TR	-	TR	-
Deer or White-footed Mouse	-	TR	TR	TR	-	-	-	-
Meadow Vole	-	-	TR	-	-	-	-	-
Mouse/Vole spp.	TP	-	TP	TP	-	TP	-	-
Mouse/Vole/Shrew spp.	-	-	TP	TP	-	-	-	-
Coyote	C	-	C	-	-	-	-	-
Red Fox	C	-	C	C	C	-	-	-
Raccoon	C, TP, TR	-	C, TP	C, TP, TR	C, TP, TR	C, TP	-	-
Long-tailed Weasel/Ermine	-	-	-	C	-	-	-	-
Domestic Cat	C	-	C	-	-	-	-	-
White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	C	-	C	-	-
Total species detected^a	9	4	10	7	7	5	1	3

^a Totals exclude generic counts unless no other species in that group were detected (for example, Shrew spp. would be counted if no other specific shrew was detected).

Table 12. Mammal species detection rates and site occupancy at 11 indirect measure stations at Morristown National Historical Park during two sampling sessions in 2004.

[-, species not detected]

Species detected	Session 1 (2/3/2004 – 2/20/2004)		Session 2 (6/21/2004 – 7/7/2004)	
	Number of stations occupied (proportion)	Mean detection rate (SE) ^a	Number of stations occupied (proportion)	Mean detection rate (SE) ^a
Virginia Opossum	1 (0.09)	0.02 (0.02)	8 (0.73)	0.78 (0.24)
Shrew spp.	-	-	1 (0.09)	0.02 (0.02)
Mole spp.	-	-	1 (0.09)	0.02 (0.02)
Gray Squirrel	2 (0.18)	0.06 (0.05)	1 (0.09)	0.02 (0.02)
Red Squirrel	-	-	1 (0.09)	0.02 (0.02)
Southern Flying Squirrel	3 (0.27)	0.12 (0.06)	1 (0.09)	0.02 (0.02)
Squirrel spp.	-	-	1 (0.09)	0.02 (0.02)
Mouse spp.	7 (0.64)	0.21 (0.07)	3 (0.27)	0.09 (0.05)
Mouse/Vole/Shrew spp.	4 (0.36)	0.11 (0.05)	3 (0.27)	0.05 (0.03)
Coyote	2 (0.18)	0.05 (0.03)	1 (0.09)	0.02 (0.02)
Red Fox	6 (0.55)	0.23 (0.12)	3 (0.27)	0.20 (0.14)
Raccoon	9 (0.82)	0.71 (0.26)	11 (1.0)	4.56 (0.60)
Long-tailed Weasel/Ermine	-	-	1 (0.09)	0.02 (0.02)
Domestic Cat	2 (0.18)	0.08 (0.06)	1 (0.09)	0.02 (0.02)
White-tailed Deer	2 (0.18)	0.03 (0.02)	1 (0.09)	0.04 (0.04)

^a The mean rate of detection and standard error over all stations, including those stations where the species was not detected (detection rate = 0). Species detection rates were calculated for each station by dividing the total number of individual species detections for all checks at a station (camera and trackplate only) by the number of checks made at that station. SE, standard error of the mean.

Table 13. Mammal capture rates and site occupancy for 11 trapping stations (6 with fox-sized live traps) at Morristown National Historical Park during sampling session 2 (6/21/2004 – 7/7/2004).

Species detected	Number of new captures	Number of stations occupied (proportion) ^a	Mean rate of new individuals captured (SE) ^b
Virginia Opossum	3	3 (0.50)	0.08 (0.04)
Northern Short-tailed Shrew	4	3 (0.27)	0.06 (0.03)
Eastern Chipmunk	7	1 (0.09)	0.11 (0.11)
Deer Mouse	1	1 (0.09)	0.02 (0.02)
Deer or White-footed Mouse	3	3 (0.27)	0.05 (0.02)
White-footed Mouse	23	6 (0.55)	0.35 (0.17)
Meadow Vole	7	2 (0.18)	0.11 (0.08)
Raccoon	4	3 (0.50)	0.11(0.06)

^a Small-mammal and squirrel-sized live traps were placed at all 11 stations whereas fox-sized live traps were set at only 6; therefore, the number of stations at which medium-sized mammals (Raccoon, Virginia Opossum) could be captured was reduced to 6 for individual species for each night of sampling.

^b Rates were calculated for each station by dividing the total number of new individuals captured (per species) by the number of nights that traps were operational. SE, standard error of the mean.

Sanctuary (New Jersey Audubon Society, 2003b), which abuts the New Jersey Brigade Unit and is near the location where we made this observation (station 71). However, we do not know how the New Jersey Audubon Society determined the status of the Long-tailed Weasel on their property and our photograph did not allow an accurate assessment of physical size or characteristics. Where Ermine and Long-tailed Weasels are sympatric, they can be distinguished by size (Svendsen, 2003).

We found seasonal differences in species diversity as well as detection rates for individual species at MORR. Southern Flying Squirrel, Gray Squirrel (*Sciurus carolinensis*), Domestic Cat, and Coyote (*Canis latrans*) were detected more often in winter. Only the aforementioned weasel, Red Squirrel (*Tamiasciurus hudsonicus*), Shrews, and Moles were not detected in the winter. However, these small mammals were not trapped in the winter and moles were not trapped at all.

Field and broadleaf mature community types were the most diverse and wetland and conifer community types least diverse at MORR (table 11). We had relatively few IM arrays or traps in wetland and conifer communities, and given their small size and overall proportion within the park, we did not expect species typically associated with these communities to be locally abundant. We were, however, surprised by the diversity of species in mature deciduous forest with Barberry understory (see figures 10–11). Barberry is a highly invasive non-native plant that tends to dominate the landscape with dense growth. We suggest that these conditions may attract a variety of mammalian species by providing both cover and food.

Species Expected but Not Detected

The Masked Shrew and Smoky Shrew have been collected close to MORR (table 14), and the Long-tailed Shrew (*Sorex dispar*) and Water Shrew (*S. palustris*) also occur in New Jersey (Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998), but their presence has not been detected in the park or surrounding communities.

Gray Fox (*Urocyon cinereoargenteus*) was not detected at MORR, but may occur there. This predator is native to New Jersey (Godin, 1977) and was detected in other project parks across southern New England and New York. The increasing presence of Coyotes may have displaced this species as a result of competitive exclusion (Fedriani and others, 2000).

Although we expected to find the Striped Skunk (*Mephitis mephitis*) at MORR, we failed to detect this species. The range of the Striped Skunk includes most of the eastern United States and all of New Jersey, and it can occur in a diversity of habitats including agricultural fields, forest edges, ravines, drainage ditches, and vacant buildings (Godin, 1977; Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998). Although their range is widespread, they prefer areas where sources of food, cover, and water are plentiful and they can be noticeably absent from some suburban areas. The Scherman-Hoffman Sanctuary lists this carnivore as rare in the area (New Jersey Audubon Society, 2003b).

Mink (*Mustela vison*) were not detected in this study but this mustelid has been reported along the Passaic River (New

Jersey Audubon Society, 2003b). Mink are typically associated with water, preferring to inhabit streams, rivers, lakes, and marshes. However, they can be found at some distance from water when food or water is limited (Godin, 1977). There is no reason to believe that the Passaic River cannot currently support this species.

We did not expect to detect Black Bears (*Ursus americanus*) at MORR; however, this species has been reported passing through the park three to four times a year (Robert Masson, National Park Service, oral commun., 2005). Actual evidence of this species includes a single Black Bear specimen collected several miles east of the park in Harding Township in 1952 (table 14). Black Bears are now numerous in the northern part of New Jersey, and their population is increasing (New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife, 2005b). Although Black Bears have not been reported breeding within MORR, they have home ranges up to 39 km² (Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998) and could move into the vicinity of the park and utilize local resources.

Endangered and Threatened Species

We did not detect any species that were listed as state or federally threatened or endangered. The State of New Jersey lists the Bobcat (*Lynx rufus*), Indiana Bat (*Myotis sodalis*), and Allegheny Woodrat (*Neotoma magister*) as endangered within the State (New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife, 2005e).

Bobcats were reintroduced to northern New Jersey during 1978–84 and are thought to be well established despite their status (New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife, 2005c, e). Surveys in 1995 confirmed their presence in counties in the northern part of the state including Morris County (New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife, 2005c). Bobcats preferentially use mixed forest types throughout their range, but can also be found in deciduous forest. They require rocky ledges, bogs, or swamps for resting and activity areas (Whitaker



and Hamilton, 1998). Mixed forest does not occur at MORR and few wetlands and rocky features occur, resulting in little suitable habitat for this native felid. Bobcats also prefer thick understory cover (New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife, 2005c), which is uncommon at MORR except in areas dominated by Barberry. Deciduous forest with little understory cover is common, which makes the habitat within the park less than ideal for this species. Nevertheless, given the recent documentation of Bobcats in Morris County, and their need for a relatively large, contiguous area of natural habitat, there is a possibility that this species could occur at MORR.

Indiana Bats occur in New Jersey. A hibernating colony has been confirmed at Hibernia Mine (New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife, 2005d) in Hibernia, Morris County. Although this species has not been confirmed as occurring within MORR, the park does contain some conditions suitable for this bat. This species uses the bark of dead or dying trees in riparian areas and river floodplains as maternity roosts (New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife, 2005d). Trees along the Passaic River and Primrose Brook could serve as roosting areas during the summer months. The Indiana Bat also has

been known to use elms, oaks, hickories, cottonwoods, Silver Maple (*Acer saccharinum*), and Green Ash (*Fraxinus pennsylvanica*) as maternity roosts (Kurta and others, 1993) and many of these trees occur within the park. Although we did not survey bats in this study, given the short distance between a major hibernation site and seemingly adequate summer roost sites in the park, the presence of this species in the park, particularly in summer, is possible.

Allegheny Woodrats are currently found in New Jersey on talus slopes of the Palisades near New York. They prefer rocky areas (Balcom and Yahner, 1995) such as talus slopes, cliffs, and caves (New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife, 2005a). Historically, this species was found in Morris County as evidenced from specimens collected during 1947-58 from Hibernia (probably associated with the mine) and Jefferson (Jefferson Mountain) Townships, plus the town of Newfound-land in 1908 (table 14 and unpublished data available from the American Museum of Natural History in New York). No significant rocky areas occur at MORR that would provide sufficient habitat for this species; therefore, this species is unlikely to occur at MORR.



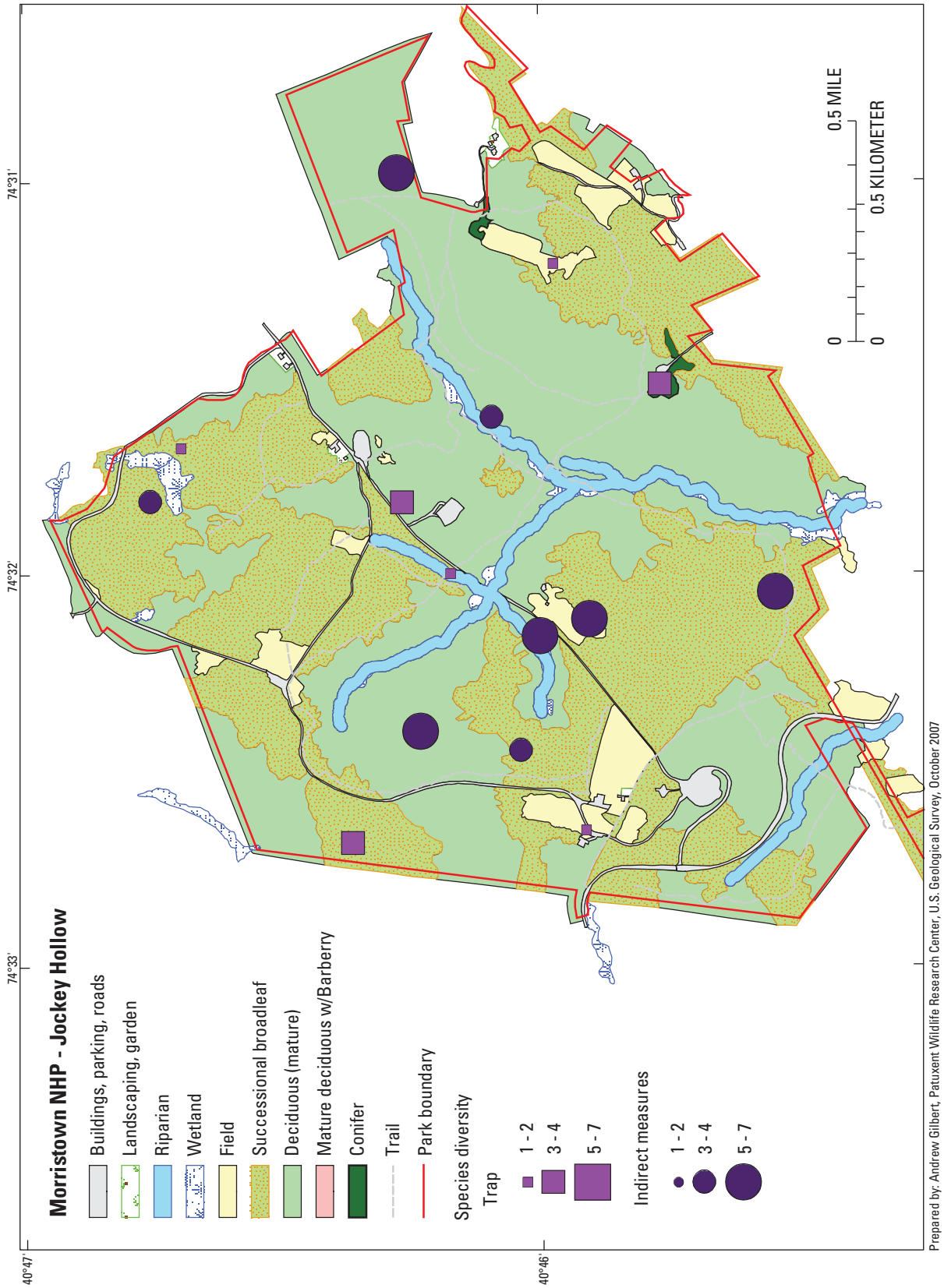


Figure 10. Species diversity at trapping and indirect measure stations during the 2004 mammal inventory at Morristown National Historical Park-Jockey Hollow Unit.

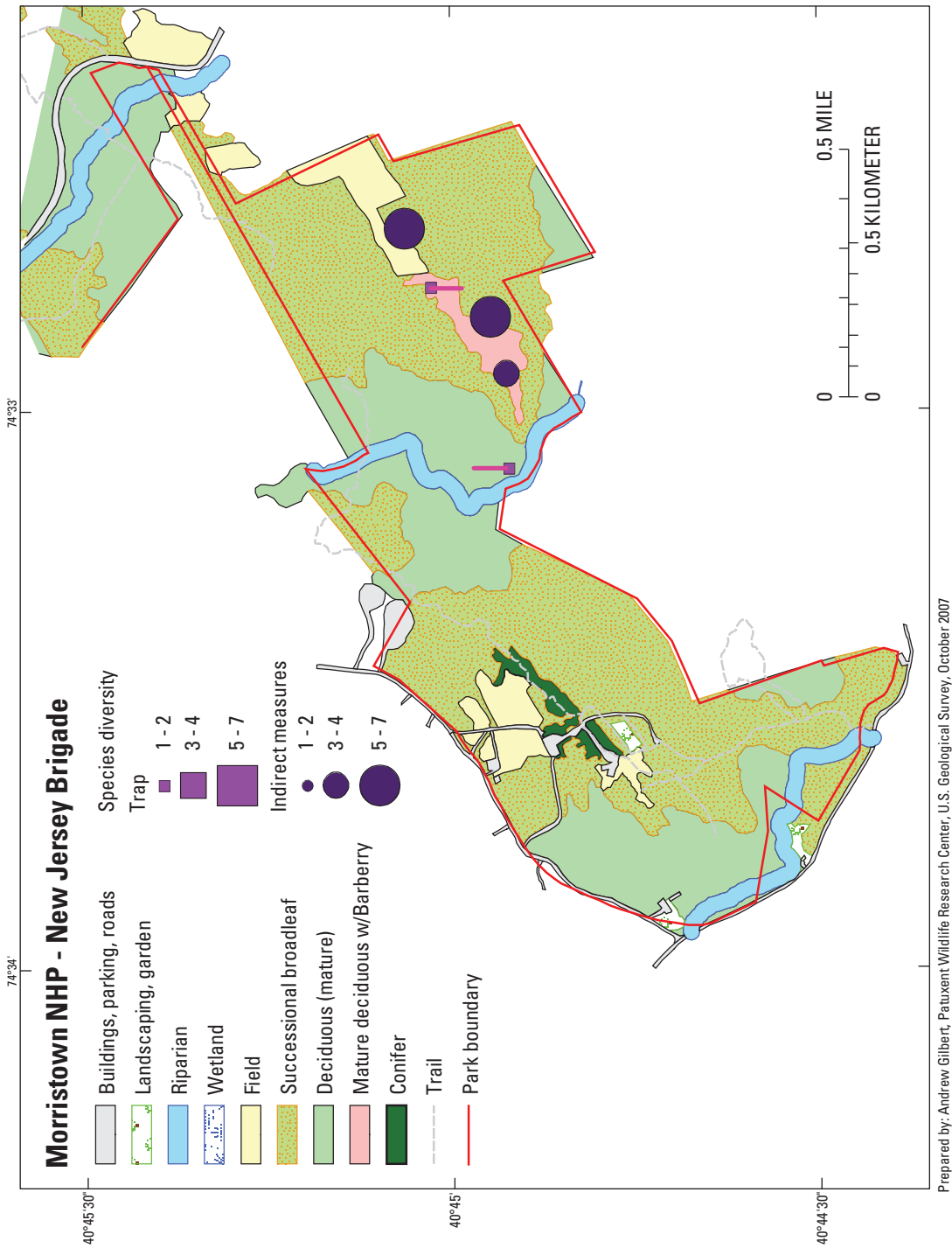


Figure 11. Species diversity at trapping and indirect measure stations during the 2004 mammal inventory at Morristown NHP-New Jersey Brigade Unit.

Table 14. Number of mammal specimens in museum collections and their proximity to Morristown National Historical Park.

[Proximity-to-park codes: 1, collected within park boundaries; 2, collected in the town (Bernardsville, Mendham, Morristown, N.J.) the park is located in; 3, collected in the county (Morris, Somerset) the park is located in. Institutions: AMNH, American Museum of Natural History; CM, Carnegie Museum of Natural History; CUMV, Cornell University Museum of Vertebrates; FMNH, Field Museum of Natural History; KUNHM, University of Kansas, Natural History Museum; UMMZ, University of Michigan Museum of Zoology. -, no specimens]

Species ^a	Proximity to park			Institutions
	1	2	3	
Virginia Opossum (<i>Didelphis virginiana</i>)	-	2	5	AMNH, CUMV
Northern Short-tailed Shrew (<i>Blarina brevicauda</i>)	-	7	22	AMNH, CUMV
Masked Shrew (<i>Sorex cinereus</i>)	-	1	4	AMNH, CUMV, FMNH
Smoky Shrew (<i>S. fumeus</i>)	-	-	1	AMNH
Eastern Mole (<i>Scalopus aquaticus</i>)	-	11	2	AMNH, CM, CUMV
Star-nosed Mole (<i>Condylura cristata</i>)	-	-	2	AMNH
Red Bat (<i>Lasiurus borealis</i>)	-	-	1	AMNH
Keen's Myotis (<i>Myotis keenii</i>)	-	-	18	AMNH, CUMV, FMNH, KUNHM
Little Brown Bat (<i>M. lucifugus</i>)	-	1	61	AMNH, CUMV, FMNH
Indiana Bat (<i>M. sodalis</i>)	-	-	1	FMNH
Small-footed Myotis (<i>M. lebeii</i>)	-	-	2	AMNH
Big Brown Bat (<i>Eptesicus fuscus</i>)	-	2	19	AMNH, CUMV, FMNH
Eastern Pipistrelle (<i>Pipistrellus subflavus</i>)	-	-	27	AMNH, CUMV, FMNH, KUNHM
Eastern Cottontail (<i>Sylvilagus floridanus</i>)	-	-	6	AMNH
Cottontail spp. (<i>Sylvilagus</i> spp.)	-	-	1	AMNH
Gray Squirrel (<i>Sciurus carolinensis</i>)	-	13	23	AMNH, CUMV, KUNHM
Red Squirrel (<i>Tamiasciurus hudsonicus</i>)	-	1	11	AMNH, CUMV
Southern Flying Squirrel (<i>Glaucomys volans</i>)	-	-	2	AMNH
Eastern Chipmunk (<i>Tamias striatus</i>)	-	1	12	AMNH, CUMV, FMNH
Woodchuck (<i>Marmota monax</i>)	-	-	8	AMNH, CUMV
House Mouse (<i>Mus musculus</i>)	-	-	1	CUMV
White-footed Mouse (<i>Peromyscus leucopus</i>)	-	7	73	AMNH, CUMV, UMMZ
Meadow Vole (<i>Microtus pennsylvanicus</i>)	-	-	10	AMNH, CUMV, FMNH
Woodland Vole (<i>M. pinetorum</i>)	-	5	25	AMNH, CUMV
Red-backed Vole (<i>Clethrionomys gapperi</i>)	-	-	25	AMNH, CUMV
Meadow Jumping Mouse (<i>Zapus hudsonius</i>)	-	2	-	AMNH
Woodland Jumping Mouse (<i>Napaeozapus insignis</i>)	-	-	1	CUMV
Allegheny Woodrat (<i>Neotoma magister</i>) ^b	-	-	7	AMNH
Norway Rat (<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>)	-	-	1	AMNH
Muskrat (<i>Ondatra zibethicus</i>)	-	-	2	FMNH
Red Fox (<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>)	-	-	4	AMNH
Gray Fox (<i>Urocyon cinereoargenteus</i>)	-	-	2	AMNH
Black Bear (<i>Ursus americanus</i>)	-	-	1	AMNH
Raccoon (<i>Procyon lotor</i>)	-	-	6	AMNH
Long-tailed Weasel (<i>Mustela frenata</i>)	-	2	6	AMNH, USNM
Mink (<i>M. vison</i>)	-	-	9	AMNH
Striped Skunk (<i>Mephitis mephitis</i>)	-	-	6	AMNH, FMNH
White-tailed Deer (<i>Odocoileus virginianus</i>)	-	-	4	AMNH

^a Specimen data available through the National Park Service, NPSpecies database. For more information see: Gilbert and O'Connell, 2004; O'Connell and others, 2004; and A.F. O'Connell and A.T. Gilbert, unpublished data available at the USGS Patuxent Wildlife Research Center laboratory in Beltsville, Md.

^b Listed as Eastern Woodrat, but must be Allegheny Woodrat, which was split from the Eastern Woodrat (*Neotoma floridana*).

Roosevelt-Vanderbilt National Historic Sites (ROVA)

Background

Roosevelt-Vanderbilt National Historic Site (ROVA) is made up of three separate historic sites in suburban Hyde Park, New York: the Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site (VAMA), Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site (HOFR), and Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site (ELRO). Totaling 315 ha, the parks are not connected but are near each other on a plateau above the Hudson River. Vegetation is dominated by northern hardwood mixed forest, although a large amount of open fields is maintained by periodic mowing in all three parks (David Hayes, National Park Service, oral commun., 2003). Streams pass through the parks and the Hudson River forms the western boundary of VAMA and HOFR. A large area of scrub-shrub and emergent wetland borders the Val-Kill stream at ELRO and a large emergent/open-water wetland borders HOFR on the southwest boundary. The parks have substantial relief with long rocky outcrops running longitudinally through each park.

Prior Research

A survey of small mammals was conducted at ROVA during the summer of 1991 (Steadman, 1991). Sampling was conducted in both forest and field locations, and yielded five species of mammals including White-footed Mouse (*Peromyscus leucopus*), Smokey Shrew (*Sorex fumeus*), Northern Short-tailed Shrew (*Blarina brevicauda*), Meadow Vole (*Microtus pennsylvanicus*), and Meadow Jumping Mouse (*Zapus hudsonius*).

Sampling Stations

Indirect measure sampling was conducted in February and August of 2004 and trapping was conducted in August of 2004. We selected 24 sampling points in six community types prior to beginning field work. We conducted IM sampling at 12, but trapped at only 11 stations, excluding one trapping station because it was too close to the ELRO residence in an unprotected area (table 15; figures 12–14).

Survey Results

Seventeen species were detected at ROVA, 13 during indirect measure sampling, 9 during trapping, and 3 by obser-

vation. This is 31 percent of the potential number of mammal species that could occur in the park (N=55, table 1), excluding bats. At VAMA, 10 species were detected, 9 by IM sampling, 7 by trapping, and 1 by observation. The conifer community type was the most diverse at VAMA, with 10 species detected (table 16, fig. 15). At HOFR, 12 species were detected, 10 by IM sampling, 5 by trapping, and 1 by observation; mixed deciduous-conifer and riparian communities held the greatest diversity (8 species) (table 17, fig. 16). At ELRO, 12 species were detected, 8 by IM sampling, 4 by trapping, and 2 by observation. The most species (10) were detected within the wetland community type, followed closely by deciduous and riparian communities (table 18, fig. 17).

The Raccoon (*Procyon lotor*) was the most frequently detected and widely distributed medium-sized mammal at ROVA during both winter and summer sampling (table 19). Virginia Opossums (*Didelphis virginiana*) were also detected frequently in the summer, followed by the Domestic Cat (*Felis silvestris*) and Striped Skunk (*Mephitis mephitis*), which were detected during both seasons. White-footed Mice were numerous within the park and were caught at nearly all trapping stations. Northern Short-tailed Shrews were the next most frequently detected small mammal and were distributed widely across the park (table 20).

Species Expected but Not Detected

Although Red Foxes (*Vulpes vulpes*) and Coyotes (*Canis latrans*) were not detected, both species probably occur within the park. They are both native to New York, can occur in a diversity of habitats (Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998), and were encountered at most other parks within the Northeast Temperate Network, including Morristown NHP, Saratoga NHP, and Weir Farm NHS. A den was reported in a sandy bank below the Vanderbilt Mansion (David Hayes, National Park Service, oral commun., 2003), which is likely to be that of a Red Fox, given the propensity of this species to dig dens in sandy loam on hillsides, close to open areas (a large field in this case) (Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998). A Coyote was observed at Val-Kill (ELRO) in the recent past (David Hayes, National Park Service, oral commun., 2003).

Meadow Voles were the most frequently trapped small mammal during an earlier study at ROVA (Steadman, 1991), the specimens from which can be found at the New York State Museum (table 21), yet we did not catch this species despite trap placement in one of the fields used in the Steadman survey. Because the subject field had been cut just prior to trapping, voles may have moved to areas of greater cover (LoBue and Darnell, 1959). However, we did not capture Meadow Voles in another field location with seemingly adequate cover, suggesting that other reasons may be responsible for their



Table 15. Indirect measure (IM) and trap station numbers, community type, GPS locations of the camera at IM stations and beginning of the Longworth trap lines, orientation of IM stations, and bearing of trap lines at Roosevelt-Vanderbilt National Historic Sites.

[Park unit code: ELRO, Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site; HOFR, Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site; VAMA, Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site]

Station number	Park unit	Station type	Community type	UTM X ^a	UTM Y ^a	Orientation/bearing ^b
5	HOFR	Trap	riparian	588243	4624383	225°
9	ELRO	IM	riparian	591662	4623382	E-W
13	VAMA	IM	riparian	588007	4627221	N-S
17	ELRO	Trap	wetland	591256	4624145	0°
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23	ELRO	IM	wetland	591333	4624182	E-W
26	ELRO	IM	wetland	591036	4624384	N-S
29	ELRO	IM	wetland	591032	4624129	N-S
33	HOFR	IM	field	588445	4624340	N-S ^c
37	VAMA	Trap	field	588011	4628620	180°
41	VAMA	Trap	field	587800	4627608	200°
45	ELRO	Trap	deciduous	591606	4624134	130°
49	ELRO	IM	deciduous	591754	4624226	E-W
53	HOFR	IM	mixed deciduous-conifer	588436	4623383	N-S
57	HOFR	Trap	deciduous	588417	4623840	180°
61	HOFR	Trap	mixed deciduous-conifer	588101	4624203	0°
65	HOFR	IM	riparian	588284	4624465	E-W
69	HOFR	Trap	mixed deciduous-conifer	588190	4624801	180°
73	HOFR	IM	mixed deciduous-conifer	588226	4623876	NE-SW
77	ELRO	Trap	conifer	591501	4624227	90°
80	VAMA	Trap	conifer	588147	4627441	90°
83	VAMA	IM	conifer	588129	4627634	NE-SW
86	VAMA	IM	conifer	588107	4628137	All N-S ^d

^a Universal Transverse Mercator Zone 18; datum, North American Datum 1983; units, meters.

^b The orientation of the trackplates relative to the cameras in the indirect measure station or the bearing of the trap lines.

^c The camera at this station was stolen during the first sampling session and was not replaced for the second sampling session.

^d All equipment was arranged in a north-south orientation because of community type and cultural constraints. This station was put in place only during the winter sampling session because of security considerations.

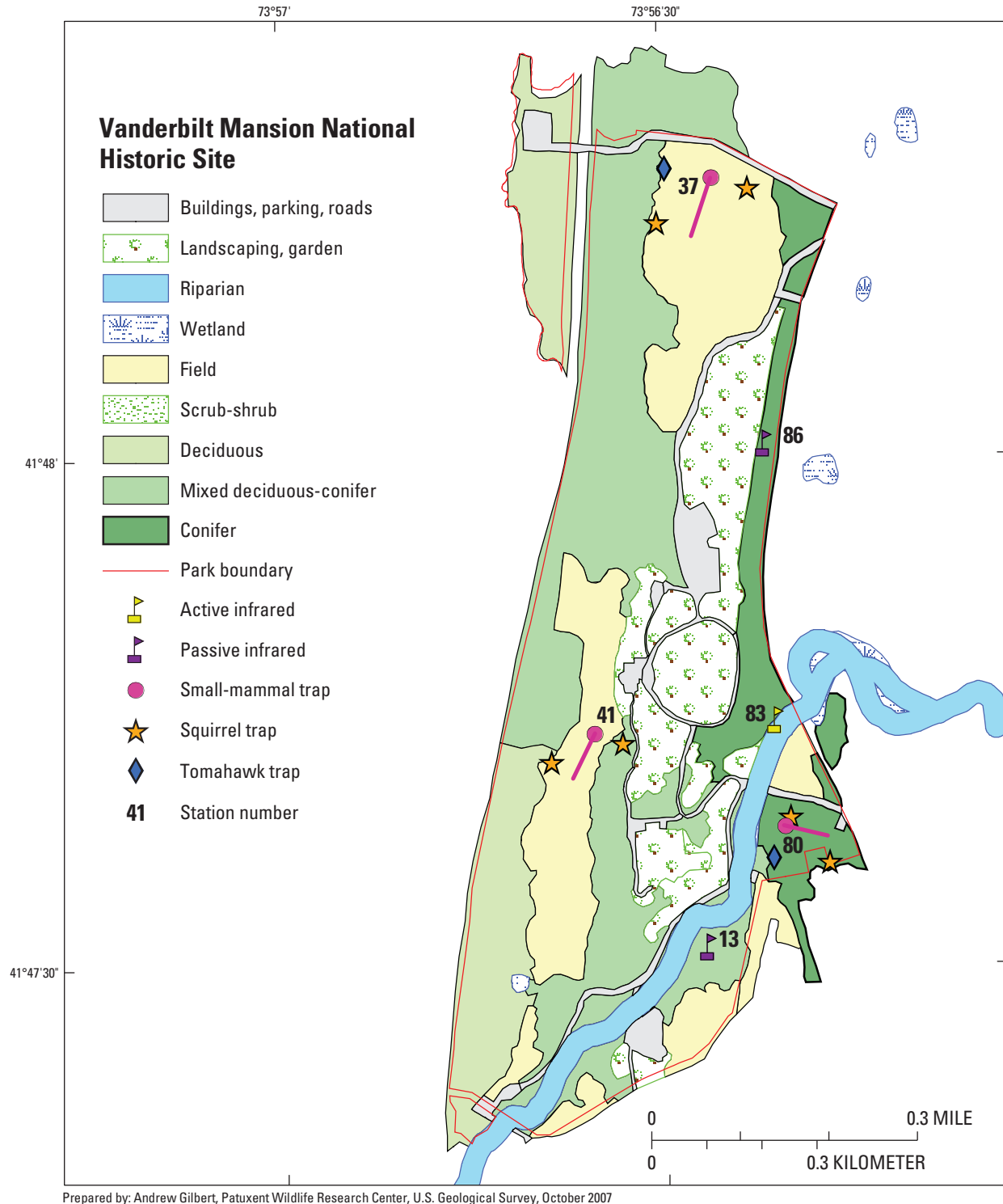


Figure 12. Locations of remote cameras and other detection devices, trapping equipment, and orientation of small-mammal trap lines used in the 2004 mammal inventory at Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site. (Two trackplates and two hair traps were arranged about 50 meters from each camera location. Two small-mammal trap lines (10 Longworth and 10 Museum special traps spaced 10 meters between traps) were set parallel to each other 10 meters apart and oriented as shown (pink lines). Two squirrel-sized live traps and, at some stations, a fox-sized live trap completed each trapping station. Station numbers are provided for sampling arrays.)

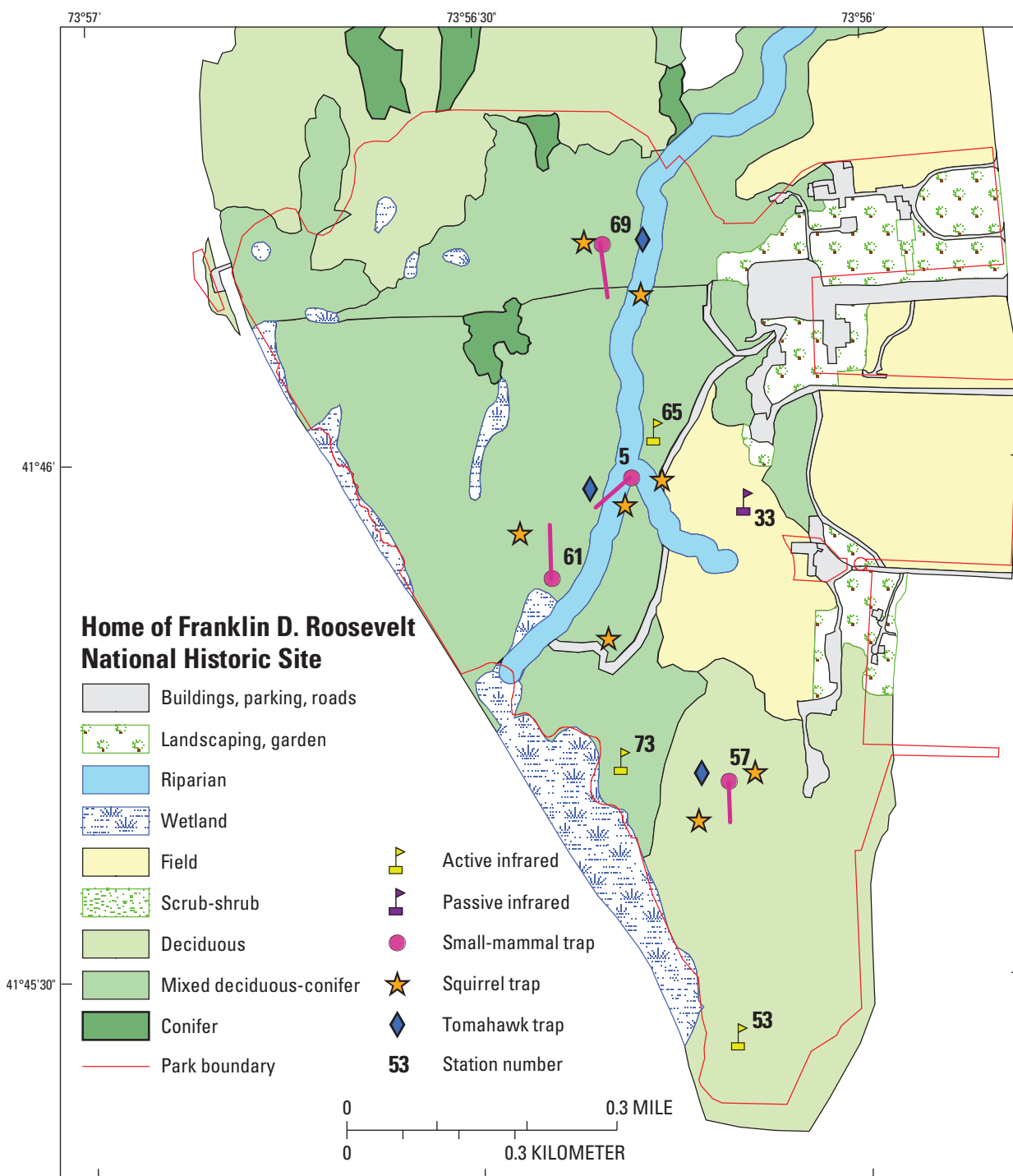


Figure 13. Locations of remote cameras and other detection devices, trapping equipment, and orientation of small-mammal trap lines used in the 2004 mammal inventory at Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site. (Two trackplates and two hair traps were arranged about 50 meters from each camera location. Two small-mammal trap lines (10 Longworth and 10 Museum special traps spaced 10 meters between traps) were set parallel to each other 10 meters apart and oriented as shown (pink lines). Two squirrel-sized live traps and, at some stations, a fox-sized live trap completed each trapping station. Station numbers are provided for sampling arrays.)

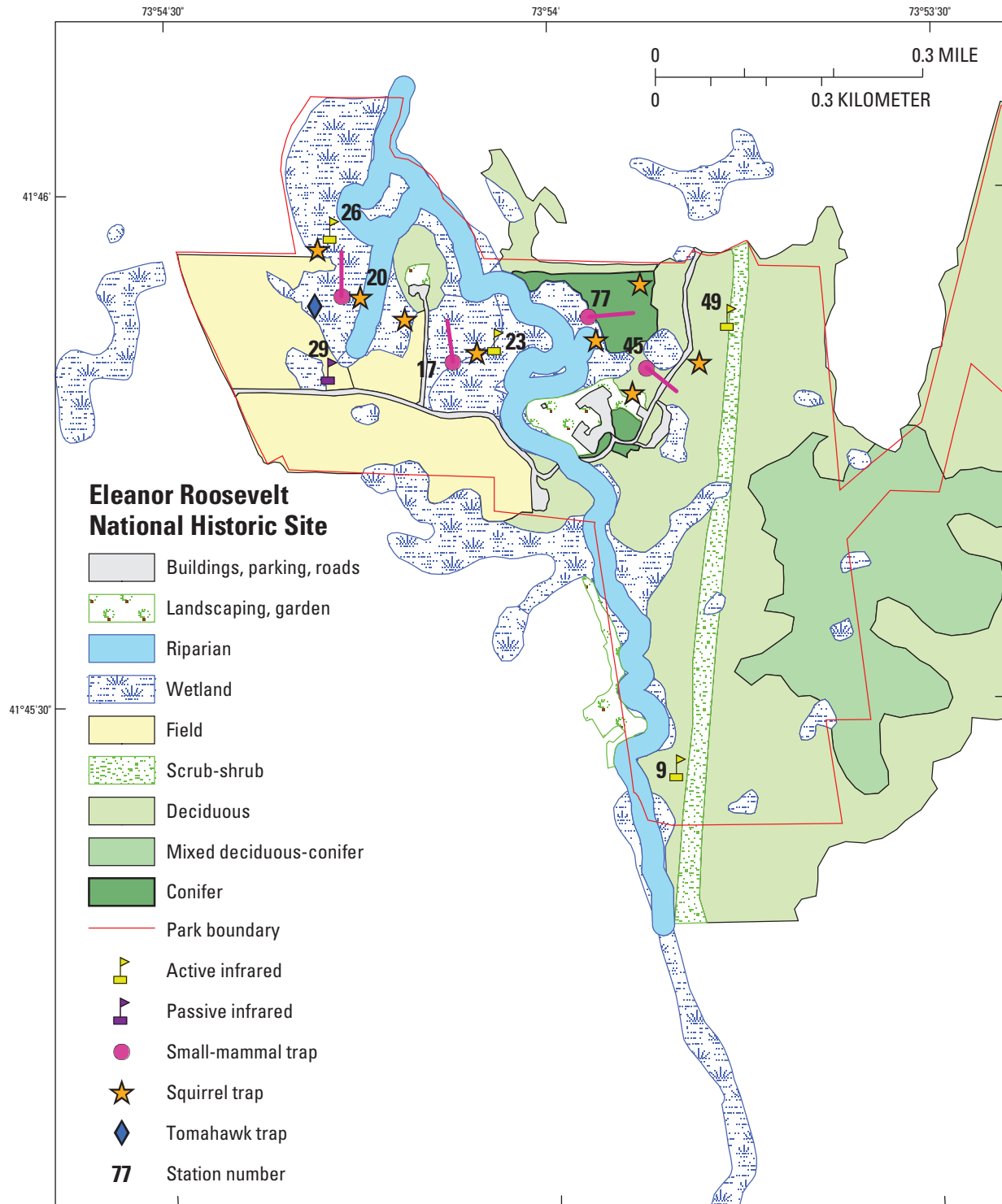


Figure 14. Locations of remote cameras and other detection devices, trapping equipment, and orientation of small-mammal trap lines used in the 2004 mammal inventory at Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site. (Two trackplates and two hair traps were arranged about 50 meters from each camera location. Two small-mammal trap lines (10 Longworth and 10 Museum special traps spaced 10 meters between traps) were set parallel to each other 10 meters apart and oriented as shown (pink lines). Two squirrel-sized live traps and, at some stations, a fox-sized live trap completed each trapping station. Station numbers are provided for sampling arrays.)

Table 16. Community type associations of mammals detected at Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site by indirect measure sampling, trapping, and observation.

[Community type associations are based on vegetation community descriptions of each sampling location. C, camera; TP, trackplate; TR, trapping; X, species observed for which we have records; -, not detected]

Species detected	Community type					Observed
	Conifer	Field	Lawn ^a	Mixed deciduous-conifer	Riparian	
Virginia Opossum	TP	TR	-	TR	C, TP	-
Northern Short-tailed Shrew	-	TR	-	-	-	X
Shrew spp.	TP	-	-	-	-	-
Gray Squirrel	C, TP	-	TR	-	-	-
Red Squirrel	TP	-	TR	-	-	-
Southern Flying Squirrel	TP	-	-	-	-	-
Rat spp. or Eastern Chipmunk	TP	-	-	-	-	-
White-footed Mouse	TR	TR	-	-	-	-
Deer or White-footed Mouse	TR	-	-	-	-	-
Meadow Jumping Mouse	-	TR	-	-	-	-
Mouse/Vole/Shrew spp.	TP	-	-	-	TP	-
Raccoon	C, TP	TR	-	-	C, TP	-
Striped Skunk	TP	-	-	-	TP	-
Domestic Cat	C	-	-	-	C	-
Total species detected^b	10	5	2	1	5	1

^a Not a targeted “community type.” A few pieces of equipment were located within landscaped areas adjacent to targeted community types.

^b Totals exclude generic counts unless no other species in that group were detected (for example, Shrew spp. would be counted if no other specific shrew was detected).

Table 17. Community type associations of mammals detected at Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site by indirect measure sampling, trapping, and observation.

[Community type associations are based on vegetation community descriptions of each sampling location. C, camera; TP, trackplate; TR, trapping; X, species observed for which we have records; -, not detected]

Species detected	Community type					Observed
	Deciduous	Field	Mixed deciduous-conifer	Riparian	Wetland	
Virginia Opossum	-	TP	C	C, TP	-	-
Northern Short-tailed Shrew	-	-	TR	TR	-	-
Eastern Chipmunk	-	-	TR	-	-	-
Gray Squirrel	TR	-	TR	-	-	-
Southern Flying Squirrel	-	-	-	TP	-	-
Rat spp. or Eastern Chipmunk	-	-	-	-	TP	-
Squirrel spp.	-	TP	-	-	-	-
Woodchuck	-	-	-	-	TP	X
White-footed Mouse	TR	-	TR	TR	-	-
Deer or White-footed Mouse	TR	-	TR	TR	-	-
Mouse/Vole spp.	-	TP	-	TP	-	-
Mouse/Vole/Shrew spp.	-	TP	-	TP	TP	-
Raccoon	TR	TP	C, TP, TR	C, TP, TR	TP	-
Mink	-	-	-	TP	-	-
Striped Skunk	-	TP	C	-	-	-
Domestic Cat	-	-	-	C	-	-
White-tailed Deer	-	-	C	C	-	-
Total species detected^a	3	5	8	8	4	1

^a Totals exclude generic counts unless no other species in that group were detected (for example, Shrew spp. would be counted if no other specific shrew was detected).

Table 18. Community type associations of mammals detected at Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site by indirect measure sampling, trapping, and observation.

[Community type associations are based on vegetation community descriptions of each sampling location. C, camera; TP, trackplate; TR, trapping; X, species observed for which we have records; -, not detected]

Species detected	Community type					Observed
	Conifer	Deciduous	Field	Riparian	Wetland	
Virginia Opossum	-	C, TP	-	C, TP	C, TP, TR	-
Eastern or New England Cottontail	-	-	-	-	-	X
Gray Squirrel	-	-	-	-	TR	-
Red Squirrel	-	TP	-	-	TR	-
Woodchuck	-	-	-	TP	-	X
White-footed Mouse	TR	TR	-	-	TR	-
Deer or White-footed Mouse	-	TR	-	-	TR	-
Mouse/Vole spp.	-	TP	TP	TP	TP	-
Mouse/Vole/Shrew spp.	-	TP	-	TP	TP	-
Gray Fox	-	-	-	C	C	-
Raccoon	-	C, TP	TP	C, TP	C, C, TP	-
Long-tailed Weasel/Ermine	-	-	-	-	TP	-
Striped Skunk	-	TP	-	-	C, C, TP	-
Domestic Cat	-	C	-	C, TP	C, TP, TR	-
White-tailed Deer	-	C	-	C	C	-
Total species detected^a	1	7	2	7	10	2

^a Totals exclude generic counts unless no other species in that group were detected (for example, Shrew spp. would be counted if no other specific shrew was detected).

Table 19. Mammal species detection rates and site occupancy at 12 indirect measure stations at Roosevelt-Vanderbilt National Historic Site during two sampling sessions in 2004.

[-, species not detected]

Species detected	Session 1 (2/7/2004 – 2/23/2004)		Session 2 (8/2/2004 – 8/18/2004)	
	Number of stations occupied (proportion)	Mean detection rate (SE) ^a	Number of stations occupied (proportion)	Mean detection rate (SE) ^a
Virginia Opossum	2 (0.17)	0.04 (0.03)	9 (0.75)	1.15 (0.39)
Shrew spp.	1 (0.08)	0.02 (0.02)	-	-
Rat spp. or Eastern Chipmunk	-	-	2 (0.17)	0.03 (0.02)
Gray Squirrel	1 (0.08)	0.08 (0.08)	-	-
Red Squirrel	1 (0.08)	0.02 (0.02)	1 (0.08)	0.01 (0.01)
Southern Flying Squirrel	2 (0.17)	0.04 (0.02)	1 (0.08)	0.01 (0.01)
Squirrel spp.	1 (0.08)	0.01 (0.01)	-	-
Woodchuck	-	-	2 (0.17)	0.03 (0.02)
Mouse/Vole spp.	9 (0.75)	0.44 (0.12)	7 (0.58)	0.12 (0.04)
Mouse/Vole/Shrew spp.	6 (0.50)	0.11 (0.03)	2 (0.17)	0.03 (0.02)
Gray Fox	2 (0.17)	0.04 (0.03)	-	-
Raccoon	9 (0.75)	0.72 (0.28)	11 (0.92)	1.64 (0.31)
Long-tailed Weasel/Ermine	-	-	1 (0.08)	0.01 (0.01)
Mink	1 (0.08)	0.01 (0.01)	-	-
Striped Skunk	5 (0.42)	0.18 (0.07)	4 (0.33)	0.10 (0.05)
Domestic Cat	3 (0.25)	0.09 (0.06)	6 (0.50)	0.12 (0.06)
White-tailed Deer	4 (0.33)	0.09 (0.04)	1 (0.08)	0.03 (0.03)

^a The mean rate of detection and standard error over all stations, including those stations where the species was not detected (detection rate = 0). Species detection rates were calculated for each station by dividing the total number of individual species detections for all checks at a station (camera and trackplate only) by the number of checks made at that station. SE, the standard error of the mean.

apparent absence. The highly cyclical nature and resulting low population densities of this species (Ostfield and Canham, 1995, and references therein) may have been the cause of our inability to detect this species. Nevertheless, this species is common throughout the Northeast and we suspect that it still occurs within the park.

Smoky Shrews were captured during the previous mammal survey at MORR (Steadman, 1991) (table 21), but were not detected in this survey. We believe that this rather common species does occur in the park but did not expect to detect Beaver (*Castor canadensis*) by IM sampling or our trapping methods. An inactive beaver lodge and dam were visible on Fall Kill in ELRO. Beavers have also been found dead on the roadside at VAMA (David Hayes, National Park Service, oral commun., 2003) and are probably associated with Crum Elbow Creek. River Otters (*Lontra canadensis*) have also been observed on the Fall Kill by park staff (David Hayes, National Park Service, oral commun., 2003). Beavers and River Otters both would be expected to occur along the streams and ponds of the park units.

Endangered and Threatened Species

We did not detect any species that are listed as state or federally threatened or endangered. The State of New York lists the Indiana Bat (*Myotis sodalis*), Allegheny Woodrat (*Neotoma magister*), Gray Wolf (*Canis lupus*), and Eastern Cougar (*Felis concolor cougar*) as endangered and the Canada Lynx (*Lynx canadensis*) as threatened. However, only the Indiana Bat has not been extirpated from New York (New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, 2005f) and is most likely to occur in the park. Small-footed Myotis (*Myotis leibii*) and New England Cottontails (*Sylvilagus transitionalis*) are listed as species of special concern.

Indiana Bats are known to occur in eastern New York and have been documented wintering in eight hibernacula

in Albany, Essex, Warren, Jefferson, Onondaga, and Ulster Counties (New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, 2005e). Even though this species has not been found wintering in Dutchess County, one or more known hibernacula occur to the west in Ulster County. It is possible that hibernacula will be found in the future and Indiana Bats may feed or have nursery colonies within the park. Maternity roosts are found under the loose bark of trees and this species has been known to use elms, oaks, hickories, Cottonwood (*Populus deltoides*), Silver Maple (*Acer saccharinum*), and Green Ash (*Fraxinus pennsylvanica*) (Kurta and others, 1993); many of these trees occur in great abundance at ROVA. Indiana Bats prefer riparian and floodplain trees (Thomson, 1982), which are also prevalent at ROVA. We did not survey bats as part of this study, and do not have any evidence that this species occurs in the park. However, given the proximity to known hibernacula and the presence of appropriate summer roost sites, the presence of this species seems possible.

Allegheny Woodrat was once found on cliffs and talus slopes of southeastern New York, but are believed to have been extirpated from the state by 1987 (New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, 2005a). Its decline may be linked to the increase in Raccoons and their susceptibility to Raccoon Roundworm (*Baylisascaris procyonis*) (New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, 2005a) or climatic change (Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998); whatever the case, the future occurrence of Allegheny Woodrat in the state is unlikely (New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, 2005a). Some rocky outcroppings are present at ROVA, but probably do not offer the ideal habitat for this species. We did not expect Allegheny Woodrat to occur at ROVA.

Both Cougar and the Gray Wolf were extirpated from New York State during colonial times (Connor, 1971). Although the State of New York has considered reintroduction of the Gray Wolf in the Adirondack Mountain region as

Table 20. Mammal capture rates and site occupancy for 11 trapping stations (6 with fox-sized live traps) at Roosevelt-Vanderbilt National Historic Site during sampling session 2 (8/2/2004–8/18/2004).

Species Detected	Number of new captures	Number of stations occupied (proportion) ^a	Mean rate of new individuals captured (SE) ^b
Virginia Opossum	3	3 (0.50)	0.10 (0.04)
Northern Short-tailed Shrew	9	5 (0.45)	0.16 (0.08)
Eastern Chipmunk	1	1 (0.09)	0.02 (0.02)
Gray Squirrel	4	4 (0.36)	0.07 (0.03)
Red Squirrel	2	2 (0.18)	0.04 (0.03)
White-footed Mouse	107	10 (0.91)	2.07 (0.42)
Deer or White-footed Mouse	13	8 (0.73)	0.25 (0.06)
Meadow Jumping Mouse	1	1 (0.09)	0.02 (0.02)
Raccoon	4	4 (0.67)	0.13 (0.04)
Domestic Cat	1	1 (0.17)	0.03 (0.02)

^a Small-mammal and squirrel-sized live traps were set at all 11 stations whereas fox-sized live traps were set at only 6; therefore, the number of stations at which medium-sized mammals (Domestic Cat, Raccoon, Striped Skunk, Virginia Opossum) could be captured was reduced to 6 for individual species for each night of sampling.

^b Rates were calculated for each station by dividing the total number of new individuals captured (per species) by the number of nights that traps were operational. SE, standard error of the mean.

part of the recovery program in the northeastern United States (New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, 2005d), there is no plan to reintroduce Cougars to New York (New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, 2005c). Cougars are occasionally observed throughout New York, but they are probably pets that have been released to the wild (New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, 2005c).

Canada Lynx are unlikely to be resident within the area around ROVA, although historical records indicate a much broader distribution throughout the Northeast that includes New York prior to 1900 (Hoving and others, 2003). Lynx were considered relatively common in the Adirondacks and were recorded east of Albany, but became rare as of the late 1800s (Hoving and others, 2003). Only 23 records are available from the 1900s, most of which originate from the Adirondacks (McKelvey and others, 1999). If Lynx do occur in New York, they are likely to be found in high-elevation boreal forest in the northern part of the state. In fact, a reintroduction of 83 Lynx was attempted during 1989–91 in the Adirondacks, but this effort is believed to have failed (McKelvey and others, 1999). Canada Lynx thrive in areas of deep snow through which they can pursue their preferred prey, Snowshoe Hare (Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998; Hoving and others, 2005). Recent modeling efforts have shown that Canada Lynx is unlikely to occur in areas with <270 cm/yr of snow or areas dominated by deciduous forest (Hoving and others, 2005). Total annual snowfall averages 96 cm for nearby Poughkeepsie, N.Y. (National Climatic Data Center, 2006a), and so Lynx are not predicted to inhabit this region of New York.

Small-footed Myotis is considered one of the rarest bats in North America and is found in mountainous regions throughout the Northeast, including New York (Best and Jennings, 1997). They hibernate in caves or mines, but little is known about their summer habits (Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998). Given the lack of information about this species, it is not possible to state if it occurs in ROVA.

The New England Cottontail (*Sylvilagus transitionalis*) is a species of special concern in New York. The Federal government was petitioned to list the species as federally threatened or endangered, and the listing status was recently updated to level two for final determination on the proposed listing (CFR 50-17; 06:53756-53835). The range of the New England Cottontail is believed to be much reduced from its former range (Litvaitis and others, 2003), but the species does occur west to the Hudson River Valley (Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998). This lagomorph is closely related to, and can be confused with, the Eastern Cottontail (*S. floridanus*), which is found throughout New York. New England Cottontails prefer dense thickets (Litvaitis and others, 2003; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2005b) and this community type is present in ROVA. Although no specimen is known from the park, an unidentified cottontail was observed in the park (table 16) and a New England Cottontail was taken in Dutchess County during the 1994–95 hunting season (Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998). DNA analysis (tissue or fecal material) or examination of skull structure is required to identify, and distinguish between, these two lagomorphs (Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2005b).

Table 21. Number of mammal specimens in museum collections and their proximity to Roosevelt-Vanderbilt National Historic Sites.

[Proximity-to-park codes: 1, collected within park boundaries; 2, collected in the town (Hyde Park, N.Y.) the park is located in; 3, collected in the county (Dutchess) the park is located in. Institutions: AMNH, American Museum of Natural History; CUMV, Cornell University Museum of Vertebrates; KUNHM, University of Kansas, Natural History Museum; MCZ, Harvard University, Museum of Comparative Zoology; NYSM, New York State Museum. –, no specimens]

Species ^a	Proximity to park			Institutions
	1	2	3	
Virginia Opossum (<i>Didelphis virginiana</i>)	–	–	2	AMNH
Northern Short-tailed Shrew (<i>Blarina brevicauda</i>)	12	–	–	NYSM
Smoky Shrew (<i>Sorex fumeus</i>)	11	–	–	NYSM
Big Brown Bat (<i>Eptesicus fuscus</i>)	–	–	2	AMNH, CUMV
Brown Hare (<i>Lepus capensis</i>)	–	–	1	KUNHM
European Hare (<i>L. europaeus</i>)	–	–	9	AMNH, CUMV
Woodchuck (<i>Marmota monax</i>)	–	–	2	AMNH
White-footed Mouse (<i>Peromyscus leucopus</i>)	18	–	1	AMNH, NYSM
Meadow Vole (<i>Microtus pennsylvanicus</i>)	27	–	–	NYSM
Meadow Jumping Mouse (<i>Zapus hudsonius</i>)	1	–	1	AMNH, NYSM
Beaver (<i>Castor canadensis</i>)	–	–	3	CUMV
Gray Fox (<i>Urocyon cinereoargenteus</i>)	–	–	1	MCZ
Long-tailed Weasel (<i>Mustela frenata</i>)	–	–	1	AMNH
Striped Skunk (<i>Mephitis mephitis</i>)	–	–	1	AMNH
European Wild Boar (<i>Sus scrofa</i>)	–	–	1	AMNH

^a Specimen data available through the National Park Service, NPSpecies database. For more information see: Gilbert and O'Connell, 2004; O'Connell and others, 2004; and A.F. O'Connell and A.T. Gilbert, unpublished data available at the USGS Patuxent Wildlife Research Center laboratory in Beltsville, Md.

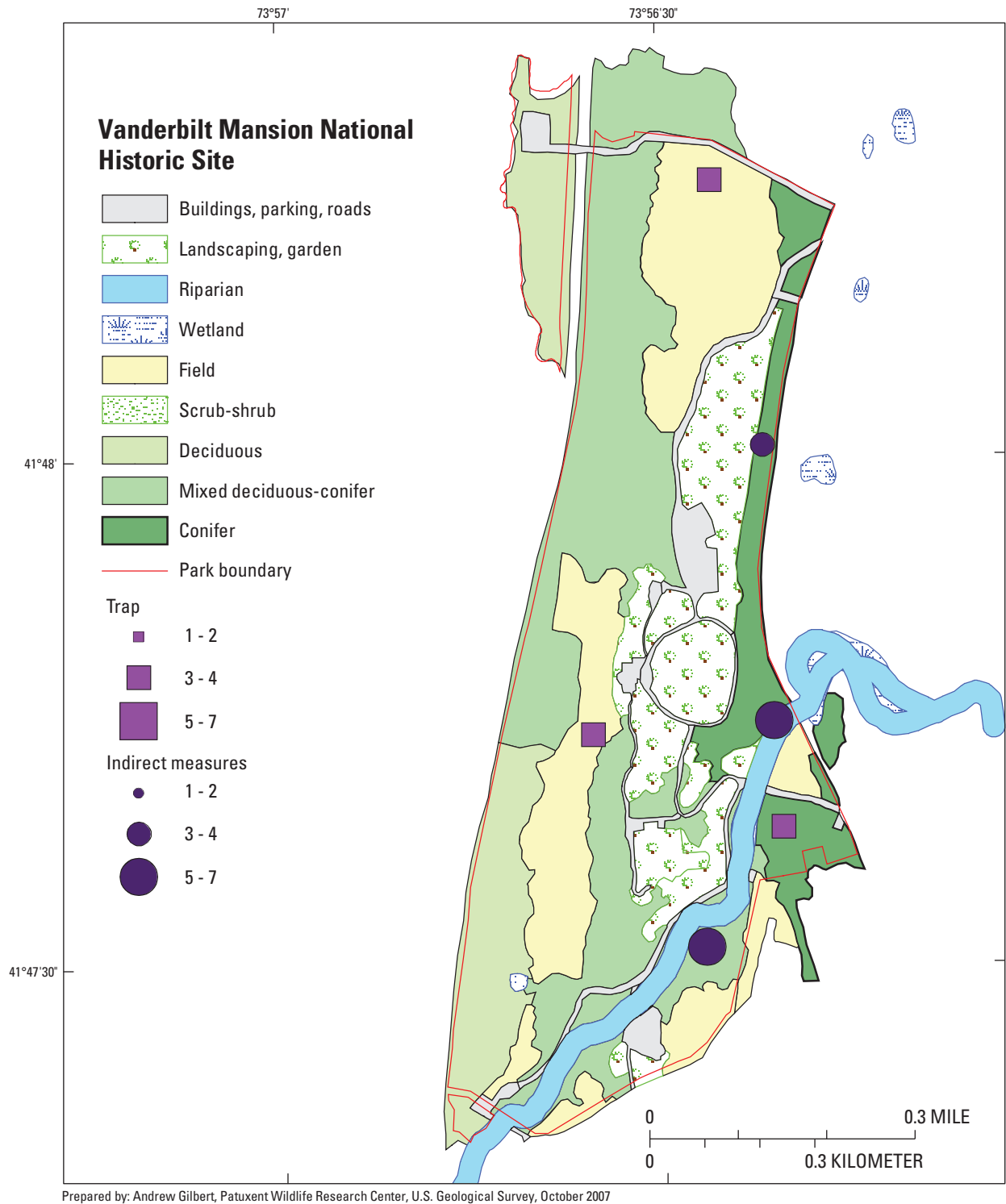


Figure 15. Species diversity at trapping and indirect measure sampling stations during the 2004 mammal inventory at Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site.

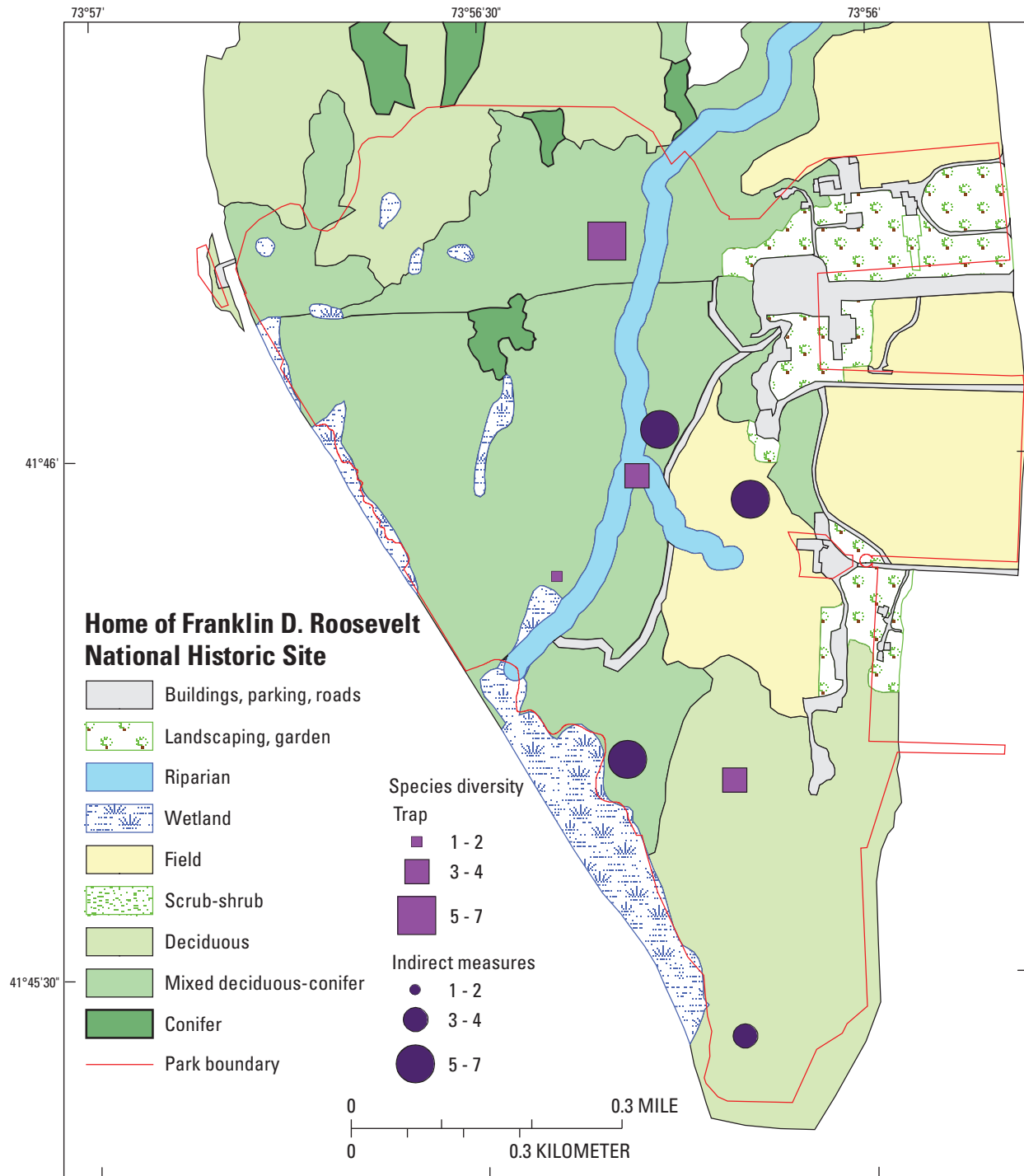


Figure 16. Species diversity at trapping and indirect measure sampling stations during the 2004 mammal inventory at Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site.

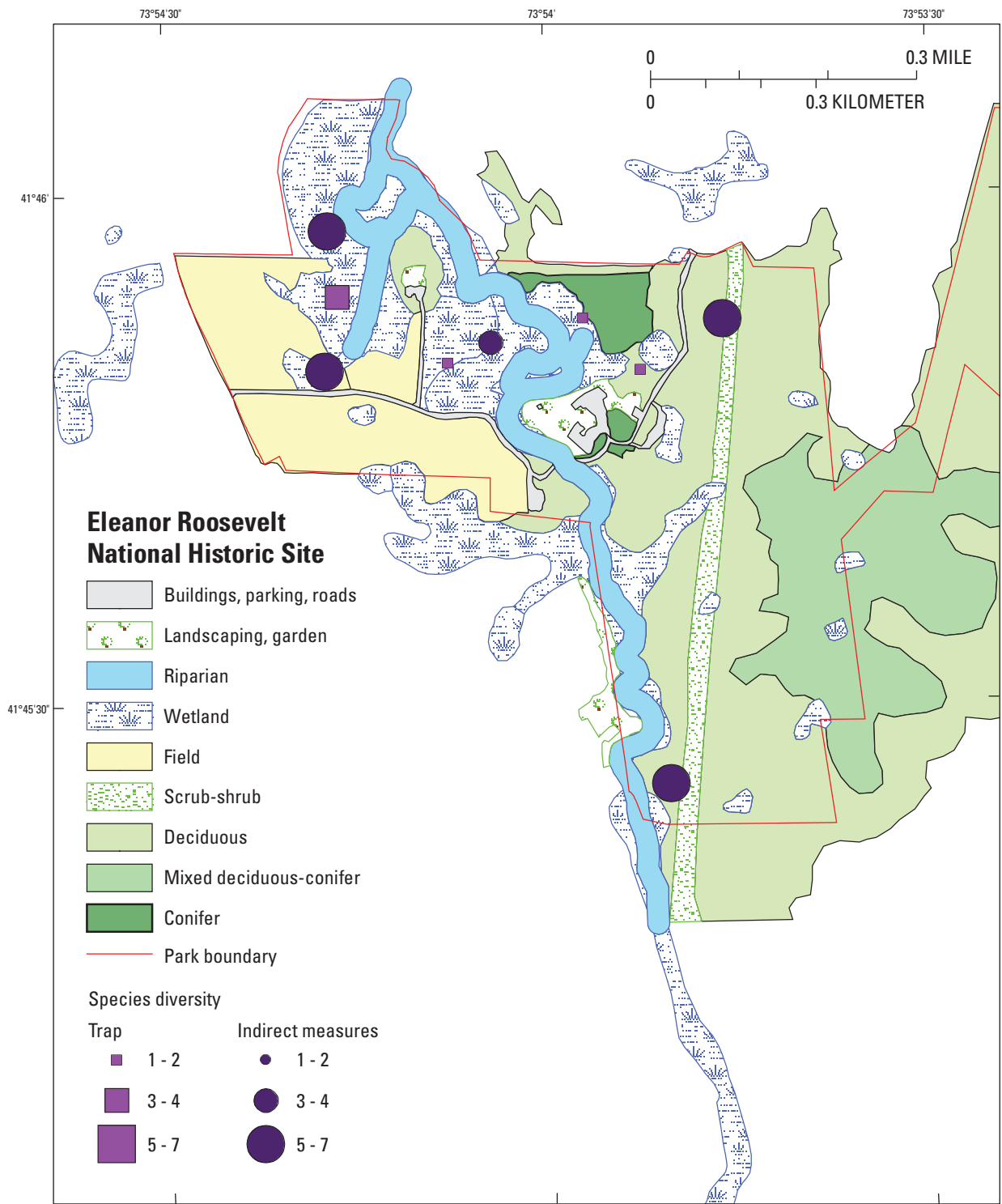


Figure 17. Species diversity at trapping and indirect measure sampling stations during the 2004 mammal inventory at Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site.

Minute Man National Historical Park (MIMA)

Background

Minute Man National Historical Park (MIMA) is well known for its battlegrounds that marked the beginning of the Revolutionary War. At 391 ha, and stretching nearly 9 km through suburban/urban landscape about 20 km west of Boston, Massachusetts, MIMA occupies a long, thin corridor in a heavily populated region. However, other parks and refuges lie near MIMA, increasing the total amount of open space in the area. Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) is connected to the park by the Concord River and <1 km north of the North Bridge unit at the western edge of MIMA. Great Meadows NWR contains nearly 20 km of river and more than 1,500 ha of protected area (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2005a). Walden Pond State Reservation, famed for its association with the naturalist Henry David Thoreau, lies 2 km south of MIMA and is another important refuge and recreation area. MIMA is a mixture of deciduous and mixed deciduous-conifer forest, wetlands, and fields (Mitchell and others, 2006). Although no large ponds or lakes occur in the park, the Concord River passes through the North Bridge Unit and is an important natural resource.

Prior Investigations

A study of Hantavirus antibody in populations of small mammals was conducted in 1994 in national parks across the United States, including MIMA (Mills and others, 1998). White-footed Mouse (*Peromyscus leucopus*) and Deer Mouse (*P. maniculatus*) were trapped and tested for reactivity to Sin Nombre virus at MIMA. No animals from MIMA tested positive for antibody reactivity.

The ecological effects of roads on wildlife were studied in an area adjacent to MIMA along the Route 2 corridor between U.S. Route 128 and U.S. Route 495 (Forman and Deblinger, 2000). The effects of salt intrusion, avoidance by birds, and invasion by exotic plants have been detected up to 1 km from the road. This study also identified areas where White-tailed Deer congregate and Moose corridors, and included observations of Moose in the vicinity of the park.

Sampling Stations

Indirect measure sampling was conducted in March and July of 2004 and trapping was conducted in July of 2004 at MIMA. Prior to field work, we selected 24 locations as sampling stations, but we only established 22 sampling stations (12 IM and 10 trap) in six community types (table 22; figures 18–19). We limited trapping to 10 stations at MIMA because of logistics and time constraints imposed by the handling of many captures at the first station we established.

Survey Results

Twenty-four species were detected at MIMA: 19 during IM sampling, 14 during trapping, and 4 by observation (table 23). This is 50 percent of the potential number of mammal species that could occur in the park (N=48, table 1), excluding bats. MIMA is located near a very large metropolitan area (Boston) and yet we detected more species there than at other parks in this survey. Raccoons (*Procyon lotor*) were the most frequently detected medium-sized mammal during the winter, followed closely by Fisher (*Martes pennanti*) and Red Fox (*Vulpes vulpes*) (table 24). During the summer sampling session, the Virginia Opossum (*Didelphis virginiana*) and Raccoon were the most commonly detected and widely distributed species and were found at almost all stations (table 24). Striped Skunks (*Mephitis mephitis*) were the next most frequently detected species during summer. Virginia Opossums and Striped Skunks become less active during winter due to thermoregulatory constraints and spend extended periods in their den sites (Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998); this probably accounts for some of the differences we observed in detection rates for these species between seasons.

The frequency with which we detected Fisher during the winter sampling session was surprising given the suburban/urban nature of the surrounding area. Whitaker and Hamilton (1998) describe Fisher as residents of continuous forest, “at home only where the wild country has not been invaded by humans;” however, this mustelid appears to be adapting to life in suburban areas. Fishers were detected across MIMA in all community types and at more than half of all IM stations (tables 23–24). Fisher range widely, with home ranges varying from 15 to 35 km², and they have been known to travel 20 to 30 km per day (Powell, 1981). A few Fisher could have been responsible for the majority of detections at MIMA, but because we did not capture and mark individuals, it is impossible to estimate the population size of this species at MIMA.



Table 22. Indirect measure (IM) and trap station numbers, community type, GPS locations of the camera at IM stations and beginning of the Longworth trap lines, orientation of IM stations, and bearing of trap lines at Minute Man National Historical Park.

Station number	Station type	Community type	UTM X ^a	UTM Y ^a	Orientation/bearing ^b
1	Trap	wetland	306769	4704430	160°
5	Trap	wetland	310552	4702759	30°
9	IM	mixed deciduous-conifer	313015	4702019	E-W
13	IM	wetland	309594	4703678	N-S
17	Trap	mixed deciduous-conifer	314255	4701924	160°
21	IM	scrub-shrub	310014	4702595	E-W
30	IM	deciduous	313808	4702051	E-W
33	IM	deciduous	307039	4704502	N-S
37	IM	mixed deciduous-conifer	310869	4702584	N-S
41	Trap	mixed deciduous-conifer	310910	4702769	45°
49	Trap	conifer	309574	4702702	45°
51	IM	conifer	314242	4702055	N-S
53	Trap	conifer	311346	4702855	225°
55	IM	mixed deciduous-conifer	313104	4702348	N-S
58	Trap	deciduous	307049	4704468	40°
62	Trap	deciduous	311786	4702483	180°
66	IM	wetland	310304	4702924	N-S
70	IM	deciduous	309530	4703376	E-W
74	Trap	field	313981	4701927	0°
78	IM	field	306693	4704911	E-W
82	IM	field	309520	4703044	N-S
86	Trap	field	309777	4703342	0°

^a Universal Transverse Mercator Zone 19; datum, North American Datum 1983; units, meters.

^b The orientation of the trackplates relative to the cameras in the indirect measure station or the bearing of the trap lines.

The highest diversity of small mammal species documented during this project was also at MIMA. The White-footed Mouse (*Peromyscus leucopus*) was captured in several different communities and in substantial numbers (table 25). Individuals having characteristics shared by both Deer (*P. maniculatus*) and White-footed Mouse were captured frequently and at many stations. The ranges of these two species overlap over most of the northeastern United States; the White-footed Mouse is absent only from northern Maine and the Deer Mouse is absent only from the strip of coast between Rhode Island and Maryland (Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998). Hybridization could explain the characteristics of intermediate morphology encountered in this study (Kamler

and others, 1998) where the two species overlap (including all of Massachusetts). The Northern Short-tailed Shrew (*Blarina brevicauda*) and Meadow Vole (*Microtus pennsylvanicus*) also were detected frequently; the Northern Short-tailed Shrew was found in nearly all community types and Meadow Voles were found only in fields and wetlands (table 23).

Species diversity varied among community types, with 7 to 16 species detected (table 23), but no geographic area within the park appeared to be more diverse than any other (figures 20–21). Mixed forest, fields, and deciduous forest community types (in decreasing order) had the most species detected. One sampling station in a field adjacent to the North Bridge visitor center (#78) stood out for its high species

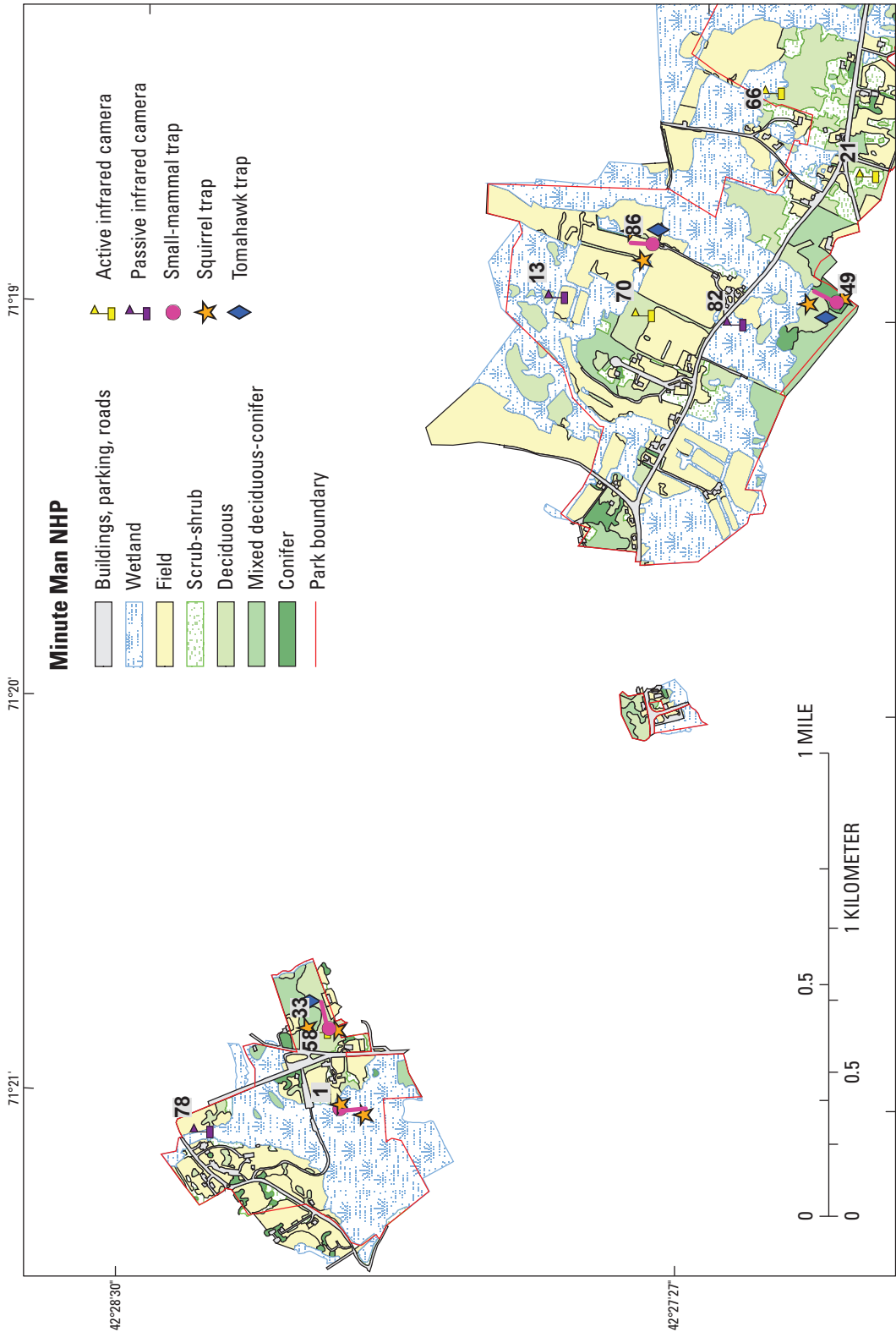


Figure 18. Locations of remote cameras and other detection devices, trapping equipment, and orientation of small-mammal trap lines used in the 2004 mammal inventory at Minute Man National Historical Park in the western part of the park. (Two trackplates and two hair traps were arranged about 50 meters from each camera location. Two small-mammal trap lines (10 Longworth and 10 Museum special traps spaced 10 meters between traps) were set parallel to each other 10 meters apart and oriented as shown (pink lines). Two squirrel-sized live traps and, at some stations, a fox-sized live trap completed each trapping station. Station numbers are provided for sampling arrays.)

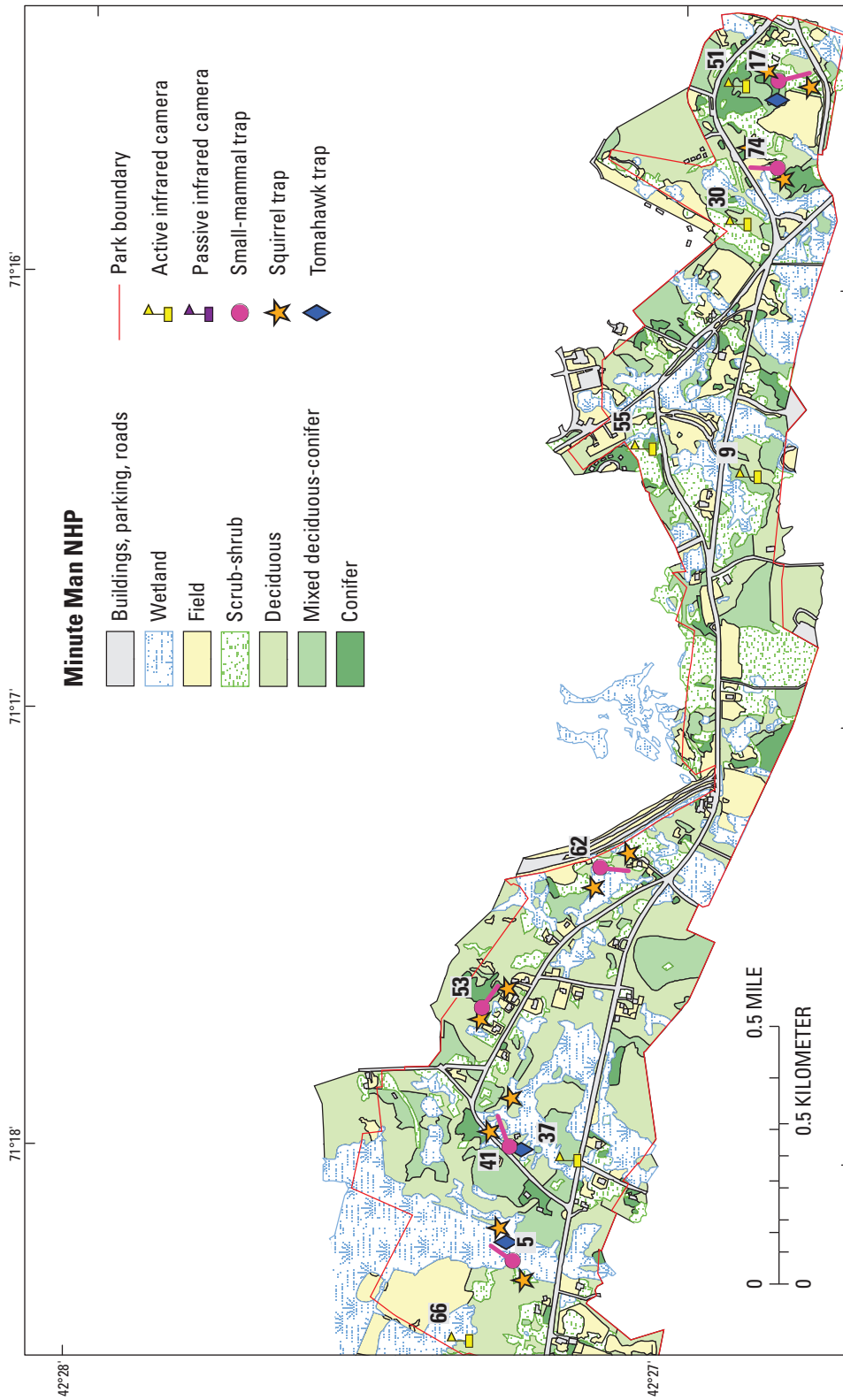


Figure 19. Locations of remote cameras and other detection devices, trapping equipment, and orientation of small-mammal trap lines used in the 2004 mammal inventory at Minute Man National Historical Park in the eastern part of the park. (Two trackplates and two hair traps were arranged about 50 meters from each camera location. Two small-mammal trap lines (10 Longworth and 10 Museum special traps spaced 10 meters between traps) were set parallel to each other 10 meters apart and oriented as shown (pink lines). Two squirrel-sized live traps and, at some stations, a fox-sized live trap completed each trapping station. Station numbers are provided for sampling arrays.)

Table 23. Community type associations of mammals detected at Minute Man National Historical Park by indirect measure sampling, trapping, and observation.

[Community type associations are based on vegetation community descriptions of each sampling location. C, camera; TP, trackplate; TR, trapping; X, species observed for which we have records; -, not detected]

Species detected	Community type						Observed
	Conifer	Deciduous	Field	Mixed deciduous-conifer	Scrub-shrub	Wetland	
Virginia Opossum	TP	C, TP	C, TP	C, TP, TR	C, TP	C, TP	-
Masked Shrew	-	-	-	-	-	TR	-
Northern Short-tailed Shrew	TR	TR	TR	TR	-	TR	-
Shrew spp.	-	TR	-	-	TP	TR	-
Eastern or New England Cottontail	-	-	C	-	-	-	-
Eastern Chipmunk	-	TP	C, TP	TP	-	TR	-
Gray Squirrel	-	-	C, TP	TR	-	-	-
Red Squirrel	-	TP	-	TP	TP	TR	-
Red Squirrel/Northern Flying Squirrel	TP	-	-	-	-	-	-
Southern Flying Squirrel	TP	-	-	TP	-	-	-
Flying Squirrel spp.	-	-	-	TP	-	-	-
Rat spp. or Eastern Chipmunk	-	TP	TP	-	TP	-	-
Squirrel spp.	-	-	TP	-	-	-	-
Woodchuck	-	TP	-	-	-	-	X
White-footed Mouse	TR	TR	TR	TR	-	TR	-
Deer or White-footed Mouse	TR	TR	TR	TR	-	TR	-
Meadow Vole	-	-	TR	-	-	TR	-
Woodland Vole	-	-	-	TR	-	-	-
Red-backed Vole	-	TR	-	TR	-	TR	-
Meadow Jumping Mouse	-	-	TR	-	-	-	-
Jumping Mouse spp.	-	-	TP	-	-	-	X
Mouse/Vole spp.	TP	TP	TP	TP	TP	TP	-
Mouse/Vole/Shrew spp.	-	TP	-	TP	TP	-	-
Coyote	-	C	-	C	-	-	X
Gray Fox	-	C	C	C	C	-	-
Red Fox	-	C	C	C	-	-	-
Raccoon	C, TP	C, TP	C, TP	C, TP, TR	C, TP	C, TP, TR	-
Ermine	-	-	-	TP	-	-	-
Fisher	C, TP	C	TP	C, TP	C	C	X
Long-tailed Weasel	-	TP	-	-	-	-	-
Long-tailed Weasel/Ermine	-	-	-	TP	TP	-	-
Long-tailed Weasel/Mink	-	-	-	TP	-	-	-
Striped Skunk	-	C, TP, TR	C, TP	-	-	-	-
Domestic Cat	-	-	C, TP	-	C	-	-
White-tailed Deer	-	-	C	-	-	-	-
Total species detected^a	7	14	15	16	10	10	4

^a Totals exclude generic counts unless no other species in that group were detected (for example, Shrew spp. would be counted if no other specific shrew was detected).

Table 24. Mammal species detection rates and site occupancy at 12 indirect measure stations at Minute Man National Historical Park during two sampling sessions in 2004.

[-, species not detected]

Species detected	Session 1 (2/22/2004 – 3/8/2004)		Session 2 (7/19/2004 – 8/2/2004)	
	Number of stations occupied (proportion)	Mean detection rate (SE) ^a	Number of stations occupied (proportion)	Mean detection rate (SE) ^a
Virginia Opossum	3 (0.25)	0.05 (0.03)	11 (0.92)	1.07 (0.31)
Shrew spp.	-	-	1 (0.08)	0.01 (0.01)
Eastern or New England Cottontail	1 (0.08)	0.03 (0.03)	-	-
Eastern Chipmunk	3 (0.25)	0.08 (0.05)	2 (0.17)	0.03 (0.02)
Gray Squirrel	1 (0.08)	0.06 (0.06)	1 (0.08)	0.01 (0.01)
Red Squirrel	3 (0.25)	0.06 (0.03)	3 (0.25)	0.04 (0.02)
Red Squirrel/Northern Flying Squirrel	1 (0.08)	0.02 (0.02)	-	-
Southern Flying Squirrel	3 (0.25)	0.08 (0.05)	-	-
Flying Squirrel spp.	1 (0.08)	0.02 (0.02)	-	-
Rat spp. or Eastern Chipmunk	-	-	3 (0.25)	0.06 (0.03)
Squirrel spp.	1 (0.08)	0.02 (0.02)	-	-
Woodchuck	-	-	1 (0.08)	0.01 (0.01)
Mouse/Vole spp.	9 (0.75)	0.32 (0.07)	10 (0.83)	0.21 (0.04)
Jumping Mouse spp.	-	-	1 (0.08)	0.01 (0.01)
Mouse/Vole/Shrew spp.	2 (0.17)	0.04 (0.03)	1 (0.08)	0.01 (0.01)
Coyote	1 (0.08)	0.04 (0.04)	3 (0.25)	0.06 (0.03)
Gray Fox	3 (0.25)	0.13 (0.07)	2 (0.17)	0.03 (0.02)
Red Fox	4 (0.33)	0.21 (0.12)	1 (0.08)	0.03 (0.03)
Raccoon	9 (0.75)	0.46 (0.12)	12 (1.00)	0.79 (0.10)
Fisher	7 (0.58)	0.28 (0.11)	1 (0.08)	0.01 (0.01)
Ermine	-	-	1 (0.08)	0.01 (0.01)
Long-tailed Weasel	1 (0.08)	0.02 (0.02)	-	-
Long-tailed Weasel/Ermine	-	-	2 (0.17)	0.03 (0.02)
Long-tailed Weasel/Mink	-	-	1 (0.08)	0.01 (0.01)
Striped Skunk	1 (0.08)	0.12 (0.12)	2 (0.17)	0.38 (0.25)
Domestic Cat	1 (0.08)	0.03 (0.03)	1 (0.08)	0.01 (0.01)
White-tailed Deer	-	-	1 (0.08)	0.01 (0.01)

^a The mean rate of detection and standard error over all stations including those stations where the species was not detected (detection rate = 0). Species detection rates were calculated for each station by dividing the total number of individual species detections for all checks at a station (camera and trackplate only) by the number of checks made at that station. SE, the standard error of this mean.

Table 25. Mammal capture rates and site occupancy for 10 trapping stations (6 with fox-sized live traps) at Minute Man National Historical Park during sampling session 2 (7/19/2004 – 8/2/2004).

Species Detected	Number of new captures	Number of stations occupied (proportion) ^a	Mean rate of new individuals captured (SE) ^b
Virginia Opossum	1	1 (0.17)	0.03 (0.03)
Northern Short-tailed Shrew	15	7 (0.70)	0.32 (0.09)
Masked Shrew	1	1 (0.10)	0.02 (0.02)
Shrew spp.	4	3 (0.30)	0.08 (0.05)
Eastern Chipmunk	8	1 (0.10)	0.16 (0.16)
Gray Squirrel	1	1 (0.10)	0.02 (0.02)
Red Squirrel	1	1 (0.10)	0.02 (0.02)
White-footed Mouse	75	10 (1.00)	1.60 (0.40)
Deer or White-footed Mouse	29	7 (0.70)	0.61 (0.18)
Meadow Vole	14	3 (0.30)	0.30 (0.20)
Woodland Vole	3	2 (0.20)	0.06 (0.04)
Red-backed Vole	6	3 (0.30)	0.13 (0.07)
Meadow Jumping Mouse	3	1 (0.10)	0.06 (0.06)
Raccoon	2	2 (0.33)	0.07 (0.03)
Striped Skunk	1	1 (0.17)	0.03 (0.03)

^a Small-mammal and squirrel-sized live traps were placed at all 10 stations whereas fox-sized live traps were set at only 6; therefore, the number of stations at which medium-sized mammals (Domestic Cat, Raccoon, Striped Skunk, Virginia Opossum) could be captured was reduced to 6 for individual species for each night of sampling.

^b Rates were calculated for each station by dividing the total number of new individuals captured (per species) by the number of nights that traps were operational. SE, standard error of the mean.

diversity (11) and number of detections (61)—two more species than at other stations, and more than double the number of detections. The high diversity at this station is surprising given its proximity to roads and areas of high housing density. However, this site is connected to the 1,500-ha Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2005a) by the Concord River, a natural corridor flowing north from MIMA through the refuge.

Species Expected but Not Detected

We did not detect any moles at MIMA. These animals are primarily fossorial, preferring to tunnel underground for food, although the Star-nosed Mole (*Condylura cristata*) also makes use of wet areas such as wet meadows, swamps, and streams to feed (Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998). Moles are not routinely captured in small mammal traps and we did not expect to detect them in this study unless we observed them directly or found evidence of the mounded tunnels they leave in soft soil. We expect that both Hairy-tailed (*Parascalops breweri*) and Star-nosed Moles occur at MIMA; this is corroborated by local voucher specimens recorded for these species (table 26). Eastern Moles (*Scalopus aquaticus*) occur at the northern edge of their range in this area and we did not expect to find them.

We did not detect Mink but expect that this species occurs along the Concord River and along other streams within the park. Other local surveys set out remote cameras in July and August of 2001 that recorded Mink within the newly established Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge (southwest of MIMA) (Wildlife Trails Education Project, 2002). The Assabet River converges with the Sudbury River in Concord and would make an ideal corridor for this semi-aquatic species to reach MIMA. We recorded one set of tracks that were of a size intermediate between those of the Mink and the Long-tailed Weasel. When possible, Mink stay close to water (Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998) and IM sampling may not have been close enough to the Concord River or other suitable waters to detect this species. Several voucher specimens have been collected from this area (table 26), substantiating that this species does occur here.

We did not detect Beaver (*Castor canadensis*) at MIMA during this study, but Beaver activity was recently reported near the North Bridge. Several trees have been damaged by beavers actively trying to fell trees near the bridge (Christopher Davis, National Park Service, oral commun., 2005). Beavers are not common in the park, but they are present, especially along the Concord River.

River Otters (*Lontra canadensis*) are found along streams throughout Massachusetts (Cardoza and others, 1999). Photodocumentation of River Otters has been achieved at nearby Assabet National Wildlife Refuge (Wildlife Trails Education Project, 2002). Given its highly aquatic habits, this species is a likely inhabitant of the Concord River as well. Although they are rarely observed, their slides are obvious and easy to detect in the winter. The Concord River would be the most likely place to find River Otter and detecting their slides in winter would confirm the presence of this species.

Endangered and Threatened Species

We did not detect any species that are listed as state or federally threatened, endangered, or of special concern for Massachusetts (Massachusetts Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, 2003). The State of Massachusetts lists the Indiana Bat (*Myotis sodalis*) as endangered and the Small-footed

Myotis (*M. leibii*), Water Shrew (*Sorex palustris*), Rock (Long-tailed) Shrew (*S. dispar*), and Southern Bog Lemming (*Synaptomys cooperi*) as species of special concern.

The Indiana Bat is listed as both state and federally endangered in Massachusetts (Massachusetts Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, 2003). This species has been reported from Berkshire, Hampden, and Worcester Counties, but the species probably is extirpated from the entire state (Cardoza and others, 1999). Maternity roosts are found under the loose bark of trees and this species has been known to use elms, oaks, hickories, Cottonwood (*Populus deltoides*), Silver Maple (*Acer saccharinum*), and Green Ash (*Fraxinus pennsylvanica*) (Kurta and others, 1993), especially in riparian areas (Thomson, 1982). Some of these trees occur at MIMA and may provide appropriate summer roosts for Indiana Bat. However, we do not have any evidence that this species occurs in the park.

The Small-footed Myotis is considered a bat species of special concern in Massachusetts (Massachusetts Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, 2003). The species is one of the rarest bats in North America and is found in mountainous regions throughout the Northeast, including Massachusetts (Best and Jennings, 1997). They hibernate in caves or mines, but little is known about their summer habits (Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998). Given the lack of information about this species, it is not possible to state whether this species currently occurs in the park.

The distribution of the Water Shrew in Massachusetts is listed as Hampshire and Worcester Counties (Cardoza and others, 1999). Water Shrews are semi-aquatic, preferring wetlands along streams, lakes, and ponds (Godin, 1977; Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998). Given the close proximity of MIMA to Worcester County, this species may occur in the park. The species is more numerous than collections typically indicate (Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998), making its presence in MIMA possible, despite the lack of captures and museum specimens.

Rock Shrews are reported in far western Massachusetts (Berkshire County) only (Cardoza and others, 1999). This species is found in upland areas, especially among rocks and along mountain streams (Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998). This species is not expected to occur in the park.

The Southern Bog Lemming occurs in a diverse array of habitats and is not restricted to sphagnum bogs, although most animals captured along the East Coast have been found in sphagnum bogs or heavy forest (Linzey, 1983). This species is colonial, nocturnal, and elusive, making it a difficult species to detect (Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998). This enigmatic rodent is reported in Franklin, Hampshire, and Worcester Counties, but probably occurs elsewhere in the state (Cardoza and others, 1999), perhaps including MIMA.



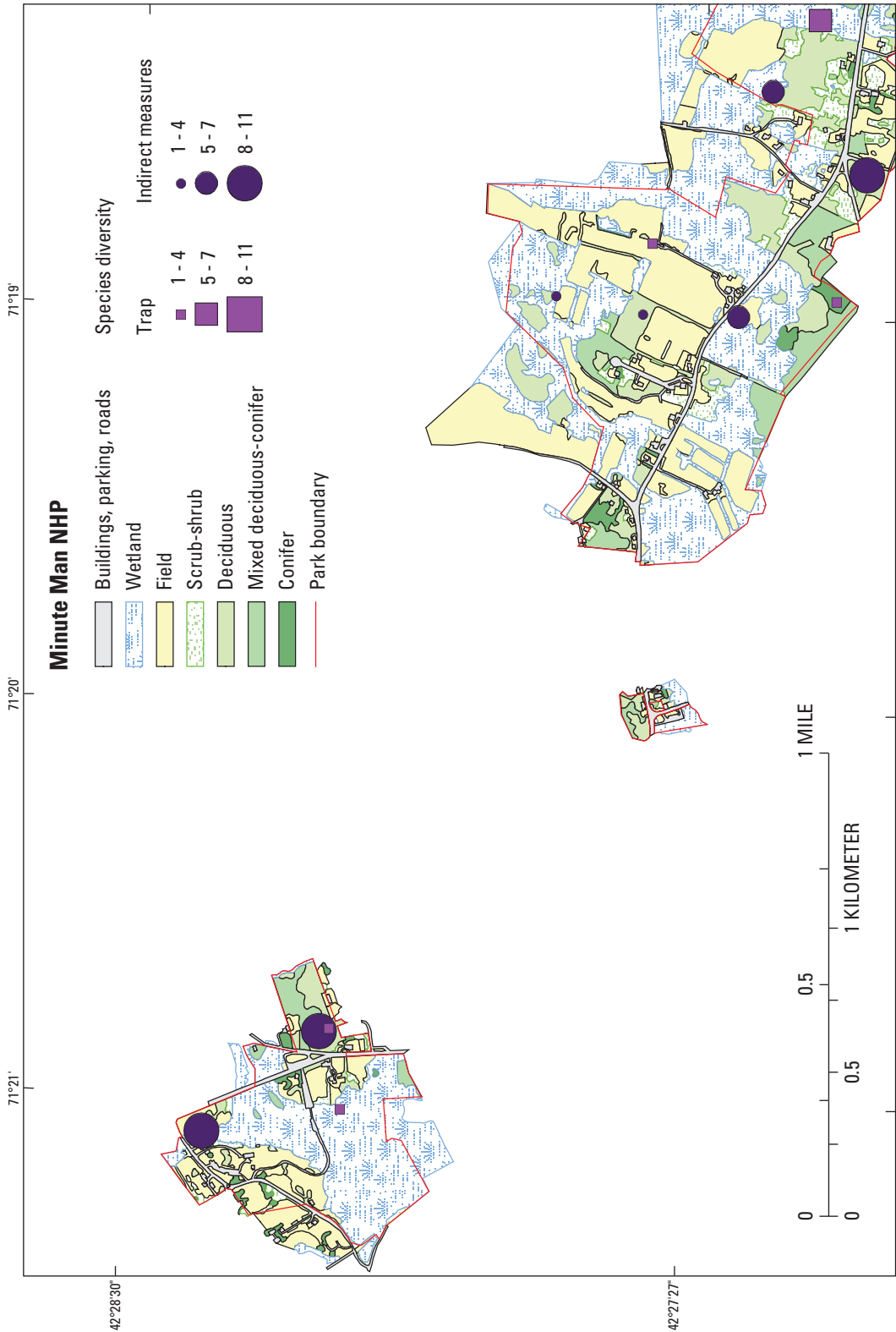


Figure 20. Species diversity at trapping and indirect measure sampling stations during the 2004 mammal inventory in the western part of Minute Man National Historical Park.

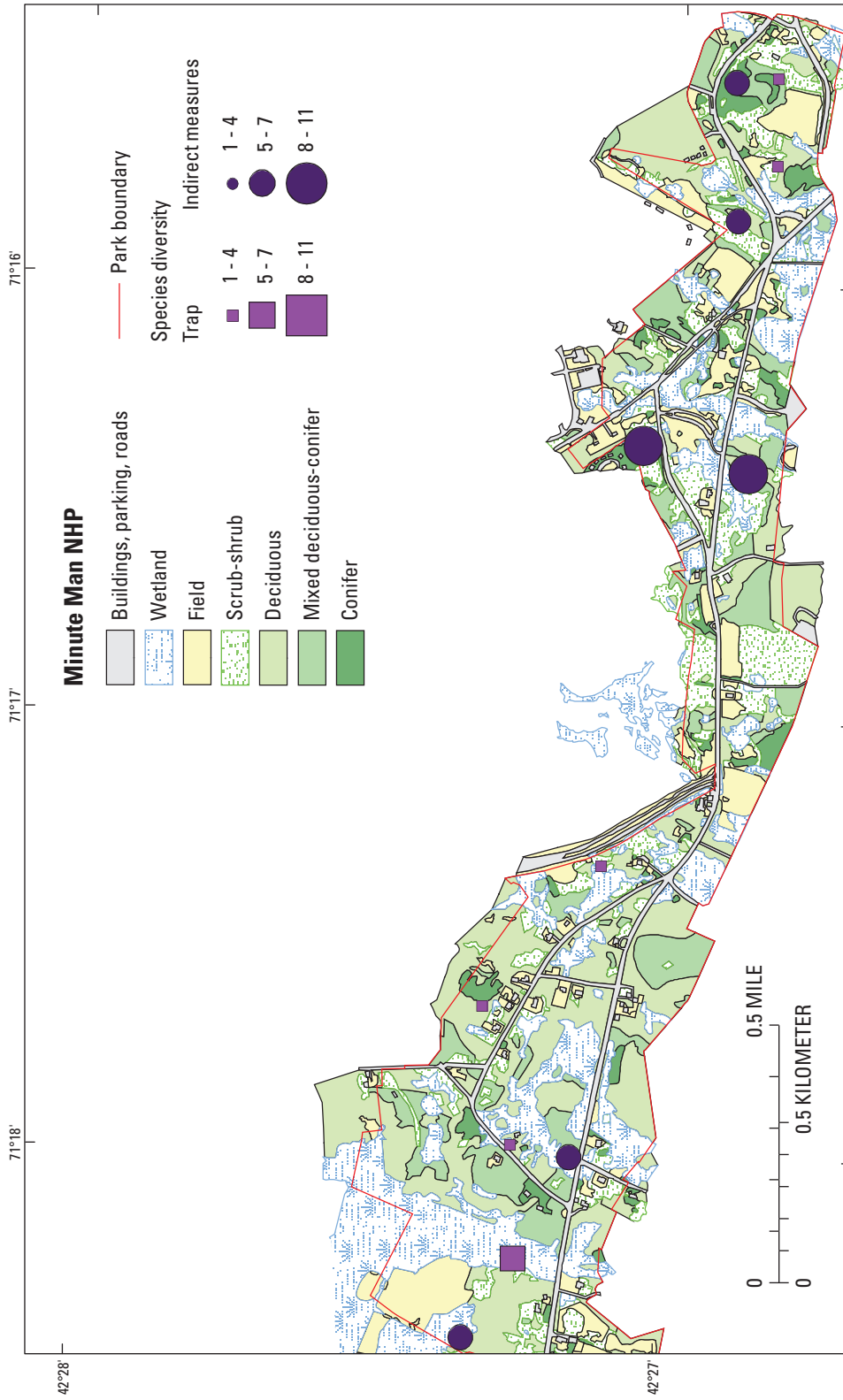


Figure 21. Species diversity at trapping and indirect measure sampling stations during the 2004 mammal inventory in the eastern part of Minute Man National Historical Park.

Table 26. Number of mammal specimens in museum collections and their proximity to Minute Man National Historical Park.

[Proximity-to-park codes: 1, collected within park boundaries; 2, collected in the town (Concord, Lincoln, Lexington, Mass.) the park is located in; 3, collected in the county (Middlesex) the park is located in. Institutions: AMNH, American Museum of Natural History; CM, Carnegie Museum of Natural History; CONN, University of Connecticut, EEB; CUMV, Cornell University Museum of Vertebrates; FMNH, Field Museum of Natural History; KUNHM, University of Kansas, Natural History Museum; MCZ, Harvard University, Museum of Comparative Zoology; MSB, Museum of Southwestern Biology; MVZ, University of California, Berkeley, Museum of Vertebrate Zoology; NUVU, Northeastern University Vertebrate Collection; TTU, Texas Tech University; UMMZ, University of Michigan Museum of Zoology; YPM, Yale University Peabody Museum of Natural History. -, no specimens]

Species ^a	Proximity to park			Institution
	1	2	3	
Virginia Opossum (<i>Didelphis virginiana</i>)	1	-	1	MCZ, NUVU
Masked Shrew (<i>Sorex cinereus</i>)	3	-	5	MCZ, NUVU
Northern Short-tailed Shrew (<i>Blarina brevicauda</i>)	23	7	25	AMNH, FMNH, MCZ, NUVU, MVZ, KUMNH, UMMZ
Star-nosed Mole (<i>Condylura cristata</i>)	1	1	21	FMNH, MCZ, TTU, NUVU, KUMNH, UMMZ
Hairy-tailed Mole (<i>Parascalops breweri</i>)	-	1	-	MCZ
Eastern Pipistrelle (<i>Pipistrellus subflavus</i>)	-	1	-	MCZ
Big Brown Bat (<i>Eptesicus fuscus</i>)	-	-	12	TTU
Red Bat (<i>Lasiurus borealis</i>)	-	1	-	TTU
Hoary Bat (<i>L. cinereus</i>)	-	1	-	TTU
Eastern Cottontail (<i>Sylvilagus floridanus</i>)	2	-	1	MCZ, NUVU
Snowshoe Hare (<i>Lepus americanus</i>)	-	1	2	MCZ, UMMZ
Eastern Chipmunk (<i>Tamias striatus</i>)	2	3	14	MSB, MVZ, KUMNH, UMMZ
Gray Squirrel (<i>Sciurus carolinensis</i>)	-	-	1	MCZ
Red Squirrel (<i>Tamiasciurus hudsonicus</i>)	-	8	4	MCZ, KUMNH, UMMZ
Southern Flying Squirrel (<i>Glaucomys volans</i>)	-	3	-	TTU
Woodchuck (<i>Marmota monax</i>)	-	-	5	MVZ, KUMNH
Deer Mouse (<i>Peromyscus maniculatus</i>)	-	2	-	NHM
White-footed Mouse (<i>P. leucopus</i>)	20	3	1	AMNH, MCZ, MSB, NUVU, KUMNH
Deer or White-footed Mouse (<i>Peromyscus</i> spp.)	-	-	4	FMNH, MSB
Meadow Vole (<i>Microtus pennsylvanicus</i>)	12	4	3	AMNH, CM, CUMV, FMNH, MCZ, MSB, NUVU, UMMZ
Woodland Vole (<i>M. pinetorum</i>)	-	2	-	MCZ, CONN
Red-backed Vole (<i>Clethrionomys gapperi</i>)	1	3	-	MCZ, NUVU
Vole spp.	-	-	3	MSB
Meadow Jumping Mouse (<i>Zapus hudsonius</i>)	1	4	2	MCZ, MSB, UMMZ
Coyote (<i>Canis latrans</i>)	-	1	-	MCZ
Gray Fox (<i>Urocyon cinereoargenteus</i>)	1	-	-	NUVC
Red Fox (<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>)	-	2	-	MCZ
Raccoon (<i>Procyon lotor</i>)	2	-	1	MCZ, NUVU
Ermine (<i>Mustela erminea</i>)	-	-	3	UMMZ
Long-tailed Weasel (<i>M. frenata</i>)	-	2	-	MCZ, YPM
Mink (<i>M. vison</i>)	-	2	2	CUMV, MCZ
Striped Skunk (<i>Mephitis mephitis</i>)	-	1	9	MCZ, MVZ

^a Specimen data available through the National Park Service, NPSpecies database. For more information see: Gilbert and O'Connell, 2004; O'Connell and others, 2004; and A.F. O'Connell and A.T. Gilbert, unpublished data available at the USGS Patuxent Wildlife Research Center laboratory in Beltsville, Md..

Saugus Iron Works National Historic Site (SAIR)

Background

Saugus Iron Works National Historic Site (SAIR) is an historical iron works site dating from the early Colonial Period. The smallest park in the NETN at only 4 ha (Mitchell and others, 2006), the site is located north of Boston in suburban Saugus, Massachusetts. The Saugus River is the predominant natural feature and forms a large wetland bordering the site on the south. The remainder of the park consists of small strips of woodland fringing the wetland, landscaped grounds, and buildings.

Prior Investigations

No prior work on mammals has been conducted at SAIR.

Sampling Stations

Indirect measure sampling was conducted in February/March and September/October of 2004 and trapping was conducted in September/October of 2004. We used four sampling stations (two IM and two trap) at SAIR. Initially we had generated a number of additional sampling locations, but the size of the park did not allow for adequate separation of

sampling equipment. Also, because of wetlands, presence of historic structures, and high public visibility of most areas of the park, we chose sampling-station locations non-randomly rather than use the systematic sampling protocol established at other project parks. We placed equipment at stations that we believed would be most effective at detecting mammals and still provide security for the equipment (table 27; fig. 22).

Survey Results

Eight species were detected at SAIR: five during IM sampling, four during trapping, and four by observation (table 28). This is 17 percent of the potential number of mammal species that could occur in the park, excluding bats (N=48, table 1). Fencing and the small size of the park probably limited some species from using the area, thus reducing species diversity (fig. 23). Low species diversity may also be explained by the low number of traps at SAIR (even though this is a modest trap density compared to that at other study parks). During the winter, only Raccoons (*Procyon lotor*), Domestic Cats (*Felis silvestris*), and Virginia Opossums (*Didelphis virginiana*) were detected by IM sampling (table 29). Small rodents, Eastern Chipmunks, and Gray Squirrels were detected in the summer by IM sampling (table 29). Raccoons were the most frequently detected medium-sized mammal species during both winter and summer. Domestic Cats and Virginia Opossums were the next most often detected medium-sized mammals in winter and summer, respectively (table 29). Only three Northern Short-tailed Shrew (*Blarina brevicauda*), four White-footed Mouse (*Peromyscus leucopus*), and two unidentified *Peromy-*

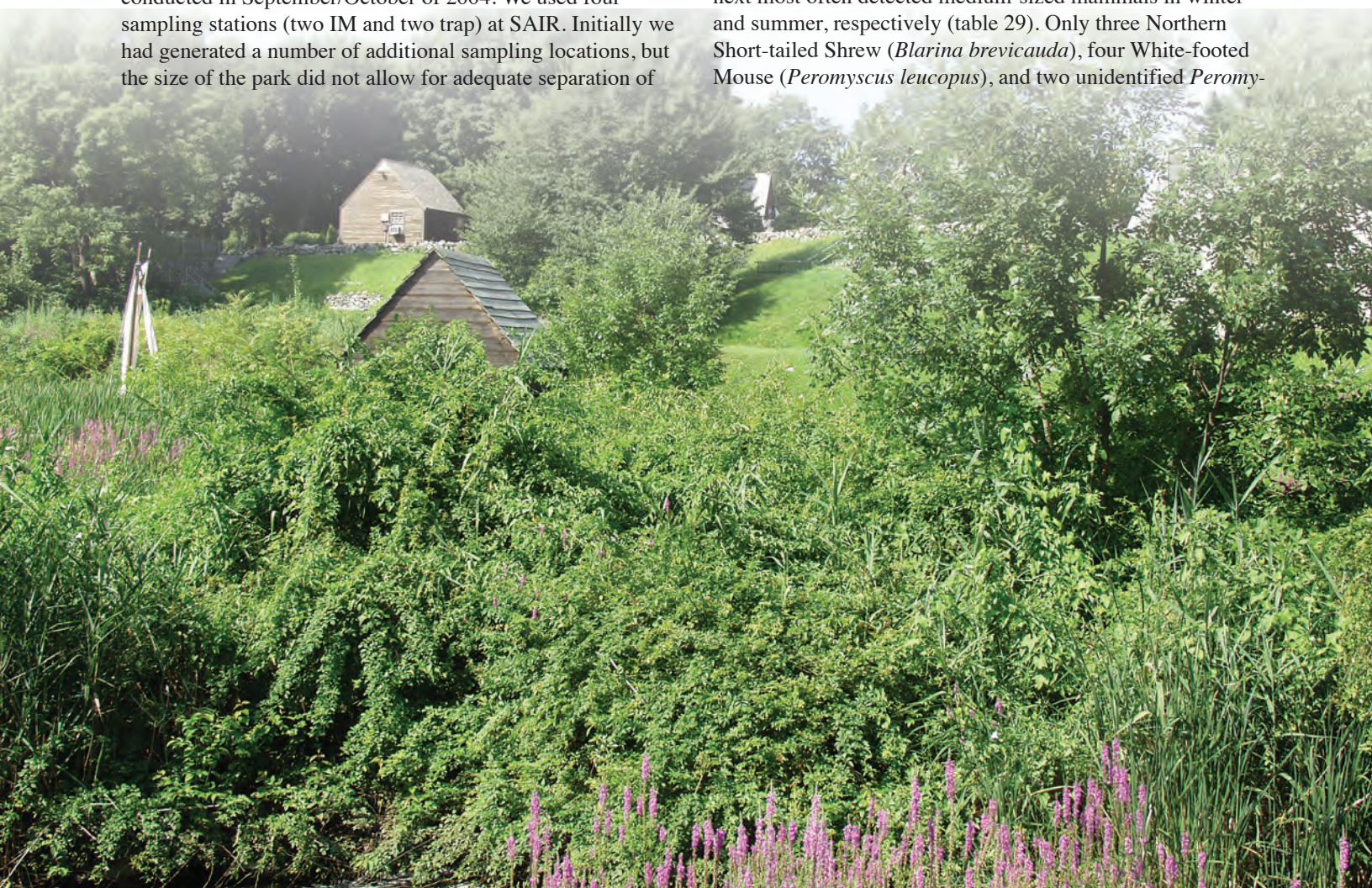


Table 27. Locations of sampling equipment used for the mammal inventory at Saugus Iron Works National Historic Site and the community type where equipment was located.

[The location and orientation of small mammal trap lines (Longworth and Museum Special traps) are given from the start of each trap line.]

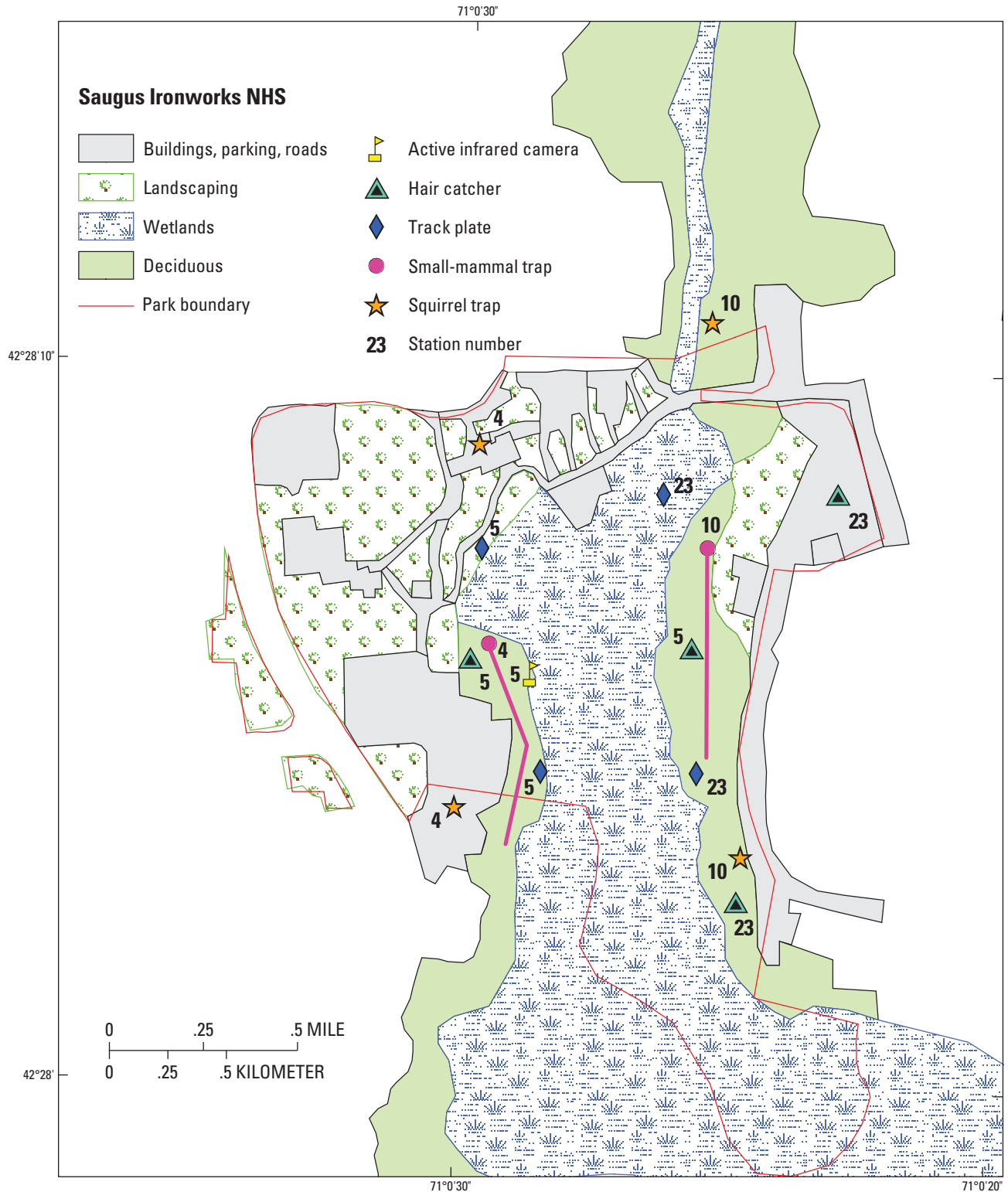
Station number	Sampling equipment	Community type	UTM X ^a	UTM Y ^a	Trap line bearing
4	Small mammal trap	wetland	334912	4703735	160°
	Squirrel trap	developed	334897	4703665	
	Squirrel trap	landscaped	334908	4703821	
5	Active infrared camera	deciduous	334930	4703722	
	Hair catcher	deciduous	334904	4703729	
	Hair catcher	wetland	334999	4703733	
	Trackplate	deciduous	334934	4703680	
	Trackplate	wetland	334909	4703776	
10	Small mammal trap	wetland	335006	4703776	180°
	Squirrel trap	deciduous	335020	4703643	
	Squirrel trap	wetland	335008	4703873	
23 ^b	Hair catcher	deciduous	335018	4703624	
	Hair catcher	lawn	335062	4703799	
	Trackplate	wetland	334987	4703799	
	Trackplate	wetland	335001	4703679	

^a Universal Transverse Mercator Zone 19; datum, North American Datum 1983; units, meters.^b There was no camera at this station because of the threat of vandalism.**Table 28.** Community type associations of mammals detected at Saugus Iron Works National Historic Site by indirect measure sampling, trapping, and observation.

[Community type associations are based on vegetation community descriptions of each sampling location. C, camera; TP, trackplate; TR, trapping; X, species observed for which we have records; -, not detected]

Species detected	Community type				Observed
	Deciduous	Buildings, parking	Landscaped	Wetland	
Virginia Opossum	C, TP	-	-	TP	-
Northern Short-tailed Shrew	-	-	-	TR	-
Eastern Chipmunk	-	-	-	TR, TP	-
Gray Squirrel	-	TR	TR	TP	X
White-footed Mouse	-	-	-	TR	X
Deer or White-footed Mouse	-	-	-	TR	-
Mouse/Vole spp.	TP	-	-	TP	-
Raccoon	C, TP	-	-	-	X
Domestic Cat	C, TP	-	-	-	-
Muskrat	-	-	-	-	X
Total species detected^a	4	1	1	5	4

^a Totals exclude generic counts unless no other species in that group were detected (for example, Shrew spp. would be counted if no other specific shrew was detected).



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Figure 22. Locations of remote cameras and other detection devices, trapping equipment, and orientation of small-mammal trap lines used in the 2004 mammal inventory at Saugus Iron Works National Historic Site. (Indirect measure equipment was arranged differently than in other parks due to the small size of the park and limited areas in which to place equipment. Two small-mammal trap lines (10 Longworth and 10 Museum special traps spaced 10 meters between traps) were set parallel to each other 10 meters apart and oriented as shown (pink lines). Two squirrel-sized live traps completed each trapping station. Station numbers are provided for sampling arrays.)

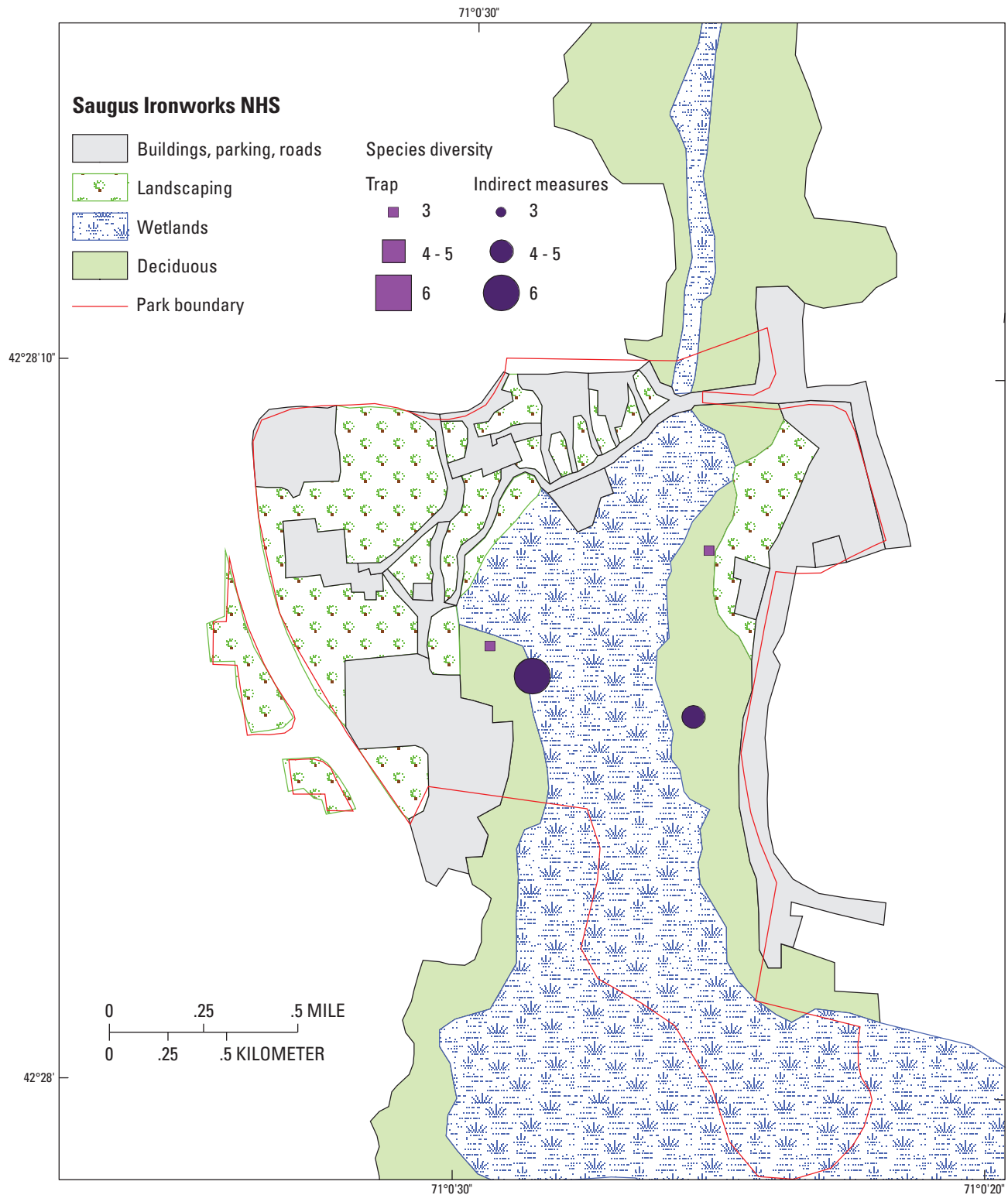


Figure 23. Species diversity at trapping and indirect measure sampling stations during the 2004 mammal inventory at Saugus Iron Works National Historic Site.

Table 29. Mammal species detection rates and site occupancy at two indirect measure stations at Saugus Iron Works National Historic Site during two sampling sessions in 2004.

[-, species not detected]

Species detected	Session 1 (2/26/2004 – 3/10/2004)		Session 2 (9/20/2004 – 10/4/2004)	
	Number of stations occupied (proportion)	Mean detection rate (SE) ^a	Number of stations occupied (proportion)	Mean detection rate (SE) ^a
Virginia Opossum	1 (0.50)	0.21 (0.21)	2 (1.00)	0.50 (0.30)
Eastern Chipmunk	-	-	2 (1.00)	0.30 (0.10)
Gray Squirrel	-	-	1 (0.50)	0.10 (0.10)
Mouse/Vole spp.	-	-	2 (1.00)	0.70 (0.30)
Raccoon	2 (1.00)	0.89 (0.39)	2 (1.00)	2.90 (1.90)
Domestic Cat	2 (1.00)	0.65 (0.49)	1 (0.50)	0.10 (0.10)

^a The mean rate of detection and standard error over all stations, including those stations where the species was not detected (detection rate = 0). Species detection rates were calculated for each station by dividing the total number of individual species detections for all checks at a station (camera and trackplate only) by the number of checks made at that station. SE, standard error of the mean.

scus were captured (table 30). We did not set any fox-sized live traps and so no medium- or large-sized mammals were captured (table 30).

Station five showed the greatest diversity and number of detections; however, this station had a camera whereas the other IM station did not. Most of the large number of detections at this station were camera events (N=31) of which >66 percent were Raccoon visits; the rest were attributed to Virginia Opossums or Domestic Cats.

Species Expected but Not Detected

We did not detect any moles at SAIR. These animals are primarily fossorial, preferring to tunnel underground for food, although the Star-nosed Mole (*Condylura cristata*) also makes use of wet areas such as wet meadows, swamps, and streams to feed (Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998). Moles are not routinely captured in small-mammal traps, and we did not expect to detect moles in this study unless we observed them directly or found evidence of the mounded tunnels exposed in the soil. We expect that both Hairy-tailed (*Parascalops breweri*) and Star-nosed Moles occur at SAIR; a single voucher specimen has been recorded for the Star-nosed Mole (table 31). Eastern Moles (*Scalopus aquaticus*) occur at the northern edge of their range in this area.

There is ample evidence of Woodland Voles (*Microtus pinetorum*) occurring in the town of Saugus (table 31). Woodland Voles use a wide range of communities including deciduous woodlands and fields (Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998), and they may be found in the small groves of deciduous forest along the Saugus River in the park.

Woodchucks (*Marmota monax*) have been reported by park staff on the lawns at SAIR (Daniel Noon, National Park Service, oral commun., 2003), but this species was not observed or detected during this study. We do expect that this species feeds in grassy areas and may create burrows on park property.

Table 30. Mammal capture rates and site occupancy for two trapping stations at Saugus Iron Works National Historic Site during sampling session 2 (9/20/2004–10/4/2004).

Species detected	Number of new captures	Number of stations occupied (proportion)	Mean rate of new individuals captured (SE) ^a
Northern Short-tailed Shrew	3	1 (0.50)	0.38 (0.38)
Eastern Chipmunk	4	2 (1.00)	0.50 (0.25)
Gray Squirrel	2	1 (0.50)	0.25 (0.25)
White-footed Mouse	4	2 (1.00)	0.50 (0.25)
Deer or White-footed Mouse	2	1 (0.50)	0.25 (0.25)

^a Rates were calculated for each station by dividing the total number of new individuals captured (per species) by the number of nights that traps were operational. SE, standard error of the mean.

We did not expect to detect Beaver (*Castor canadensis*) or River Otter (*Lontra canadensis*) during our short sampling periods at SAIR; however, we believe that both species use the Saugus River and at times can be found within the park boundary. In fact, both species have been reported in the park. River Otters were observed recently and evidence of Beavers also was apparent within the park (Daniel Noon, National Park Service, oral commun., 2003).

Larger animals such as the Red Fox (*Vulpes vulpes*), Gray Fox (*Urocyon cinereoargenteus*), Coyote (*Canis latrans*), and White-tailed Deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*) were not detected at the park during this survey. The small size of the park, fencing, and lack of adequate cover for these species make it unlikely that they spend much time in the park, occurring only as transients.

Table 31. Number of mammal specimens in museum collections and their proximity to Saugus Iron Works National Historic Site.

[Proximity-to-park codes: 1, collected within park boundaries; 2, collected in the town (Saugus, Mass.) the park is located in; 3, collected in the county (Essex) the park is located in. Institutions. AMNH, American Museum of Natural History; CUMV, Cornell University Museum of Vertebrates; KUNHM, University of Kansas, Natural History Museum; MCZ, Harvard University, Museum of Comparative Zoology; UMMZ, University of Michigan Museum of Zoology. -, no specimens]

Species ^a	Proximity to park			Institution
	1	2	3	
Northern Short-tailed Shrew (<i>Blarina brevicauda</i>)	-	-	7	AMNH, CUMV, KUMNH, UMMZ
Star-nosed Mole (<i>Condylura cristata</i>)	-	-	1	UMMZ
Big Brown Bat (<i>Eptesicus fuscus</i>)	-	-	1	KUMNH
Eastern Chipmunk (<i>Tamias striatus</i>)	-	-	9	UMMZ
Gray Squirrel (<i>Sciurus carolinensis</i>)	-	1	1	MCZ, KUMNH
Red Squirrel (<i>Tamiasciurus hudsonicus</i>)	-	-	1	UMMZ
Deer Mouse (<i>Peromyscus maniculatus</i>)	-	-	1	AMNH
Field Mouse spp. (<i>Peromyscus</i> sp.)	-	-	5	AMNH
Meadow Vole (<i>Microtus pennsylvanicus</i>)	-	-	8	AMNH, KUMNH, UMMZ
Woodland Vole (<i>M. pinetorum</i>)	-	8	-	MCZ
Red-backed Vole (<i>Clethrionomys gapperi</i>)	-	-	1	UMMZ
Meadow Jumping Mouse (<i>Zapus hudsonius</i>)	-	-	1	KUMNH
Ermine (<i>Mustela erminea</i>)	-	-	1	CUMV
Striped Skunk (<i>Mephitis mephitis</i>)	-	-	1	CUMV

^a Specimen data available through the National Park Service, NPSpecies database. For more information see: Gilbert and O'Connell, 2004; O'Connell and others, 2004; and A.F. O'Connell and A.T. Gilbert, unpublished data available at the USGS Patuxent Wildlife Research Center laboratory in Beltsville, Md.

Endangered and Threatened Species

We did not detect species that are listed as state or federally threatened, endangered, or of special concern. Massachusetts lists the Indiana Bat (*Myotis sodalis*) as endangered and the Small-footed Myotis (*M. leibii*), Water Shrew (*Sorex palustris*), Rock (Long-tailed) Shrew (*S. dispar*), and Southern Bog Lemming (*Synaptomys cooperi*) as species of special concern (Massachusetts Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, 2003).

The Indiana Bat (*Myotis sodalis*) is listed as both state and federally endangered (Massachusetts Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, 2003). This species has been reported in Berkshire, Hampden, and Worcester Counties, but probably is extirpated from the entire state (Cardoza and others, 1999). Maternity roosts are found under the loose bark of trees and this species has been known to use elms, oaks, hickories, Cottonwood (*Populus deltoides*), Silver Maple (*Acer saccharinum*), and Green Ash (*Fraxinus pennsylvanica*) (Kurta and others, 1993), especially in riparian areas (Thomson, 1982). Some of these trees are present at SAIR, and may provide appropriate summer roosts. We have no evidence that this species occurs in the park.

Small-footed Myotis (*M. leibii*) is a species of special concern in Massachusetts (Massachusetts Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, 2003). This bat is one of the rarest bats in North America and is found in mountainous regions throughout the Northeast, including Massachusetts (Best and Jennings, 1997). This species hibernates in caves or mines, but little is known about its summer habits (Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998). The presence of this species at SAIR is

unlikely, but bats have been reported to roost in the blast furnace at SAIR (Daniel Noon, National Park Service, oral commun., 2003); however, species identifications were never made.

The known distribution of the Water Shrew is Hampshire and Worcester Counties (Cardoza and others, 1999). Water Shrews are semi-aquatic, preferring wetlands along streams, lakes, and ponds (Godin, 1977; Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998). The presence of the Saugus River and associated wetlands provide potential habitat for this species. This species may be far more numerous than collections indicate (Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998), and their presence at SAIR is possible despite the lack of captures and museum specimens.

Rock Shrews are reported as occurring in far western Massachusetts (Berkshire County) only (Cardoza and others, 1999). This species is found in upland areas, especially among rocks and along mountain streams (Whitaker and Hamilton 1998). This species is not expected to occur in SAIR.

The Southern Bog Lemming occurs in a diverse array of habitats and is not restricted to sphagnum bogs, although most animals captured along the East Coast have been found in sphagnum bogs or heavy forest (Linzey, 1983). Lemmings feed primarily on vegetation, particularly grasses and sedges (Linzey, 1983; Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998). This species may not be uncommon where it is found, but its colonial habits, nocturnal nature, and elusiveness make it a difficult species to detect (Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998). We do not know if this species occurs at SAIR, but if future surveys hope to document lemmings, they must focus on their natural history and habits.

Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site (SAGA)

Background

Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site (SAGA) was the studio of famed sculptor Augustus Saint-Gaudens. Located in rural Cornish, New Hampshire, the park is a rugged landscape of steeply wooded ravines and old fields. Most of the 61 ha of the park is dominated by northern hardwoods-conifer mixed forest (Mitchell and others, 2006). Two streams pass through the park. Blow-Me-Up Brook flows west along the northern boundary and converges with Blow-Me-Down Brook along the western boundary. Blow-Me-Down Brook is dammed, forming Blow-Me-Down Pond, which drains into the Connecticut River to the south. Several trails traverse the park and provide easy access to all areas.

Prior Investigations

Two prior resource inventories were completed during the 1980s (Cronan and others, 1981; Cook, 1985). The earlier inventory was conducted in 1979-80 in support of an interpretive site description and mammals were trapped and observations recorded. Trapping was conducted during May and August 1980 in six community types: pine forest, mixed hardwoods re-growth, mowed field, riparian forest, upland hardwoods forest, and hardwood terrace. Five species were trapped: Deer Mouse (*Peromyscus maniculatus*), White-footed Mouse (*P. leucopus*), Woodland Jumping Mouse (*Napaeozapus insignis*), Red-backed Vole (*Clethrionomys gapperi*), and Chipmunk (*Tamias striatus*). Eight species were observed: White-tailed deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*), Raccoon (*Procyon lotor*), Little Brown Bat (*Myotis lucifugus*), Beaver (*Castor canadensis*), Gray Squirrel (*Sciurus carolinensis*), Muskrat (*Ondatra zibethicus*), Woodchuck (*Marmota monax*), and Red Squirrel (*Tamiasciurus hudsonicus*).

The latter inventory also employed trapping (snap and live traps) and observation techniques. Trapping was conducted in eight community types: upland hardwood forest, north-facing hardwood forest, south-facing hardwood forest, hemlock-hardwood forest, mixed coniferous forest, field, lawn, and wetland. Nine small mammal species were trapped: Smokey Shrew (*Sorex fumeus*), Masked Shrew (*S. cinereus*), Northern Short-tailed Shrew (*Blarina brevicauda*), Deer Mouse, White-footed Mouse, Red-backed Vole, Meadow Vole (*Microtus pennsylvanicus*), Meadow Jumping Mouse (*Zapus hudsonius*), and Woodland Jumping Mouse. Four larger mammals were also captured: Red Squirrel, Gray Squirrel, Raccoon, and Fisher (*Martes pennanti*). Other species were observed by Cook (1985) and park staff, including Hairy-tailed Mole (*Parascalops breweri*), Star-nosed Mole (*Condylura cristata*), Big Brown Bat (*Eptesicus fuscus*), Little Brown Bat, Eastern Chipmunk, Woodchuck, Muskrat, Porcupine (*Erethizon dorsatum*), Beaver, River Otter (*Lontra canadensis*), and White-tailed Deer.

A survey of bats was conducted during June and July 2002 in New Hampshire and included SAGA (Chenger, 2002). Mist net and harp traps were used for a total of 9 net-nights at SAGA over 2 days in July. Ultrasonic bat detectors also were used but the data were not analyzed. Forty-one captures were made at SAGA, including Big Brown Bat (*Eptesicus fuscus*), Little Brown Bat (*Myotis lucifugus*), and Northern Long-eared Bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*).

Sampling Stations

Indirect measure sampling was conducted in March and September 2004 and trapping was conducted in September 2004. We selected 21 sampling points (11 IM and 10 trap) in six community types prior to beginning field work (table 32, fig. 24). Only two grid cells were assigned to the wetland stratum, resulting in 22 possible sampling points. We reduced trapping effort to 10 stations to ensure that we could adequately check all trapping equipment daily.



Table 32. Indirect measure (IM) and trap station numbers, community type, GPS locations of the camera at IM stations and beginning of the Longworth trap lines, orientation of IM stations, and bearing of trap lines at Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site.

Station number	Station type	Community type	UTM X ^a	UTM Y ^a	Orientation/bearing ^b
1	IM	riparian	712356	4819935	E-W
4	Trap	riparian	712488	4819921	120°
8	Trap	riparian	712331	4819955	270°
10	IM	riparian	712767	4819906	E-W
14	IM	wetland	712176	4819470	pond-edge ^c
15	Trap	wetland	712074	4819642	290°
16	Trap	field	712629	4819708	315°
18	IM	field	713049	4819603	E-W
21	IM	conifer	712446	4819687	E-W
22	Trap	field	712346	4819796	45°
24	IM ^d	mixed deciduous-conifer	712070	4819816	N-S
26	IM	mixed deciduous-conifer	711992	4819768	N-S
28	Trap	deciduous	712077	4819894	225°
30	Trap	mixed deciduous-conifer	712646	4820025	275°
32	Trap	deciduous	712166	4819712	275°
33	IM	mixed deciduous-conifer	712194	4819618	N-S
36	IM	mixed deciduous-conifer	712107	4818754	E-W
38	IM	conifer	712295	4819327	NW-SE
41	Trap	mixed deciduous-conifer	712295	4819659	45°
45	IM	mixed deciduous-conifer	712220	4819139	E-W
49	Trap	conifer	711899	4819905	45°

^a Universal Transverse Mercator Zone 18; datum, North American Datum 1983; units, meters.

^b The orientation of trackplates relative to cameras in the IM station or the bearing of the trap lines.

^c There was no camera at this station and equipment was oriented along the western boundary of Blow-Me-Down Pond so that the first hair trap was next to the old mill and a trackplate, hair trap, and another trackplate were arranged every 50 m along the pond shore. Location of this station is given at the mid-point of the setup.

^d Passive camera was used at this station during sampling session 1; active camera was used during sampling session 2.

Survey Results

Twenty-three species were detected at SAGA: 17 during indirect measure sampling, 10 by trapping, and 3 by observation (table 33). This is 46 percent of the potential number of mammal species that could occur in the park (N=50, table 1), excluding bats. Fisher was the species most frequently detected during both sampling sessions (table 34). Fishers were widespread throughout the park, and were detected everywhere except in the deciduous community type (table 33). This species was detected in a previous inventory by Cook (1985). We also detected Coyotes (*Canis latrans*), Mink (*Mustela vison*), Long-tailed Weasel (*M. frenata*), and Ermine (*M. erminea*), none of which were detected by Cook (1985). We documented Black Bear (*Ursus americanus*) at SAGA with a single photograph, which was the only record of this species during this entire inventory.

We detected eight small-mammal species at SAGA (table 35). The White-footed Mouse was the species most commonly captured (N=37); similar results were reported by Cronan and others (1981). In contrast, the Northern Short-

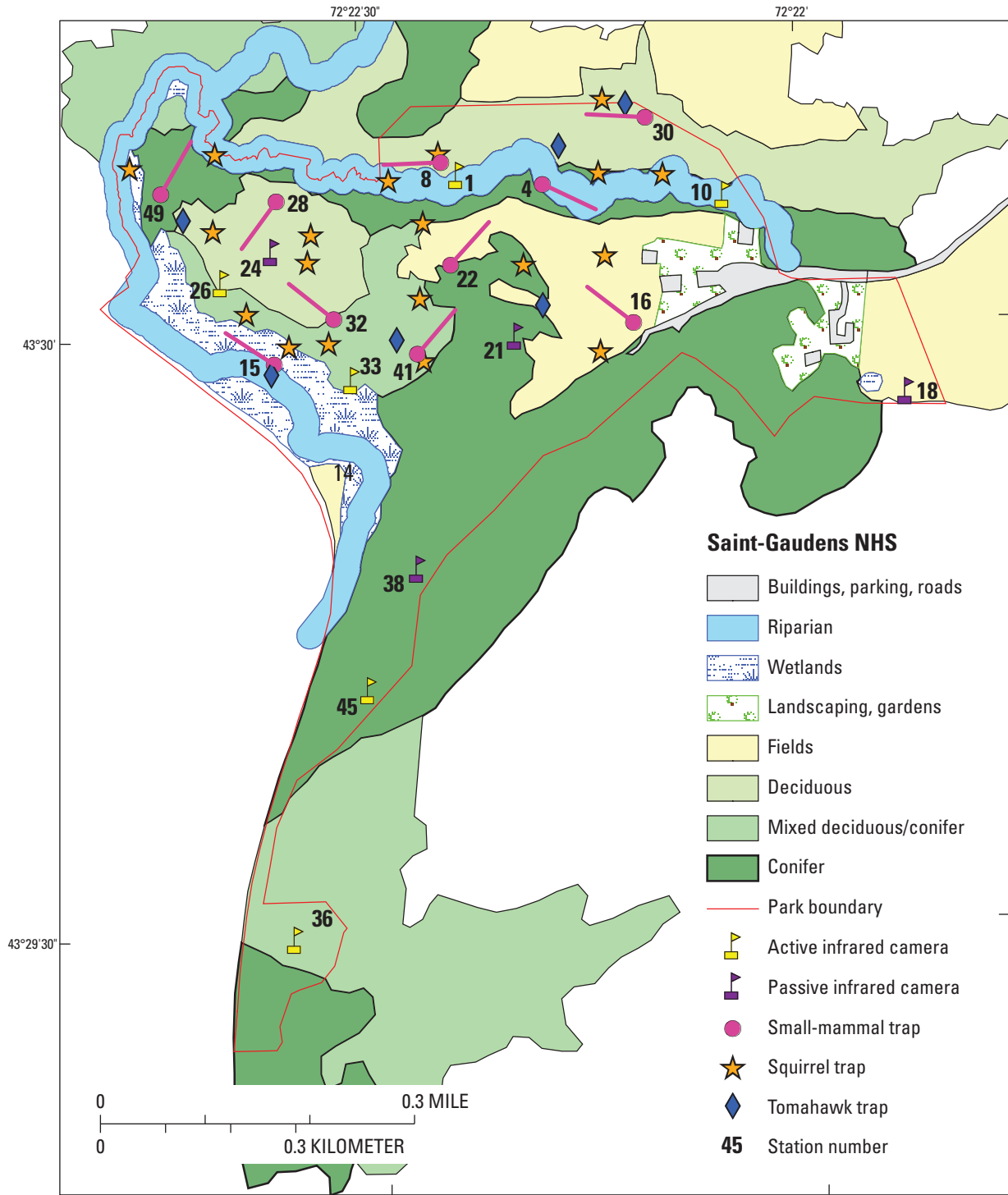
tailed Shrew was the most commonly captured species during Cook's (1985) survey (followed by the White-footed Mouse). We captured 11 Meadow Voles; their distribution was limited to fields. We did not capture any medium-sized or large mammals in the squirrel-sized or fox-sized live traps.

Species diversity varied among community types, with 3 to 12 species detected (table 33), but no geographic area in the park appeared to be more diverse than any other (fig. 25).

Species Expected but Not Detected

The Masked Shrew was the only species not captured in this inventory that was captured by Cook (1985). Shrews were likely not well documented in our work because we did not use pitfall traps, generally regarded as the preferred method for trapping shrews. (For a detailed explanation of this issue, please refer to the Trapping section on p. 13.) We believe that this species still occurs in the park.

We did not detect any moles at SAGA. These animals are primarily fossorial, preferring to tunnel underground for food, although the Star-nosed Mole also makes use of wet areas



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Figure 24. Locations of remote cameras and other detection devices, trapping equipment, and orientation of small-mammal trap lines used in the 2004 mammal inventory at Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site. (Two trackplates and two hair traps were arranged about 50 meters from each camera location. Two small-mammal trap lines (10 Longworth and 10 Museum special traps spaced 10 meters between traps) were set parallel to each other 10 meters apart and oriented as shown (pink lines). Two squirrel-sized live traps and, at some stations, a fox-sized live trap completed each trapping station. Station numbers are provided for sampling arrays.)

Table 33. Community type associations of mammals detected at Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site by indirect measure sampling, trapping, and observation.

[Community type associations are based on vegetation community descriptions of each sampling location. C, camera; TP, trackplate; TR, trapping; X, species observed for which we have records; -, not detected]

Species detected	Community type						Observed
	Conifer	Deciduous	Field	Mixed deciduous-conifer	Riparian	Wetland	
Northern Short-tailed Shrew	TR	-	TR	TR	TR	TR	-
Shrew spp.	-	-	-	TP	TP	-	-
Smoky Shrew	-	-	-	-	TR	-	-
Eastern Chipmunk	-	TP	-	TR	-	-	-
Eastern Chipmunk/Southern Flying Squirrel	-	-	TP	-	-	-	-
Red Squirrel	TR	TP	TP	-	TP	-	-
Southern Flying Squirrel	TP	-	-	-	-	-	-
Squirrel spp.	-	-	-	-	TP	-	-
Deer Mouse	-	-	-	TR	-	-	-
White-footed Mouse	TR	TR	-	TR	TR	TR	-
Deer or White-footed Mouse	-	TR	-	-	TR	-	-
Meadow Vole	-	-	TR	-	-	-	-
Red-backed Vole	-	-	-	TR	TR	-	-
Mouse/Vole/Shrew spp.	-	-	TP	TP	TP	-	-
Meadow Jumping Mouse	-	-	-	-	TR	-	-
Woodland Jumping Mouse	-	-	-	TR	TR	-	-
Jumping Mouse spp.	-	-	-	-	-	TP	-
Mouse/Vole spp.	TP	-	TP	TP	TP	TP	-
Porcupine	C	-	-	C	-	-	X
Domestic Dog	-	-	TP	-	-	-	-
Coyote	C	-	-	C	-	-	-
Red Fox	-	-	-	C	-	-	-
American Black Bear	-	-	-	C	-	-	-
Raccoon	-	-	-	C, TP	C	TP	-
Ermine	-	-	-	-	-	TP	-
Fisher	C, TP	-	C	C, TP	C, TP	TP	-
Long-tailed Weasel	TP	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mink	-	-	-	TP	-	-	X
Mink/Fisher/Marten	-	-	TP	-	-	-	-
Moose	-	-	-	-	-	-	X
White-tailed Deer	C	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total species detected^a	9	3	6	13	9	6	3

^a Totals exclude generic counts unless no other species in that group were detected (for example, Shrew spp. would be counted if no other specific shrew was detected).

Table 34. Mammal species detection rates and site occupancy at 11 indirect measure stations at Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site during two sampling sessions in 2004.

[-, species not detected]

Species detected	Session 1 (3/9/2004 – 3/25/2004)		Session 2 (9/27/2004 – 10/22/2004)	
	Number of stations occupied (proportion)	Mean detection rate (SE) ^a	Number of stations occupied (proportion)	Mean detection rate (SE) ^a
Shrew spp.	-	-	4 (0.36)	0.16 (0.08)
Eastern Chipmunk	-	-	1 (0.09)	0.05 (0.05)
Eastern Chipmunk/Southern Flying Squirrel	-	-	1 (0.09)	0.02 (0.02)
Red Squirrel	1 (0.09)	0.02 (0.02)	3 (0.27)	0.07 (0.04)
Southern Flying Squirrel	-	-	1 (0.09)	0.02 (0.02)
Squirrel spp.	-	-	1 (0.09)	0.02 (0.02)
Porcupine	1 (0.09)	0.02 (0.02)	1 (0.09)	0.02 (0.02)
Jumping Mouse spp.	-	-	1 (0.09)	0.02 (0.02)
Mouse/Vole spp.	4 (0.36)	0.09 (0.04)	9 (0.82)	0.43 (0.10)
Mouse/Vole/Shrew spp.	1 (0.09)	0.02 (0.02)	4 (0.36)	0.09 (0.04)
Coyote	1 (0.09)	0.04 (0.04)	1 (0.09)	0.02 (0.02)
Domestic Dog	1 (0.09)	0.02 (0.02)	1 (0.09)	0.02 (0.02)
Red Fox	-	-	2 (0.18)	0.05 (0.03)
Raccoon	4 (0.36)	0.22 (0.14)	6 (0.55)	0.43 (0.16)
Black Bear	-	-	1 (0.09)	0.02 (0.02)
Fisher	8 (0.73)	0.45 (0.23)	8 (0.73)	0.86 (0.31)
Ermine	-	-	1 (0.09)	0.02 (0.02)
Long-tailed Weasel	-	-	1 (0.09)	0.02 (0.02)
Mink	1 (0.09)	0.02 (0.02)	-	-
Mink/Fisher/Marten	1 (0.09)	0.02 (0.02)	-	-
White-tailed Deer	1 (0.09)	0.02 (0.02)	2 (0.18)	0.09 (0.06)

^a The mean rate of detection and standard error over all stations, including those stations where the species was not detected (detection rate = 0). Species detection rates were calculated for each station by dividing the total number of individual species detections for all checks at a station (camera and trackplate only) by the number of checks made at that station. SE, the standard error of this mean.

such as wet meadows, swamps, and streams to feed (Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998). Moles are not routinely captured in small-mammal traps and we did not expect to detect them in this survey. It is likely that both Hairy-tailed and Star-nosed Moles still occur at SAGA because both species were observed by Cook (1985) and are present in the park voucher collections (table 36).

Snowshoe Hares (*Lepus americanus*) occur in this area (Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998) but were difficult to detect with the methods we employed. In addition, Snowshoe Hare populations are cyclical (Gillis and Krebs, 1999) and at low densities may be harder to detect. Nevertheless, the occurrence of this species is most easily documented in the winter by their relatively large, shallow, and distinctive tracks in the snow.

Gray Squirrels were not captured or observed during this study, but occur at SAGA wherever trees are found. This sciurid was detected by both Cronan and others (1981) and Cook (1985) and specimens were collected in the county in which the park resides (table 36).

Table 35. Mammal capture rates and site occupancy for 10 trapping stations (6 with fox-sized live traps) at Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site during sampling session 2 (9/27/2004–10/22/2004).

Species detected	Number of new captures	Number of stations occupied (proportion)	Mean rate of new individuals captured (SE) ^a
Smoky Shrew	1	1 (0.10)	0.02 (0.02)
Northern Short-tailed Shrew	9	5 (0.50)	0.15 (0.07)
Eastern Chipmunk	8	2 (0.20)	0.13 (0.10)
Red Squirrel	1	1 (0.10)	0.02 (0.02)
Deer Mouse	2	1 (0.10)	0.03 (0.03)
White-footed Mouse	37	7 (0.70)	0.62 (0.17)
Deer or White-footed Mouse	3	3 (0.30)	0.05 (0.03)
Meadow Vole	11	2 (0.20)	0.18 (0.14)
Red-backed Vole	2	2 (0.20)	0.03 (0.02)
Meadow Jumping Mouse	1	1 (0.10)	0.02 (0.02)
Woodland Jumping Mouse	6	2 (0.20)	0.10 (0.08)

^a Rates were calculated for each station by dividing the total number of new individuals captured (per species) by the number of nights that traps were operational. SE, standard error of the mean.



Beaver, Muskrat, and River Otters are common residents of wetlands but were not well sampled by the methods we used in this inventory. Evidence of Beaver and Muskrat in Blow-Me-Down Pond in the recent past includes lodges, cut trees, and mounds as reported by Cronan and others (1981) and Cook (1985). River Otters are more difficult to detect, but were observed in Blow-Me-Down Pond by Cook (1985). The presence of this species is most easily confirmed by observing their tell-tale slides around ponds and streams in the winter.

Gray Fox (*Urocyon cinereoargenteus*) were not detected at SAGA despite having been encountered at nearby Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller NHP. However, Coyotes may have displaced this species as a result of interference competition and predation (Fedriani and others, 2000). This species, if present, probably was not abundant locally.

Endangered and Threatened Species

We did not detect any species that were listed as state or federally threatened, endangered, or of special concern. The State of New Hampshire lists the Small-Footed Myotis (*Myotis leibii*) and Canada Lynx (*Lynx canadensis*) as endangered and the Pine Marten (*Martes americana*) as threatened (New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, 2005). Canada Lynx is also listed as federally threatened.

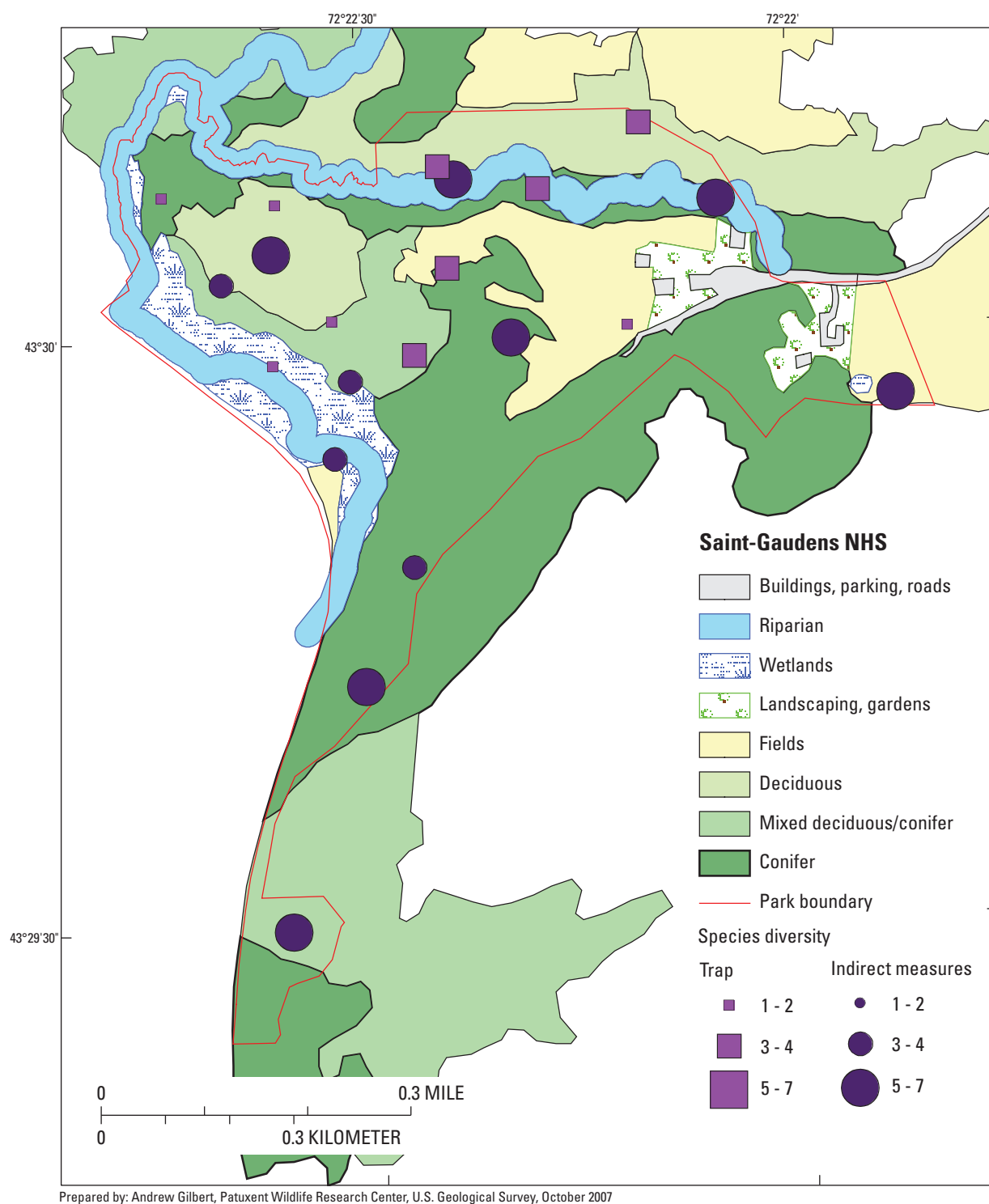


Figure 25. Species diversity at trapping and indirect measure sampling stations during the 2004 mammal inventory at Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site.

Small-footed *Myotis* is considered one of the rarest bats in North America and is found in mountainous regions throughout the Northeast, including New Hampshire (Best and Jennings, 1997). They hibernate in caves or mines during the winter and will use rock crevices for summer roosting, but little else is known about their ecology (Best and Jennings, 1997; Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998). A single hibernaculum (Mascot Lead Mine) is known for this species in southeastern Coos County (University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension, 1998; Veilleux and Reynolds, 2005). The Small-footed *Myotis* has been documented in the White Mountain National Forest, Bartlett, New Boston, Peirmont, and Surry during the summer (Veilleux and Reynolds, 2005). Given that summer observations are widespread from across the state and that suitable habitat occurs at SAGA, this species may roost here during the warmer months. However, the Small-footed *Myotis* has never been documented in the park or surrounding area.

Canada *Lynx* are associated with the high-elevation boreal forest, preferring deep snow cover where they can pursue their principal prey, the Snowshoe Hare (Hoving and

others, 2005). They have been observed recently (1987-95) in northern New Hampshire (Hoving and others, 2003). Recent modeling efforts have shown that *Lynx* are unlikely to occur in areas with less than 270 cm/yr of snow or areas dominated by deciduous forest (Hoving and others, 2005). Total annual snowfall at nearby Lebanon Airport averages 185 cm (National Climatic Data Center, 2005) and therefore *Lynx* probably do not inhabit New Hampshire in the vicinity of SAGA.

Pine Marten are found in a variety of habitats in the Northeast, ranging from mid-successional to mature coniferous and deciduous forest types (Kelly, 2005). The original range in colonial times extended into southern Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont, but this species is now relegated to the northernmost counties of these New England states (Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998). In addition, high-density populations of Fisher can limit Marten (Krohn and others, 1997) and Fisher appear to be common at SAGA, given that they were our most frequently detected species in this park. Thus, for these reasons, future expansion of Marten back into southern New Hampshire around SAGA is unlikely.

Table 36. Number of mammal specimens in museum collections and their proximity to Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site.

[Proximity-to-park codes: 1, collected within park boundaries; 2, collected in the town (Cornish, N.H.) the park is located in; 3, collected in the county (Sullivan) the park is located in. Institutions: AMNH, American Museum of Natural History; CM, Carnegie Museum of Natural History; CUMV, Cornell University Museum of Vertebrates; FMNH, Field Museum of Natural History; KUNHM, University of Kansas, Natural History Museum; SAGA, Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site; UMMZ, University of Michigan Museum of Zoology. -, no specimens]

Species ^a	Proximity to park			Institution
	1	2	3	
Smoky Shrew (<i>Sorex fumeus</i>)	2	-	-	SAGA
Masked Shrew (<i>S. cinereus</i>)	1	-	-	SAGA
Northern Short-tailed Shrew (<i>Blarina brevicauda</i>)	2	-	2	SAGA, UMMZ
Star-nosed Mole (<i>Condylura cristata</i>)	1	-	-	SAGA
Hairy-tailed Mole (<i>Parascalops breweri</i>)	2	-	-	SAGA
Indiana Bat (<i>Myotis sodalis</i>)	-	-	1	CUMV
Little Brown Bat (<i>M. lucifugus</i>)	-	-	4	CUMV, UMMZ
Big Brown Bat (<i>Eptesicus fuscus</i>)	1	-	-	SAGA
Eastern Chipmunk (<i>Tamias striatus</i>)	1	-	1	SAGA, UMMZ
Gray Squirrel (<i>Sciurus carolinensis</i>)	-	-	3	KUMNH, UMMZ
Muskrat (<i>Ondatra zibethicus</i>)	-	-	3	KUMNH, UMMZ
Woodchuck (<i>Marmota monax</i>)	-	-	6	AMNH, UMMZ
White-footed Mouse (<i>Peromyscus leucopus</i>)	2	-	5	SAGA, UMMZ
Deer Mouse (<i>P. maniculatus</i>)	2	-	-	SAGA
Meadow Vole (<i>Microtus pennsylvanicus</i>)	2	-	-	SAGA
Red-backed Vole (<i>Clethrionomys gapperi</i>)	2	-	-	SAGA
Woodland Jumping Mouse (<i>Napaeozapus insignis</i>)	2	-	-	SAGA
Meadow Jumping Mouse (<i>Zapus hudsonius</i>)	1	-	-	SAGA
Fisher (<i>Martes pennanti</i>)	-	-	2	CM, KUMNH
Bobcat (<i>Lynx rufus</i>)	-	-	1	CM

^a Specimen data available through the National Park Service, NPSpecies database. For more information see: Gilbert and O'Connell, 2004; O'Connell and others, 2004; and A.F. O'Connell and A.T. Gilbert, unpublished data available at the USGS Patuxent Wildlife Research Center laboratory in Beltsville, Md.

Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park (MABI)

Background

Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park (MABI) is unique among the national parks in its focus on conservation history and land stewardship (Mitchell and others, 2006). This park lies within the rural village of Woodstock in the mountains of eastern Vermont. The Billings Farm & Museum, Billings Park, and Vermont Land Trust properties border MABI and in total comprise a large area of conservation land. The 260-ha park is heavily forested, consisting of naturally regenerated northern hardwoods, mixed conifers, and a large amount of plantation forest (Mitchell and others, 2006). A small pond, the Pogue, is located in the interior of the park. A stream draining the Pogue is the only flowing water within the park, although the nearby Ottauquechee River flows to the east and Barnard Brook flows to the north. There are few wetlands in the park except for hillside seeps, small forested wetlands, and wetlands associated with the Pogue and its outlet. A system of carriage roads traverses the park, allowing visitors to access most areas.

Prior Investigations

A survey of bats was conducted at MABI during 5 days of sampling in late summer 2001 (Reynolds and McFarland,

2001). The Little Brown Bat (*Myotis lucifugus*) and Long-eared Bat (*M. septentrionalis*) were captured and the Big Brown Bat (*Eptesicus fuscus*), Eastern Pipistrelle (*Pipistrellus subflavus*), Hoary Bat (*Lasiurus cinereus*), Red Bat (*L. borealis*), and Silver-haired Bat (*Lasionycteris noctivagans*) were detected by acoustic monitoring. Additional *Myotis* species were also detected in large numbers by acoustic monitoring, but it was not possible to identify individual species at that time.

Small mammals were captured during an inventory of amphibians and reptiles at MABI in 1999–2000 (Faccio, 2001). Pitfall traps with 30-m drift fences were used for this inventory and set at four locations in forested wetlands just east of the Pogue. Eight species were captured and are listed in order of decreasing capture frequency: Masked Shrew (*Sorex cinereus*), Northern Short-tailed Shrew (*Blarina brevicauda*), Meadow Vole (*Microtus pinetorum*), Deer or White-footed Mouse (*Peromyscus* spp.), Smokey Shrew (*Sorex fumeus*), Woodland Jumping Mouse (*Napaeozapus insignis*), Star-nosed Mole (*Condylura cristata*), and Hairy-tailed Mole (*Parascalops breweri*).

Sampling Stations

Indirect measure sampling was conducted in March and trapping was conducted in September 2004. We selected 26 sampling points (14 IM and 12 trap) in seven community types prior to beginning field work (table 37, fig. 26). We limited trapping to 12 stations (of 14 maximum) to guarantee that we could check all traps every day.



Table 37. Indirect measure (IM) and trap station numbers, community type, GPS locations of the camera at IM stations and beginning of the Longworth trap lines, orientation of IM stations, and bearing of trap lines at Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park.

Station number	Station type	Community type	UTM X ^a	UTM Y ^a	Orientation/bearing ^b
2	IM	conifer	699518	4834288	N-S
4	IM	riparian	698587	4833949	N-S
5	Trap	riparian	698536	4833929	70°
6	IM	wetland	697395	4834788	N-S
7	Trap	wetland	697875	4834624	315°
9	Trap	wetland	698652	4834377	135°
10	IM	deciduous	698547	4834361	E-W
12	IM	riparian	698407	4833967	NE-SW
16	IM	field	698561	4834130	E-W
20	Trap	field	698665	4834065	0°
24	Trap	field	698372	4833892	225°
28	Trap	rich northern hardwoods	698025	4834257	180°
31	IM	rich northern hardwoods	697921	4833928	N-S
33	Trap	rich northern hardwoods	697915	4834105	0°
35	IM	rich northern hardwoods	698372	4834595	N-S
38	IM	deciduous	698077	4834267	E-W
42	Trap	deciduous	698502	4834412	270°
46	IM	conifer	697942	4833560	N-S
54	IM	mixed deciduous-conifer	698179	4834697	E-W
59	IM	mixed deciduous-conifer	699454	4834056	N-S
62	Trap	mixed deciduous-conifer	699030	4833923	90°
67	Trap	mixed deciduous-conifer	699772	4833972	135°
70	IM	mixed deciduous-conifer	699773	4833777	E-W
74	IM	conifer	698910	4834251	E-W
78	Trap	conifer	697918	4834711	135°
82	Trap	conifer	697554	4834296	315°

^a Universal Transverse Mercator Zone 18; datum, North American Datum 1983; units, meters.^b The orientation of the trackplates relative to the cameras in the IM station or the bearing of the trap lines.

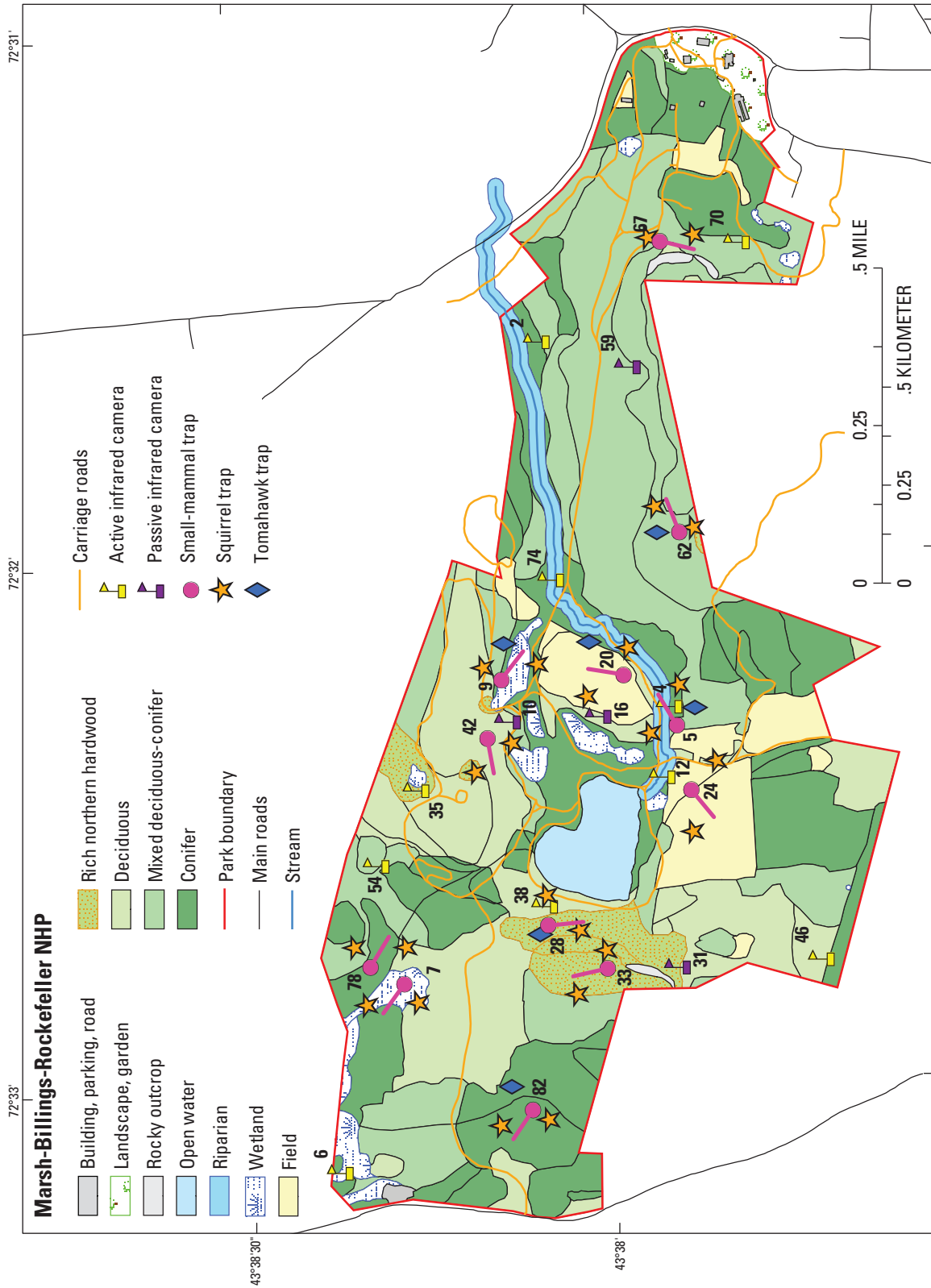


Figure 26. Locations of remote cameras and other detection devices, trapping equipment, and orientation of small-mammal trap lines used in the 2004 mammal inventory at Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park. (Two trackplates and two hair traps were arranged about 50 meters from each camera location. Two small-mammal trap lines (10 Longworth and 10 Museum special traps spaced 10 meters between traps) were set parallel to each other 10 meters apart and oriented as shown (pink lines). Two squirrel-sized live traps and, at some stations, a fox-sized live trap completed each trapping station. Station numbers are provided for sampling arrays.)

Survey Results

Twenty-three species were detected at MABI: 16 during IM sampling, 12 by trapping, and 3 by observation (table 38). This is 47 percent of the potential number of mammal species that could occur in the park (N=49, table 1), excluding bats. Fisher (*Martes pennanti*) was the most commonly detected species during both sampling sessions (table 39). Fishers occurred throughout the park and were detected in all but field and wetland community types (table 38). Raccoon (*Procyon lotor*) was the next most frequently detected species, occurring in all but field and wetland community types. Additionally, we detected canids (Coyote (*Canis latrans*), Red Fox (*Vulpes vulpes*), and Gray Fox (*Urocyon cinereoargenteus*)) infrequently and small mustelids (Mink (*Mustela vison*), Long-tailed Weasel (*M. frenata*), and Ermine (*M. erminea*)) infrequently (table 39).

The Deer Mouse (*Peromyscus maniculatus*) was the most commonly captured small-mammal species (N=72) at MABI, followed by the Northern Short-tailed Shrew (N=32) and Meadow Vole (N=20) (table 40). Deer Mouse was found in all but the field community type, where the Meadow Vole was the species most frequently captured. Only one Masked Shrew was captured during this study, but it was the small mammal most frequently captured in pitfall traps by Faccio (2001). Smokey Shrew, Woodland Jumping Mouse, and Star-nosed Mole were also captured by Faccio (2001), but were not detected in this study.

Species diversity varied among vegetation community types, with 3 to 15 species detected (table 38), and no geographic area of the park appeared to have greater species diversity than any other (fig. 27). More species (N=15) were detected in the mixed forest type than in other communities. Conifer and northern hardwoods communities had the next highest number of species detected (N=9), but this comparison does not account for differences in sampling effort between community types.

Species Expected but Not Detected

Smokey Shrews were detected by Faccio (2001), but not in this study. Shrews were not well documented in this inventory because we did not use pitfall traps. (For a detailed explanation of this issue please refer to the Trapping section on p. 13.) It is clear from Faccio's (2001) work that several shrews occur in MABI and are fairly common. Because Smokey Shrews were captured recently, it is likely that this species still occurs in the park.

We found a single Hairy-tailed Mole at MABI, beside the carriage road near the west gate. Moles are primarily fossorial, preferring to tunnel underground for food, although the Star-nosed Mole also makes use of wet areas such as wet meadows, swamps, and streams to feed (Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998). Moles are not routinely captured in small-mammal live traps like the ones we used and so we did not expect to routinely capture these species. Because both mole species

were recently captured by Faccio (2001) and moles have been active in the south lawn of the main house (Kyle Jones, National Park Service, oral commun., 2003), we believe these animals still occur throughout the park.

Snowshoe Hare (*Lepus americanus*) are known to be common in this area (Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998), but we did not detect them and attribute that to the methods we used. Also, Snowshoe Hare populations, like those of other lagomorphs, are highly cyclical, resulting in periodic low densities (Gillis and Krebs, 1999) when they may be more difficult to detect. Their occurrence is most easily confirmed in the winter by their relatively large, shallow, and distinctive tracks in the snow.

Beaver (*Castor canadensis*), Muskrat (*Ondatra zibethicus*), and River Otter (*Lontra canadensis*) are commonly associated with wetlands but we did not detect or capture these species, although our methods were not designed to detect these species. We also did not observe any evidence of these species in the park. The Pogue is the only significant aquatic habitat in the park for these species and is probably too small to support River Otter. However, Barnard Brook and the Ottauquechee River may provide adequate habitat for both Beaver and River Otter. It is possible that individuals of these species can disperse from either waterway and be encountered at the Pogue. Muskrat specimens were collected in Woodstock County (table 41); however, it is unlikely that this species occurs in the park because significant emergent vegetation, a critical food source and shelter material (Godin, 1977), is lacking.

Woodchuck (*Marmota monax*) burrows were found in the Elm lot and their existence here was confirmed by observations prior to the start of field work. This species is generally common in this region and is probably common within the park.

Endangered and Threatened Species

We did not detect any species that were listed as state or federally threatened or endangered. The State of Vermont lists the Indiana Bat (*Myotis sodalis*), Canada Lynx (*Lynx Canadensis*), and Pine Marten (*Martes americana*) as endangered and Small-Footed Myotis (*Myotis leibii*) as threatened (Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department, 2005). The Indiana Bat is also on the Federal endangered species list and Canada Lynx is listed as threatened (50 CFR 17.11).

Indiana Bats (*Myotis sodalis*) have been documented hibernating in four hibernacula in Vermont since at least 1934 (Trombulak and others, 2001). All four documented hibernacula are within 80 km of MABI: Plymouth Caves near Plymouth Union is less than 25 km from MABI, Ely Copper Mine in Vershire and Nickwacket Cave in Chittenden are less than 40 km, and Dorset Caves in Dorset is less than 65 km from MABI. Recent studies of Indiana Bat spring roost sites in the Lake Champlain Valley have shown that some Indiana Bats may use roosts in nearby areas (up to 40 km distant) following departure from their winter hibernaculum (Britzke and others,

Table 38. Community type associations of mammals detected at Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park by indirect measure sampling, trapping, and observation.

[Community type associations are based on vegetation community descriptions of each sampling location. C, camera; TP, trackplate; TR, trapping; X, species observed for which we have records; -, not detected]

Species detected	Community type							Observed
	Conifer	Deciduous	Field	Mixed deciduous-conifer	Rich northern hardwoods	Riparian	Wetland	
Hairy-tailed Mole	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X
Masked Shrew	-	-	-	-	-	-	TR	-
Northern Short-tailed Shrew	TR	-	TR	TR	TR	-	TR	-
Shrew spp.	TP	TP	-	TP	TP	-	TP	-
Eastern Chipmunk	TR	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gray Squirrel	-	-	-	TP, TR	-	-	-	-
Red Squirrel	TP	-	TR	TP	TP	-	TP	-
Red Squirrel/Northern Flying Squirrel	TP	-	-	TP	-	-	-	-
Southern Flying Squirrel	-	TR	-	TP	TP	-	-	-
Squirrel spp.	TP	TP	-	TP	-	-	-	-
Deer Mouse	TR	TR	-	TR	TR	TR	TR	-
Deer or White-footed Mouse	TR	TR	-	TR	TR	TR	TR	-
White-footed Mouse	TR	-	-	TR	-	TR	TR	-
Jumping Mouse spp.	-	-	-	TP	-	-	-	-
Meadow Vole	-	-	TR	-	-	-	TR	-
Red-backed Vole	-	-	-	-	TR	-	-	-
Mouse/Vole spp.	TP	TP	TP	TP	TP	TP	TP	-
Mouse/Vole/Shrew spp.	TP	-	TP	TP	TP	-	-	-
Porcupine	TP	-	-	-	-	-	-	X
Canid spp.	-	-	-	-	TP	-	-	-
Domestic Dog	-	-	-	C	-	-	-	-
Coyote	C	-	-	C	C	-	-	-
Gray Fox	-	-	-	-	-	-	C	-
Red Fox	-	-	C	C	-	C	-	-
Raccoon	C, TP	C, TP	-	C, TP	TR	C	-	-
Ermine	-	-	-	TP	-	-	-	-
Fisher	C, TP	C, TP	-	C, TP	C, TP	C, TP	-	-
Long-tailed Weasel	-	-	-	TP, TR	-	-	-	-
Mink	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X
White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	C	-	C	-	-
Total species detected^a	9	5	4	15	9	6	7	3

^a Totals exclude generic counts unless no other species in that group were detected (for example, Shrew spp. would be counted if no other specific shrew was detected).

Table 39. Mammal species detection rates and site occupancy at 14 indirect measure stations at Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park during two sampling sessions in 2004.

[-, species not detected]

Species detected	Session 1 (3/11/2004 – 3/26/2004)		Session 2 (10/12/2004 – 10/26/2004)	
	Number of stations occupied (proportion)	Mean detection rate (SE) ^a	Number of stations occupied (proportion)	Mean detection rate (SE) ^a
Shrew spp.	2 (0.14)	0.02 (0.02)	7 (0.50)	0.25 (0.08)
Gray Squirrel	-	-	1 (0.07)	0.02 (0.02)
Red Squirrel	1 (0.07)	0.03 (0.03)	7 (0.50)	0.20 (0.07)
Red Squirrel/Northern Flying Squirrel	-	-	4 (0.29)	0.14 (0.07)
Southern Flying Squirrel	1 (0.07)	0.01 (0.01)	2 (0.14)	0.10 (0.07)
Squirrel spp.	-	-	7 (0.50)	0.16 (0.05)
Jumping Mouse spp.	-	-	1 (0.07)	0.02 (0.02)
Mouse/Vole spp.	1 (0.07)	0.02 (0.02)	12 (0.86)	0.70 (0.13)
Mouse/Vole/Shrew spp.	1 (0.07)	0.01 (0.01)	5 (0.36)	0.14 (0.06)
Porcupine	-	-	1 (0.07)	0.02 (0.02)
Canid spp.	-	-	1 (0.07)	0.02 (0.02)
Domestic Dog	1 (0.07)	0.01 (0.01)	-	-
Coyote	3 (0.21)	0.05 (0.03)	1 (0.07)	0.02 (0.02)
Gray Fox	-	-	1 (0.07)	0.02 (0.02)
Red Fox	-	-	3 (0.21)	0.08 (0.04)
Raccoon	2 (0.14)	0.03 (0.02)	7 (0.50)	0.21 (0.07)
Ermine	-	-	1 (0.07)	0.05 (0.05)
Fisher	6 (0.43)	0.10 (0.04)	11 (0.79)	0.88 (0.21)
Long-tailed Weasel	-	-	1 (0.07)	0.02 (0.02)
White-tailed Deer	2 (0.14)	0.02 (0.02)	1 (0.07)	0.02 (0.02)

^a The mean rate of detection and standard error over all stations, including those stations where the species was not detected (detection rate = 0). Species detection rates were calculated for each station by dividing the total number of individual species detections for all checks at a station (camera and trackplate only) by the number of checks made at that station. SE, the standard error of this mean.

Table 40. Mammal capture rates and site occupancy for 12 trapping stations (6 with fox-sized live traps) at Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park during sampling session 2 (10/12/2004–10/26/2004).

Species Detected	Number of new captures	Number of stations occupied (proportion) ^a	Mean rate of new individuals captured (SE) ^b
Masked Shrew	1	1 (0.08)	0.01 (0.01)
Northern Short-tailed Shrew	32	9 (0.75)	0.44 (0.10)
Eastern Chipmunk	1	1 (0.08)	0.01 (0.01)
Gray Squirrel	1	1 (0.08)	0.01 (0.01)
Red Squirrel	1	1 (0.08)	0.01 (0.01)
Southern Flying Squirrel	1	1 (0.08)	0.01 (0.01)
Deer Mouse	72	10 (0.83)	1.00 (0.19)
White-footed Mouse	8	4 (0.33)	0.11 (0.05)
Deer or White-footed Mouse	13	7 (0.58)	0.18 (0.07)
Meadow Vole	20	3 (0.25)	0.28 (0.25)
Red-backed Vole	1	1 (0.08)	0.01 (0.01)
Raccoon	1	1 (0.17)	0.03 (0.02)
Long-tailed Weasel	1	1 (0.08)	0.01 (0.01)

^a Small-mammal and squirrel-sized live traps were placed at all 12 stations whereas fox-sized live traps were set at only 6; therefore, the number of stations at which medium-sized mammals (Raccoon) could be captured was reduced to 6 for individual species for each night of sampling.

^b Rates were calculated for each station by dividing the total number of new individuals captured (per species) by the number of nights that traps were operational. SE, standard error of the mean.

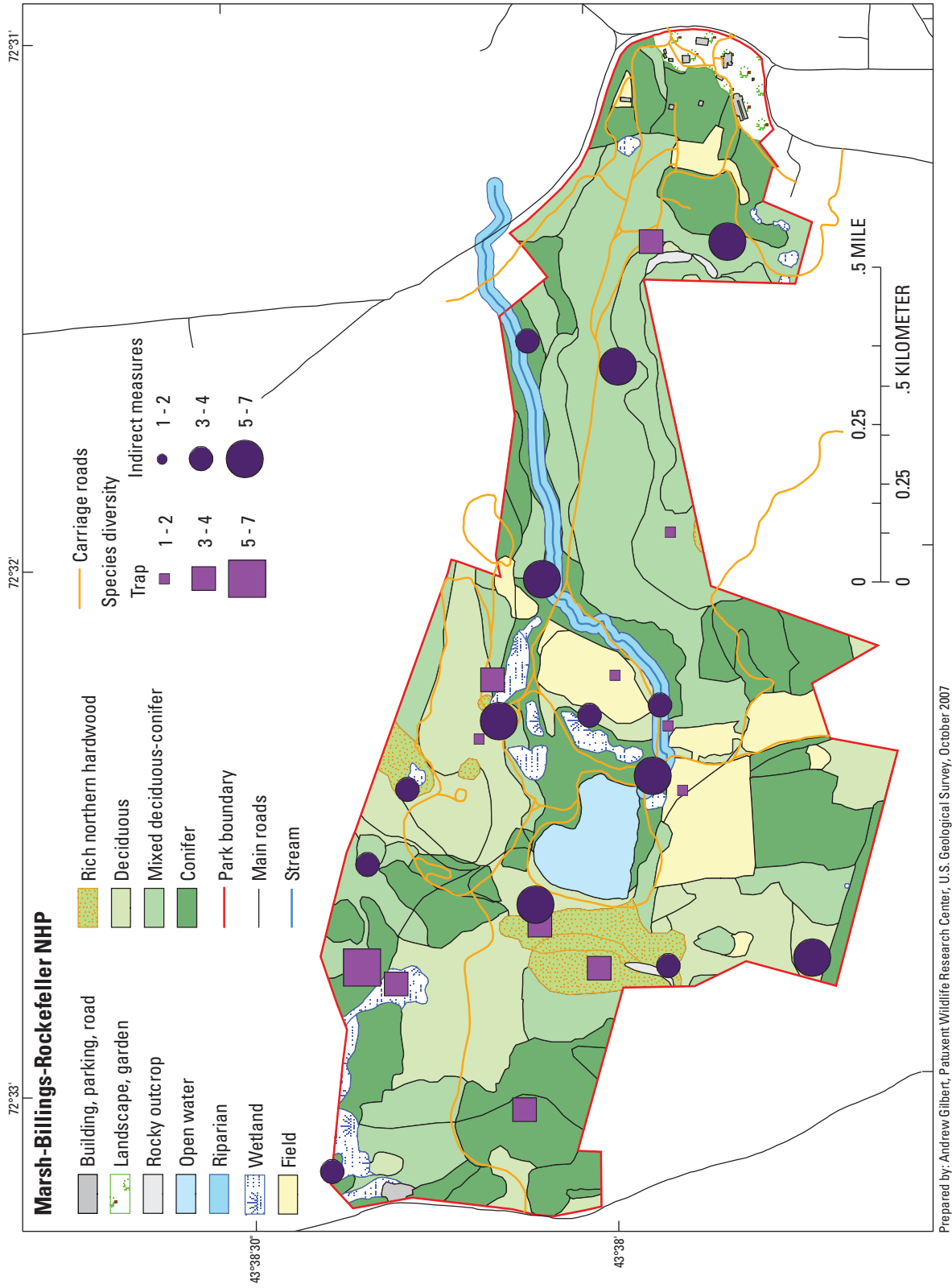


Figure 27. Species diversity at trapping and indirect measure sampling stations during the 2004 mammal inventory at Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park.

2006). Because three of the four hibernacula are within 40 km of MABI, the park may serve as a spring or summer roost site. Maternity roosts are found under the loose bark of trees and this species has been known to use elms, oaks, hickories, Cottonwood (*Populus deltoides*), Silver Maple (*Acer saccharinum*), and Green Ash (*Fraxinus pennsylvanica*) (Kurta and others, 1993), especially in riparian areas (Thomson, 1982). Britzke and others (2006) located Indiana Bats roosting in a variety of live and dead trees consisting mostly of live Shagbark Hickory (*Carya ovata*) and dead American Elm (*Ulmus americana*), among others. The presence of oaks, ash, and maples at MABI (Lautzenheiser, 2002) might provide appropriate summer roosts for Indiana Bat. A prior inventory of bats at MABI (Reynolds and McFarland, 2001) did not document this bat, but this study was limited in scope. Additional surveys would be necessary to determine whether this species uses the park for roosting.

The Small-footed Myotis is considered one of the rarest bats in North America and is found in mountainous regions throughout the Northeast, including Vermont (Godin, 1977; Best and Jennings, 1997). This species hibernates in caves or mines during the winter and uses rock crevices for summer roosting, but little else is known about the ecology of the species (Best and Jennings, 1997; Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998). Eight hibernacula, including the four known for the Indiana Bat and Quarry Cave, Greely Cave, Brandon Silver Mine, and 1867 Cave, are known to currently or historically have small numbers of hibernating Small-footed Myotis (Trombulak and others, 2001). Small-footed Myotis were not documented by Reynolds and McFarland in their 2001 survey, but this species might be using the park as a summer roosting location. Additional surveys are necessary to determine whether this is true.

Canada Lynx are unlikely to occur in the area around MABI, although historical records indicate a much broader distribution throughout New England prior to 1900 (Hoving

and others, 2003). The last documented Lynx in Vermont was recorded in 1968 in Franklin County in northern Vermont, although a specimen was collected in 1965 in the northern part of the county in which MABI is located, Windsor County (McKelvey and others, 1999). If Lynx occur in Vermont, they are likely to be found in high-elevation boreal forest, probably in the northern part of the State. Canada Lynx prefer areas of deep snow through which they can pursue their preferred prey, Snowshoe Hare (Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998; Hoving and others, 2005). Recent modeling efforts have shown that Lynx are unlikely to occur in areas with less than 270 cm/yr of snow or areas dominated by deciduous forest (Hoving and others, 2005). Total annual snowfall in Woodstock, Vt., averages 230 cm (National Climatic Data Center, 2006b); therefore, Lynx are not likely to inhabit the MABI region.

We did not detect Pine Marten in this study and believe that viable populations of Marten are unlikely to inhabit this region now or in the future. Pine Marten are found in a variety of habitats in the Northeast, ranging from mid-successional to coniferous and deciduous forest types (Kelly, 2005). Their range in colonial times extended to southern Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont, but the species has been relegated to the northernmost regions of these New England States (Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998). Marten were reintroduced in the southern Green Mountain National Forest by the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife during 1989-91, but that attempt is believed to have failed and no known populations of Marten now occur in this region (Moruzzi and others, 2003). Additionally, competition with Fisher can limit Marten populations (Krohn and others, 1997; Moruzzi and others, 2003; Kart and others, 2005) and, given that Fisher was the most commonly documented species at MABI, they could limit the expansion of Marten back into this region of Vermont.



Table 41. Number of mammal specimens in museum collections and their proximity to Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park.

[Proximity-to-park codes: 1, collected within park boundaries; 2, collected in the town (Woodstock, Vermont) the park is located in; 3, collected in the county (Windsor) the park is located in. Institutions: AMNH, American Museum of Natural History, CM, Carnegie Museum of Natural History, CONN, University of Connecticut, EEB, CUMV, Cornell University Museum of Vertebrates, FMNH, Field Museum of Natural History, KUNHM, University of Kansas, Natural History Museum, MCZ, Harvard University, Museum of Comparative Zoology, UMMZ, University of Michigan Museum of Zoology. -, no specimens]

Species ^a	Proximity to park			Institution
	1	2	3	
Smoky Shrew (<i>Sorex fumeus</i>)	-	2	6	AMNH, MCZ, UMMZ
Water Shrew (<i>S. palustris</i>)	-	-	2	AMNH
Northern Short-tailed Shrew (<i>Blarina brevicauda</i>)	-	8	4	AMNH, MCZ, UMMZ
Star-nosed Mole (<i>Condylura cristata</i>)	-	-	2	CUMV
Hairy-tailed Mole (<i>Parascalops breweri</i>)	-	1	4	CUMV, MCZ
Big Brown Bat (<i>Eptesicus fuscus</i>)	-	1	-	MCZ
Hoary Bat (<i>Lasiurus cinereus</i>)	-	1	-	MCZ
Keen's Bat (<i>Myotis keenii</i>)	-	-	1	CUMV
Eastern Chipmunk (<i>Tamias striatus</i>)	-	2	2	AMNH, MCZ, UMMZ
Gray Squirrel (<i>Sciurus carolinensis</i>)	-	1	2	AMNH, MCZ
Red Squirrel (<i>Tamiasciurus hudsonicus</i>)	-	2	10	AMNH, MCZ, UMMZ
Southern Flying Squirrel (<i>Glaucomys volans</i>)	-	1	3	AMNH, CUMV, MCZ
Muskrat (<i>Ondatra zibethicus</i>)	-	-	3	CM
Deer Mouse (<i>Peromyscus maniculatus</i>)	-	-	3	KUMNH, UMMZ
White-footed Mouse (<i>P. leucopus</i>)	-	12	9	AMNH, MCZ, KUMNH, UMMZ
Deer or White-footed Mouse (<i>Peromyscus spp.</i>)	-	-	5	AMNH
Meadow Vole (<i>Microtus pennsylvanicus</i>)	-	2	8	AMNH, FMNH, MCZ, UMMZ
Red-backed Vole (<i>Clethrionomys gapperi</i>)	-	-	1	AMNH
Woodland Jumping Mouse (<i>Napaeozapus insignis</i>)	-	-	3	AMNH, UMMZ
Norway Rat (<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>)	-	-	2	AMNH, UMMZ
Long-tailed Weasel (<i>Mustela frenata</i>)	-	1	-	CUMV
Mink (<i>M. vison</i>)	-	1	-	MCZ
Fisher (<i>Martes pennanti</i>)	-	15	-	CONN
Striped Skunk (<i>Mephitis mephitis</i>)	-	-	1	CUMV

^a Specimen data available through the National Park Service, NPSpecies database. For more information see: Gilbert and O'Connell, 2004; O'Connell and others, 2004; and A.F. O'Connell and A.T. Gilbert, unpublished data available at the USGS Patuxent Wildlife Research Center laboratory in Beltsville, Md.

Saratoga National Historical Park (SARA)

Background

Saratoga National Historical Park (SARA) is an important American Revolutionary War battle site perched over the Hudson River north of Albany, New York. This is the second largest (1,373 ha) park in the NETN. Approximately two-thirds of the park is forested by northern hardwoods/mixed conifer forest, and the remaining area is largely agricultural or successional old field (Mitchell and others, 2006). Many small streams transect the park, carving out deep hollows in some areas. The Hudson River is a prominent feature of the eastern portion of the park and a large area of river floodplain can be found within the park. Many trails and several paved roads cross the park.

Prior Research

According to unpublished park documents, mammals were captured during trapping in 1986 (unpub. report, Saratoga National Historical Park resource management files, Stillwater, New York, 1986). Little is known about this effort, but the following species were captured: Northern Short-tailed Shrew (*Blarina brevicauda*), Masked Shrew (*Sorex cinereus*), Long-tailed (Rock) Shrew (*S. dispar*), Pygmy Shrew (*S. hoyi*), Smoky Shrew (*S. fumeus*), Water Shrew (*S. palustris*), Star-nosed Mole (*Condylura cristata*), Red-backed Vole (*Clethrionomys gapperi*), Deer Mouse (*Peromyscus maniculatus*), Woodland Jumping Mouse (*Napaeozapus insignis*), Meadow Jumping Mouse (*Zapus hudsonius*), and Eastern Chipmunk (*Tamias striatus*).

A study of Lyme disease vectors and hosts in the Hudson Valley was conducted in 1987 and 1988 by the State Uni-

versity of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry, Adirondack Ecological Center (P.F. Steblein and N.E. Mathews, unpub. data available from Saratoga National Historical Park, Stillwater, New York, 1988). Several trap types were used including Museum Special and larger generic “rat” traps, Sherman live traps, and pitfall traps, during May to October 1987 and again during June and July 1988. Fourteen mammal species were captured during this study: Northern Short-tailed Shrew, Masked Shrew, Pygmy Shrew, Smoky Shrew, Star-nosed Mole, Gray Squirrel (*Sciurus carolinensis*), White-footed Mouse (*Peromyscus leucopus*), Deer Mouse, Meadow Vole (*Microtus pennsylvanicus*), Meadow Jumping Mouse, Woodland Jumping Mouse, House Mouse (*Mus musculus*), Norway Rat (*Rattus norvegicus*), and Muskrat (*Ondatra zibethicus*).

Small-mammal trapping was conducted by NPS and New York State Museum-Biological Survey personnel during August 13–17, 1990, at three of the sites sampled by Steblein and Mathews and one additional site (New York State Museum, unpub. data available from Saratoga National Historical Park, Stillwater, New York, 1990). Based on these records, the Northern Short-tailed Shrew, Masked Shrew, Smoky Shrew, White-footed Mouse, Deer Mouse, Meadow Vole, Meadow Jumping Mouse, and Ermine (*Mustela erminea*) were captured.

A study of Hantavirus antibody in populations of small mammals around the country was conducted in 1994 in national parks across the United States, including SARA (Mills and others, 1998). White-footed Mice were captured and tested for reactivity to Hantavirus. No individuals at SARA tested positive for antibody reactivity.

An evaluation of trackplate design for monitoring Mink (*M. vison*) populations and other mammals was conducted during 1999–2000 at 10 sites in the Hudson River Valley (Loukmas and others, 2001, 2002), including 5 sites at SARA: 2 on Mill Creek, 2 on the Kroma Kill, and 1 on American Creek. During this study, Striped Skunk (*Mephitis mephitis*), Ermine, Mink, Fisher (*Martes pennanti*), Domestic Cat (*Felis*



silvestris), Virginia Opossum (*Didelphis virginiana*), unidentified small rodents, unidentified squirrels (*Sciurus carolinensis*, *Tamiasciurus hudsonicus*, and *Tamias striatus*), Raccoon (*Procyon lotor*), Fox (unspecified species), Muskrat, and Eastern Cottontail (*Sylvilagus floridanus*) were detected, although details on the species captured at SARA were not reported.

A natural resource damage assessment (NRDA) of the Hudson River, including the stretch contained within Saratoga NHP, was implemented in 2001-02 by the Hudson River Natural Resource Trustees (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of the Interior, and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation) (Hudson River Trustee Council, 2002). As part of this work, PCB levels were assessed in Little Brown Bats (*Myotis lucifugus*) and Big Brown Bats (*Eptesicus fuscus*) at SARA (K. Jahn, unpub. report, Saratoga National Historical Park resource management files, Stillwater, New York, 2004).

Sampling Stations

Indirect measure sampling was conducted in March/April and November 2004; trapping was conducted in November only. We selected 28 locations for sampling (16 IM and 12 trap) in eight community types prior to beginning field work (table 42; fig. 28). We reduced the number of trapping stations to 12 (of 16) to ensure that all traps could be checked daily.

Survey Results

Nineteen mammal species were detected at SARA: 18 during indirect measure sampling, 5 by trapping, and 4 by observation (table 43). This is 35 percent of the potential mammals, excluding bats, that could occur in the park (N=55, table 1). The most frequently detected species were Raccoon in winter and the Southern Flying Squirrel (*Glaucomys volans*) in summer (small mammals excluded) (table 44). Raccoons were distributed throughout the park in most community types except fields and conifer communities (table 43). Gray Fox (*Urocyon cinereoargenteus*) was the next most commonly detected species in winter, although it was detected at only two stations and was not detected in summer. Southern Flying Squirrels were frequently detected in summer, being found at seven stations across all community types except deep ravines and fields (table 43). White-tailed Deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*) were commonly observed at SARA (table 44). Fisher also was frequently detected throughout SARA.

The only detection of a Bobcat (*Lynx rufus*) during this inventory was in a conifer stand at SARA. This species has been previously reported at SARA and was described as “rare” in earlier park wildlife reports. In 1955, Bobcats were “observed occasionally as they pass through area on hunting trips” (National Park Service unpub. report, available from Saratoga National Historical Park, Stillwater, New York, 1956). In 1961, two sightings of Bobcats were recorded in the annual wildlife report (National Park Service unpub. report,

available from Saratoga National Historical Park, Stillwater, New York, 1961). The status of this species is largely unknown in the park due to its secretive nature, but it is probably rare by virtue of the large size of its home range relative to the size of the park (1,149 ha). Home ranges of Bobcats in Mississippi were 1,719 ha for males and 863 ha for females (Chamberlain and others, 2003). In Florida, females had home ranges of 920 ha (Thornton and others, 2004); in southern Illinois, males had home ranges of 1,940 ha whereas females had home ranges of 910 ha (Nielson and Woolf, 2001). Given that this felid is territorial (Bailey, 1974), these home range estimates indicate that few individuals could reside in the park and their ranges would likely overlap and extend beyond park boundaries.

Only three species of small mammals and two squirrel species were captured at SARA (table 45). The White-footed Mouse was the most frequently captured small mammal species (N=70), followed by Northern Short-tailed Shrew (N=26) (table 45). White-footed Mice were trapped in all but mixed deciduous-conifer communities (traps were not set in this community type). Surprisingly, Meadow Voles were not common in the fields in which we set traps. Populations of this species are cyclical, which occasionally results in low population levels. (Ostfeld and Canham, 1995, and references therein).

Species diversity varied among community types from 4 to 13 species detected (table 43), but no geographic area in the park appeared to be more diverse than any other (fig. 29). More species were detected in the deciduous (N=13) and riparian (N=13) community types than in the other types (table 43).

Species Expected but Not Detected

Sorex spp. shrews were not captured in this inventory, but the Masked Shrew, Pygmy Shrew, and Smoky Shrew were captured during previous small-mammal studies. In both of these studies, pitfall traps were used in addition to Museum Specials and Sherman Live traps. Because we did not use pitfall traps in this study, shrews probably were not well documented. (For a detailed explanation of this issue, please refer to the Trapping section on p. 13.) It is clear from previous studies that shrews are more common than we detected, and more diverse. Masked Shrews (N=33) were commonly captured in 1987-88 and 1990 (N=42), but only a few Smokey Shrews were captured then (N=1) and in 1990 (N=5). Also, two Pygmy Shrews were captured at two different locations during the 1987-88 study. Pygmy shrews, as their name suggests, are very small and cannot be captured with snap traps; however, they are readily captured in pitfall traps (Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998). Little is known about the population status of this species (Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998). All three *Sorex* species of shrews captured previously probably still occur in the park. Masked Shrews are probably the most common, and Smoky Shrews and Pygmy Shrews could be locally abundant where they are found.

Table 42. Indirect measure (IM) and trap station numbers, community type, GPS locations of the camera at IM stations and beginning of the Longworth trap lines, orientation of IM stations, and bearing of trap lines at Saratoga National Historical Park.

Station number	Station type	Community type	UTM X ^a	UTM Y ^a	Orientation/bearing ^b
1	IM	riparian	611259	4761719	E-W
5	IM	wetland	612832	4762312	E-W
10	Trap	riparian	610768	4762838	70°
13	Trap	riparian	610382	4759253	225°
17	IM	riparian	613472	4761770	N-S
21	IM	wetland	612407	4759311	E-W
29	Trap	wetland	612149	4759418	135°
33	Trap	deep rich ravine	611543	4759321	315°
37	Trap	riparian	610899	4759240	180°
41	IM	deep rich ravine	611738	4759420	E-W
45	IM	riparian	611314	4761443	E-W
49	IM	field	610714	4760008	SE-NW ^c
53	Trap	field	611622	4762190	270°
57	Trap	field	611848	4759766	315°
61	IM	scrub-shrub	610740	4759300	E-W
65	Trap	scrub-shrub	609849	4760487	90°
73	IM	scrub-shrub	610437	4760847	N-S
77	IM	scrub-shrub	610916	4760702	N-S
81	IM	mixed deciduous-conifer	611620	4759907	E-W
85	Trap	wetland	609735	4762306	270°
89	Trap	conifer	610066	4762775	45°
93	IM	deciduous	610018	4759570	N-S
97	IM	riparian	611541	4761830	N-S
101	IM	deciduous	612439	4762388	N-S
105	Trap	deciduous	610339	4760509	270°
113	Trap	conifer	611034	4759070	0°
119	IM	conifer	610886	4761119	E-W
122	IM	conifer	610898	4761395	E-W

^a Universal Transverse Mercator Zone 18; datum, North American Datum 1983; units, meters.^b The orientation of the trackplates relative to the cameras in the IM station or the bearing of the trap lines.^c No camera present at this array; coordinates are for the middle of the array.

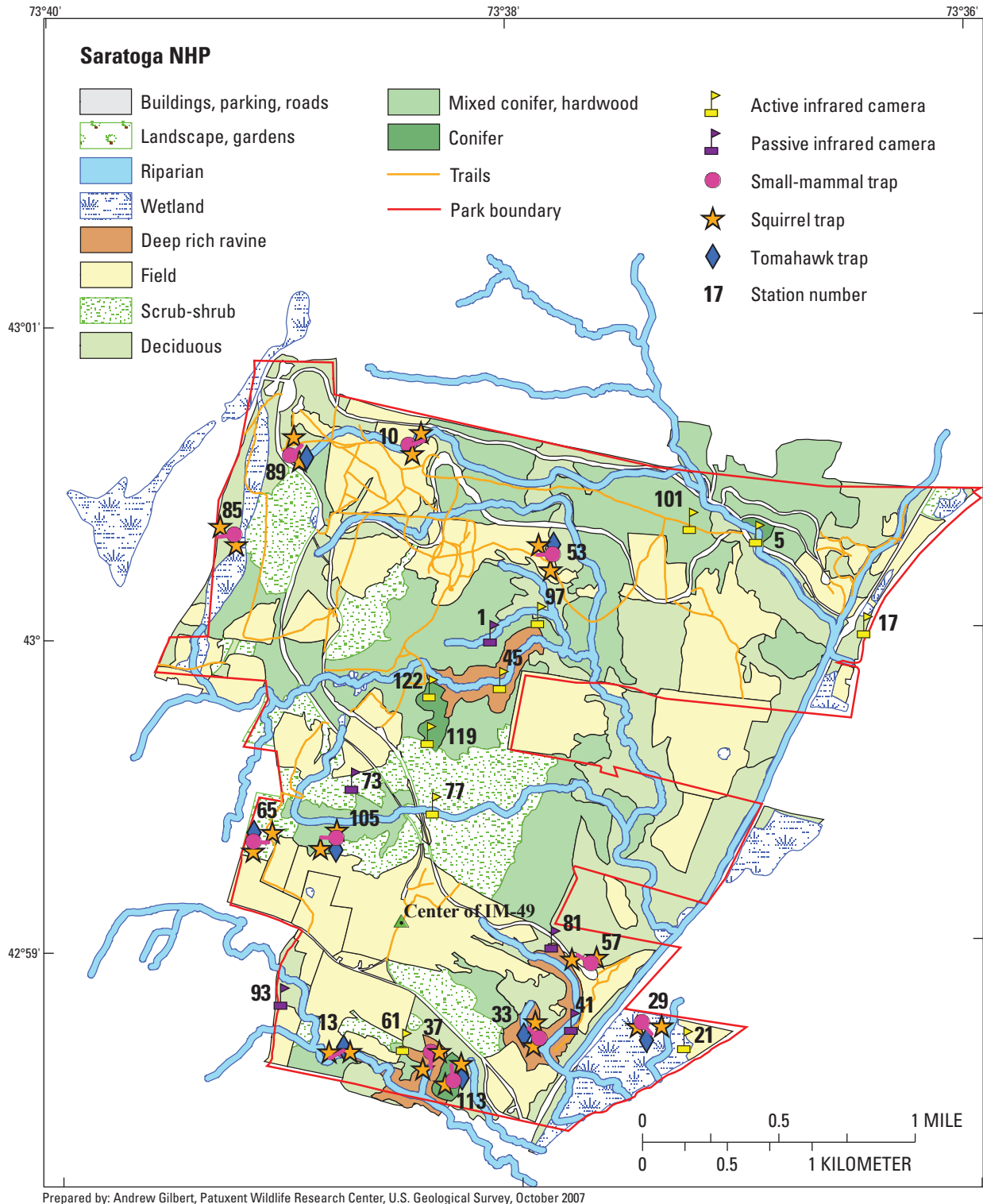


Figure 28. Locations of remote cameras and other detection devices, trapping equipment, and orientation of small-mammal trap lines used in the 2004 mammal inventory at Saratoga National Historical Park. (Two trackplates and two hair traps were arranged about 50 meters from each camera location. Two small-mammal trap lines (10 Longworth and 10 Museum special traps spaced 10 meters between traps) were set parallel to each other 10 meters apart and oriented as shown (pink lines). Two squirrel-sized live traps and, at some stations, a fox-sized live trap completed each trapping station. Station numbers are provided for sampling arrays.)

Table 43. Community type associations of mammals detected at Saratoga National Historical Park by indirect measure sampling, trapping, and observation.

[Community type associations are based on vegetation community descriptions of each sampling location. C, camera; TP, trackplate; TR, trapping; X, species observed for which we have records; -, not detected]

Species detected	Community type								Observed
	Conifer	Deciduous	Deep rich ravine	Field	Mixed deciduous-conifer	Riparian	Scrub-shrub	Wetland	
Northern Short-tailed Shrew	TR	TR	TR	TR	-	TR	TR	TR	X
Shrew spp.	TP	-	-	TP	-	-	TP	TP	-
Myotis spp.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X
Eastern or New England Cottontail	-	C, TP	-	-	-	C	C, TP	-	X
Eastern Chipmunk	-	-	-	-	-	TP	-	-	-
Gray Squirrel	-	TP, TR	-	-	-	TP	-	TP	-
Rat spp. or Eastern Chipmunk	-	-	-	-	-	TP	-	-	-
Red Squirrel	-	TP	-	-	-	-	TP	TP	X
Southern Flying Squirrel	TP	TP, TR	-	-	TP	TP	TP	TP	-
Woodchuck	-	-	-	-	-	TP	-	-	-
White-footed Mouse	TR	TR	TR	TR	-	TR	TR	TR	-
Deer or White-footed Mouse	-	-	-	-	-	TR	-	TR	-
Meadow Vole	TR	TR	-	-	-	TR	-	TR	-
Mouse/Vole spp.	TP	TP	TP	TP	TP	TP	TP	TP	-
Mouse/Vole/Shrew spp.	TP	-	-	TP	-	TP	TP	-	-
Canid spp.	-	TP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gray Fox	-	C	C	-	-	-	-	-	-
Raccoon	-	TP	TP	-	TP	C, TP	C, TP	C	-
Ermine	-	TP	-	TP	-	-	-	-	-
Fisher	TP	TP	-	-	TP	TP	TP	-	-
Long-tailed Weasel	-	-	-	-	-	-	TP	-	-
Long-tailed Weasel/Ermine	C	-	-	-	-	-	TP	-	-
Striped Skunk	-	TP	-	-	-	TP	-	-	-
Bobcat	C	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Domestic Cat	-	-	-	-	-	TP	-	-	-
White-tailed Deer	C	C	-	-	C	C	C	C	-
Total species detected^a	8	13	4	4	5	13	9	9	4

^a Totals exclude generic counts unless no other species in that group were detected (for example, Shrew spp. would be counted if no other specific shrew was detected).

Table 44. Mammal species detection rates and site occupancy at 16 indirect measure stations at Saratoga National Historical Park during two sampling sessions in 2004.

[-, species not detected]

Species detected	Session 1 (3/29/2004 – 4/14/2004)		Session 2 (11/1/2004 – 11/22/2004)	
	Number of stations occupied (proportion)	Mean detection rate (SE) ^a	Number of stations occupied (proportion)	Mean detection rate (SE) ^a
Shrew spp.	1 (0.06)	0.01 (0.01)	3 (0.19)	0.06 (0.03)
Eastern or New England Cottontail	1 (0.06)	0.01 (0.01)	2 (0.12)	0.15 (0.11)
Eastern Chipmunk	-	-	1 (0.06)	0.02 (0.02)
Gray Squirrel	-	-	4 (0.25)	0.11 (0.05)
Rat spp. or Eastern Chipmunk	1 (0.06)	0.01 (0.01)	1 (0.06)	0.02 (0.02)
Red Squirrel	-	-	4 (0.25)	0.10 (0.05)
Southern Flying Squirrel	-	-	7 (0.44)	0.23 (0.08)
Woodchuck	1 (0.06)	0.01 (0.01)	-	-
Mouse/Vole spp.	7 (0.44)	0.10 (0.04)	12 (0.75)	0.53 (0.13)
Mouse/Vole/Shrew spp.	4 (0.25)	0.06 (0.03)	3 (0.19)	0.07 (0.04)
Canid spp.	1 (0.06)	0.02 (0.02)	-	-
Gray Fox	2 (0.12)	0.12 (0.10)	-	-
Raccoon	5 (0.31)	0.16 (0.07)	4 (0.25)	0.11 (0.05)
Ermine	1 (0.06)	0.02 (0.02)	2 (0.12)	0.04 (0.03)
Fisher	2 (0.12)	0.03 (0.02)	5 (0.31)	0.17 (0.08)
Long-tailed Weasel	-	-	1 (0.06)	0.02 (0.02)
Long-tailed Weasel/Ermine	1 (0.06)	0.01 (0.01)	3 (0.19)	0.06 (0.03)
Striped Skunk	-	-	2 (0.12)	0.06 (0.05)
Bobcat	1 (0.06)	0.01 (0.01)	-	-
Domestic Cat	-	-	1 (0.06)	0.04 (0.04)
White-tailed Deer	4 (0.25)	0.08 (0.04)	7 (0.44)	0.22 (0.08)

^a The mean rate of detection and standard error over all stations, including those stations where the species was not detected (detection rate = 0). Species detection rates were calculated for each station by dividing the total number of individual species detections for all checks at a station (camera and trackplate only) by the number of checks made at that station. SE, the standard error of the mean.

Table 45. Mammal capture rates and site occupancy for 12 trapping stations (8 with fox-sized live traps) at Saratoga National Historical Park during sampling session 2 (11/1/2004–11/22/2004).

Species Detected	Number of new captures	Number of stations occupied (proportion)	Mean rate of new individuals captured (SE) ^a
Northern Short-tailed Shrew	26	10 (0.63)	0.33 (0.11)
Gray Squirrel	1	1 (0.06)	0.01 (0.01)
Southern Flying Squirrel	1	1 (0.06)	0.01 (0.01)
White-footed Mouse	70	11 (0.69)	0.88 (0.14)
Deer or White-footed Mouse	3	3 (0.19)	0.04 (0.02)
Meadow Vole	5	4 (0.25)	0.06 (0.03)

^a Rates were calculated for each station by dividing the total number of new individuals captured (per species) by the number of nights that traps were operational. SE, standard error of the mean.

Surveys conducted in 1986 reported the capture of Long-tailed and Water Shrews (unpub. report, Saratoga National Historical Park resource management files, Stillwater, New York, 1986). Like the Pygmy Shrew, little is known about the population characteristics of these two shrews and the range of both species includes SARA (Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998). We have no information about this study and cannot comment on the abundance of these species, except that they were not captured in any subsequent surveys. Additional field work would be required to document the occurrence of these species.

We did not capture or observe moles at SARA. Moles are primarily fossorial, preferring to tunnel underground for food, although the Star-nosed Mole also makes use of wet areas such as wet meadows, swamps, and streams to feed (Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998). Moles are not routinely captured in small-mammal live or snap traps and we did not expect to capture them in this inventory. Star-nosed Moles were captured during prior studies (unpub. report, Saratoga National Historical Park resource management files, Stillwater, New York, 1986; P.F. Steblein and N.E. Mathews, unpub. data available from Saratoga National Historical Park, Stillwater, New York, 1988) and likely still occur in the park. No other species of mole was detected in any investigation, but the range of the Hairy-tailed Mole (*Parascalops breweri*) could include SARA (Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998). Moles occur where they can dig mounded tunnels in softened soil, such as in landscaped areas and forest trails.

Beaver (*Castor canadensis*), Muskrat, and River Otter (*Lontra canadensis*) are strongly associated with wetlands but

were not well sampled by methods we used in this inventory. Beavers built a lodge and dam in the Old Champlain Canal during the 1960s, which caused problems with road flooding (I.J. Ellsworth, Saratoga National Historical Park resource management files, Stillwater, N.Y., 1963). Evidence of beavers may still be found today along the canal in the Schuylerville unit (Chris Martin, National Park Service, oral commun., 2003), and along the Hudson River. Emergent vegetation wetlands in the park may be too limited to accommodate Muskrat. They were detected during a survey by Loukmas and others (2001), but we do not know whether they were detected in the park or at one of five other stations sampled in the Hudson River Valley that were outside the park. River Otters are semi-aquatic mammals found near streams and rivers; in 1957, a River Otter was found in Palmer, Saratoga County (table 46, unpub. data, Cornell University Museum of Vertebrates, Ithaca, New York). River Otters were not detected by Loukmas and others (2001, 2002). This species typically is associated with the deeper streams and rivers, such as the Old Champlain Canal and the Hudson River. The presence of River Otter slides in winter would be a good indication that this species inhabits the park.

Recent reports from visitors and park staff have noted the occurrence of Black Bears in the park (Chris Martin, National Park Service, written commun., 2006), and Moose at the park boundary (Chris Martin, National Park Service, written commun., 2003). Neither species is expected to be a regular inhabitant of the park, but dispersing or ranging individuals could account for these sightings. Moose are less likely to be resident than Black Bears because the southern edge of their current range extends to about Albany in New York (Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998). The distribution of the Black Bear in the East is broader than that of the Moose, extending from Northern New England south through the Appalachians (Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998). Black Bears occur regularly in the Catskill, Allegheny, and Adirondack regions of New York (New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, 2006b). The number of bears harvested in Saratoga County is increasing (New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, 2006g), an indication of increasing population size in this region.

Endangered and Threatened Species

We did not detect any species that were listed as state or federally threatened or endangered. The State of New York lists the Indiana Bat (*Myotis sodalis*), Allegheny Woodrat (*Neotoma magister*), Gray Wolf (*Canis lupus*), and Eastern Cougar (*Felis concolor cougar*) as endangered and the Canada Lynx (*Lynx canadensis*) as threatened. However, of these species, only the Indiana Bat has not been extirpated from New York (New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, 2005f) and is mostly likely to occur in the park. Small-footed Myotis (*Myotis leibii*) and New England Cottontail (*Sylvilagus transitionalis*) are listed as species of special concern.

Indiana Bats are known to occur in eastern New York and have been documented wintering in eight hibernacula in Albany, Essex, Warren, Jefferson, Onondaga, and Ulster Counties (New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, 2005e). Even though this species has not been found wintering in Saratoga County, hibernacula occur to the north in Warren and Essex Counties and to the south in Albany County. It is possible that hibernacula will be found in the future and Indiana Bats may feed or have nursery colonies within the park. Maternity roosts are found under the loose bark of trees and this species has been known to use elms, oaks, hickories, Cottonwood (*Populus deltoides*), Silver Maple (*Acer saccharinum*), and Green Ash (*Fraxinus pennsylvanica*) (Kurta and others, 1993); some of these trees occur in great abundance at SARA. Indiana Bats prefer riparian and floodplain trees (Thomson, 1982), which are also prevalent at SARA. The Hudson River floodplain may be an ideal maternity roosting area given the abundance of suitable roost trees such as Silver Maple and the proximity to prime feeding areas over the Hudson River. A study of bats leaving an Essex County hibernaculum showed that female Indiana Bats roosted extensively in the Champlain Valley of Vermont and New York (Britzke, 2006). Bats leaving hibernacula in nearby counties may also be using the Hudson River Valley as summer nursery sites. We did not survey bats in this study, and do not have any evidence that this species occurs in the park. However, given the proximity to known hibernacula and the presence of appropriate summer roost sites, the presence of this species is possible.

Allegheny Woodrats were once found on cliffs and talus slopes of southeastern New York, but were extirpated from the State by 1987 (New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, 2005a). Their decline may be linked to the increase in Raccoons and their susceptibility to Raccoon Roundworm (*Baylisascaris procyonis*), a parasite of the Raccoon (New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, 2005a). Climate change has also been suggested as a reason for their decline (Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998), but regardless of the reason, their presence in the State, currently and in the future, is unlikely (New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, 2005a). Some rocky outcrops are present at SARA, especially in deep ravines, but these sites are probably not ideal habitat for this species if and when it returns to New York. Allegheny Woodrat is not expected to occur at SARA.

Cougar and the Gray Wolf were long ago extirpated from New York State (Connor, 1971). Although the State of New York has considered reintroduction of the Gray Wolf as part of the Federal recovery plan for this species in the Adirondack Mountain region (New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, 2005d), there are no plans to reintroduce Cougar to New York (New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, 2005c). Cougar are occasionally observed throughout New York, but they are probably pets that have been released to the wild (New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, 2005c).

These species are unlikely to inhabit SARA unless a reintroduction and subsequent recolonization occurs in the surrounding region.

Canada Lynx are unlikely to reside within the area around SARA, although historical records indicate a much broader distribution throughout the Northeast, including New York, prior to 1900 (Hoving and others, 2003). Lynx were relatively common in the Adirondacks and were recorded east of Albany, but became rare as of the late 1800s. Only 23 records of Lynx are known for the 1900s, most commonly in the Adirondacks (McKelvey and others, 1999). If Lynx occur in New York, they are likely to be found in high-elevation boreal forest, probably in the northern part of the State. Reintroduction of 83 individuals to the Adirondacks was attempted in 1989-91, but the attempt failed (McKelvey and others, 1999). This medium-sized felid lives in areas of deep snow through which it can pursue its preferred prey, the Snowshoe Hare (Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998; Hoving and others, 2005). Recent modeling efforts have shown that Lynx are unlikely to occur in areas with less than 270 cm/yr of snow or areas dominated by deciduous forest (Hoving and others, 2005). Total annual snowfall in Albany is 160 cm (State University of New York at Albany, 2006); therefore, the area around SARA is probably not suitable for Canada Lynx.

Small-footed Myotis is one of the rarest bats in North America and can be found in mountainous regions throughout the Northeast, including New York (Best and Jennings, 1997). They hibernate in caves or mines, but little is known about their summer habits (Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998). Given the lack of information about this species, it is not possible to determine whether this species occurs in SARA.

The New England Cottontail (*Sylvilagus transitionalis*) is a species of special concern in New York. The Federal government was petitioned to list the species as federally threatened or endangered, and the listing status was recently updated to level two for final determination on the proposed listing (CFR 50-17; 06:53756-53835). The range of the New England Cottontail is believed to be much reduced from its former range (Litvaitis and others, 2003), but the species does occur in the Hudson River Valley (Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998). This lagomorph is closely related to the Eastern Cottontail (*S. floridanus*), which can also be found in New York, and the two can easily be confused. New England Cottontails prefers dense thickets (Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2005b), which occur in many areas throughout the park. We detected cottontails in three different community types (table 43), and several road-killed animals were recorded and collected for identification, which is still pending. Species-specific identification as either an Eastern or New England Cottontail requires DNA analysis or examination of skull structure (Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2005b); therefore, tissue or fecal samples or skeletal material are required (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2005b). It is possible that the New England Cottontail occurs in SARA, but further analysis of the individuals we collected will be necessary.

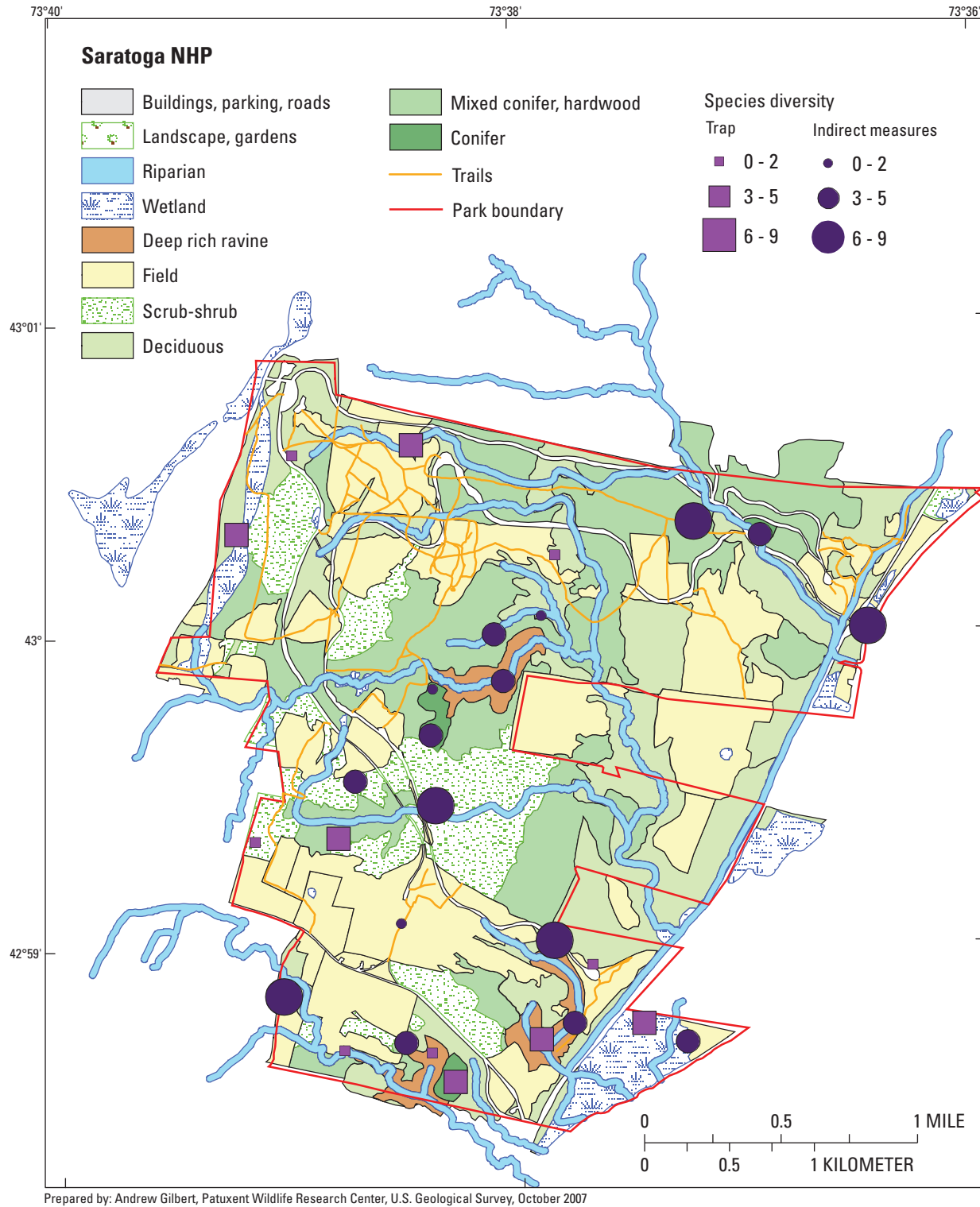


Figure 29. Species diversity at trapping and indirect measure sampling stations during the 2004 mammal inventory at Saratoga National Historical Park.

Table 46. Mammal specimens in museum collections and their proximity to Saratoga National Historical Park.

[Proximity-to-park codes: 1, collected within park boundaries; 2, collected in the town (Saratoga, Schuylerville, N.Y.) the park is located in; 3, collected in the county (Saratoga) the park is located in. Institutions: CM, Carnegie Museum of Natural History; CUMV, Cornell University Museum of Vertebrates; FMNH, Field Museum of Natural History; MSB, Museum of Southwestern Biology; NMNH, Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History; NYSM, New York State Museum. -, no specimens]

Species ^a	Proximity to park			Institutions
	1	2	3	
Masked Shrew (<i>Sorex cinereus</i>)	42	-	-	NYSM
Smoky Shrew (<i>S. fumeus</i>)	5	-	-	NYSM
Northern Short-tailed Shrew (<i>Blarina brevicauda</i>)	7	-	-	NYSM
Big Brown Bat (<i>Eptesicus fuscus</i>)	-	-	1	CUMV
Red Bat (<i>Lasiurus borealis</i>)	-	1	-	FMNH
Eastern Chipmunk (<i>Tamias striatus</i>)	1	-	-	MSB
Deer Mouse (<i>Peromyscus maniculatus</i>)	1	-	-	NYSM
White-footed Mouse (<i>P. leucopus</i>)	44	-	-	MSB, NYSM
Meadow Vole (<i>Microtus pennsylvanicus</i>)	58	-	-	NYSM
Meadow Jumping Mouse (<i>Zapus hudsonius</i>)	19	-	-	NYSM
Coyote (<i>Canis latrans</i>)	-	-	2	CUMV
Raccoon (<i>Procyon lotor</i>)	-	-	1	CM
Ermine (<i>Mustela erminea</i>)	1	-	-	NYSM
American Marten (<i>Martes americana</i>) ^b	-	-	4	NMNH
River Otter (<i>Lontra canadensis</i>)	-	-	1	CUMV

^a Specimen data available through the National Park Service, NPSpecies database. For more information see: Gilbert and O'Connell, 2004; O'Connell and others, 2004; and A.F. O'Connell and A.T. Gilbert, unpublished data available at the USGS Patuxent Wildlife Research Center laboratory in Beltsville, Md.

^b These specimens were collected in 1943 from an experimental fur farm in Saratoga Springs, N.Y.



Acadia National Park (ACAD)

Background

Acadia National Park (ACAD) is the largest and most diverse of the NETN Parks. Covering 19,229 ha, the park is spread among three main units in eastern coastal Maine: Mount Desert Island (MDI), Isle au Haut, and Schoodic Peninsula. The terrain consists of steep, rocky mountains that slope to a rocky shoreline. A large wildfire in 1947 burned nearly 20 percent of the park and altered vegetative succession, resulting in a great deal of hardwood forest on the eastern half of MDI. Elsewhere, spruce-fir forests dominate the landscape, particularly on the western half of MDI. Many streams flow through the park, beginning as mountain brooks or draining some of the many lakes and ponds that dot the landscape. In addition to the wooded upland portions of ACAD, 20 percent of the park's land area and vicinity is covered by wetland. Forested wetlands are the dominant wetland class in the park (Calhoun and others, 1994). ACAD is also unique in the large amount of tidal wetland and rocky shoreline. A system of carriage roads traverses the park, though much of the higher elevation areas can be reached only by foot trails.

Prior Research

Scientific investigations of mammals within and adjacent to ACAD date back to the early part of the 20th century (table 47). Bailey (1925) and Stupka (1932–35) generated much of the early information on mammals, and Manville (1942) synthesized many of these earliest publications, collected specimens, and recounted the important species occurrences on MDI during the late 1930s. He updated that work in the 1950s (Manville, 1960), and collected information on mammals from Isle au Haut in the early 1960s (Manville, 1964). Some voucher specimens collected by Manville were deposited in collections at nationally known museums and at ACAD. Apparently, all voucher specimens held at ACAD

were discarded, but specimens from these studies still exist in collections at the Harvard University Museum of Comparative Zoology and the University of Michigan Museum of Zoology. Some additional inventory work on small mammals supplemented Manville's earlier surveys on MDI (Packie and Nadeau, 1975).

Aside from these basic inventories, much of the early survey work focused on a single species of management concern (for example, overabundant Beaver (*Castor Canadensis*) or White-tailed Deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*)). Beaver were thought to be extirpated from MDI in the early 1900s and were reintroduced to MDI by George Dorr, the first superintendent of the park. By the latter half of the 20th century, Beaver were considered overabundant. The NPS conducted sporadic surveys of beaver lodges throughout the 20th century, and park managers spent considerable effort attempting to minimize flooding of roads by this rodent. More recently, research has focused on their influence on landscape dynamics and their effect on amphibians (Cunningham and others, 2006). White-tailed Deer have also been the focus of many park-wide surveys and research. The prohibition of deer hunting on MDI since the early 1900s for safety reasons, together with the 1947 fire, encouraged deer-population growth during much of the 20th century. As a result, the NPS conducted a number of deer population surveys (for example, Favour, 1940), directly reduced deer densities in 1967 and 1968, and monitored vegetation changes as an indirect measure of the deer population (Saeki, 1991).

A flurry of additional work on mammals occurred at ACAD during the 1980s and 1990s, including some inventory and research efforts, notably for terrestrial mammals and bats on Schoodic Peninsula (Mittelhauser and others, 1995, 1996; Glanz and Connery, 1999), Great Duck Island (Folger and Wayne, 1986), and Isle au Haut (Cole, 1993) and small mammals on MDI (Garman, 1991; Hazen and others, 1992; Garman and others, 1994; O'Connell and others, 2001). Additionally, focal research on bats on Schoodic (Zimmerman, 1998) and carnivores such as Fisher (*Martes pennanti*) (Chilelli and others, 1998) and canids (Harrison, 1989; Winter, 1990; O'Connell and others, 1992) on MDI has improved the information base available for mammals.



Table 47. Mammal species identified in other studies at Acadia National Park.

[Sources: 2, Manville, 1942; 3, Manville, 1960; 4, Manville, 1964; 5, Winter, 1990; 6, Garman, 1991; 8, Hazen and others, 1992; 9, O'Connell and others, 1992; 10, Cole, 1993; 11, Garman and others, 1994; 12, Mittelhauser and others, 1995; 13, Mittelhauser and others, 1996; 14, Chilelli and others, 1998; 15, Long and others, 1998; 16, Glanz and Connery, 1999; 17, Cunningham and others, 2006]

Species	Source	Species	Source
Masked Shrew (<i>Sorex cinereus</i>)	2, 6, 10, 12, 13, 16	Red-backed Vole (<i>Clethrionomys gapperi</i>)	2, 8, 10, 12, 13, 16
Smoky Shrew (<i>S. fumeus</i>)	12, 16	Meadow Vole (<i>Microtus pennsylvanicus</i>)	2, 4, 8, 10, 13, 16
Water Shrew (<i>S. palustris</i>)	2, 12, 16	Meadow Jumping Mouse (<i>Zapus hudsonius</i>)	2, 12, 13, 16
Pygmy Shrew (<i>S. hoyi</i>)	2, 12, 13, 16	Woodland Jumping Mouse (<i>Napaeozapus insignis</i>)	2, 6, 12, 16
Northern Short-tailed Shrew (<i>Blarina brevicauda</i>)	2, 6, 8, 12, 13, 16	Southern Bog Lemming (<i>Synaptomys cooperi</i>)	3, 6, 12, 16
Star-nosed Mole (<i>Condylura cristata</i>)	2, 4, 12, 13, 16	House Mouse (<i>Mus musculus</i>)	2
Hairy-tailed Mole (<i>Parascalops breweri</i>)	2, 16	Norway Rat (<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>)	2
Little Brown Bat (<i>Myotis lucifugus</i>)	2, 16	Muskrat (<i>Ondatra zibethica</i>)	2, 12, 13, 16
Small-footed Myotis (<i>M. leibii</i>)	2, 16	Porcupine (<i>Erethizon dorsatum</i>)	2, 3, 12, 13, 16
Keen's Myotis (<i>M. keenii</i>)	12, 16	Coyote (<i>Canis latrans</i>)	5, 9, 10, 12, 13, 16
Big Brown Bat (<i>Eptesicus fuscus</i>)	4, 10, 16	Red Fox (<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>)	5, 12, 13, 16
Silver-haired Bat (<i>Lasionycteris noctivagans</i>)	2	Black Bear (<i>Ursus americanus</i>)	12, 16
Red Bat (<i>Lasiurus borealis</i>)	2, 3, 16	Raccoon (<i>Procyon lotor</i>)	2, 3, 10, 12, 13, 16
Hoary Bat (<i>L. cinereus</i>)	16	Ermine (<i>Mustela erminea</i>)	2, 6, 16
Snowshoe Hare (<i>Lepus americanus</i>)	2, 4, 10, 12, 13, 16	Long-tailed Weasel (<i>M. frenata</i>)	2, 12, 16
Eastern Chipmunk (<i>Tamias striatus</i>)	2, 3, 6, 8, 12, 13, 16	Mink (<i>M. vison</i>)	2, 3, 4, 10, 12, 13, 16
Gray Squirrel (<i>Sciurus carolinensis</i>)	2, 12, 16	Striped Skunk (<i>Mephitis mephitis</i>)	2, 3, 12, 16
Red Squirrel (<i>Tamiasciurus hudsonicus</i>)	2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 13, 16	Fisher (<i>Martes pennanti</i>)	2, 14, 16
Northern Flying Squirrel (<i>Glaucomys sabrinus</i>)	2, 6, 8, 9, 12, 16	River Otter (<i>Lontra canadensis</i>)	2, 12, 16
Woodchuck (<i>Marmota monax</i>)	2, 3	Bobcat (<i>Lynx rufus</i>)	2, 3, 12, 16
Beaver (<i>Castor canadensis</i>)	2, 3, 16, 17	White-tailed Deer (<i>Odocoileus virginianus</i>)	1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16
Deer Mouse (<i>Peromyscus maniculatus</i>)	4, 6, 10, 11, 12, 13, 16	Moose (<i>Alces alces</i>)	2, 3, 12, 16
White-footed Mouse (<i>P. leucopus</i>)	2, 6, 11, 12, 13, 16		

Sampling Stations

Indirect measure sampling at ACAD was conducted during a single session in April 2004. We selected 12 sampling locations in six community types. Initially, we had intended to trap during the second sampling session at ACAD, but we were unable to perform either IM sampling or trapping during the second sampling session because of budget constraints that were resolved too late in the year to complete field work safely and effectively. In consultation with park staff, we narrowed the range of community types sampled to those where little prior mammal work had occurred (table 48; figures 30–31).

Survey Results

Eight species were detected at ACAD: eight during indirect measure sampling and one by observation (table 49). This is 16 percent of the potential mammals that could occur in the park, excluding bats (N=49, table 1). Raccoons (*Procyon lotor*) were the most frequently detected species (table 50) and most widely distributed (table 49), and Snowshoe Hare (*Lepus americanus*) was the second most commonly detected species. Because small mammals were not trapped at ACAD, we cannot report on their presence based on this work. Measured diversity was low at sampling stations (figs. 32–33), probably due, in part, to reduced sampling effort (no trapping and only one sampling session).

Species Expected but Not Detected

Manville (1942) reported that Fisher had been extirpated from MDI at the time of his initial survey and they have been considered absent from MDI during the remainder of the 20th

century. The last evidence for this species on MDI was a set of tracks from 1925 (Manville, 1942). Results of a recent modeling effort indicate that Fisher probably could not maintain a viable population on the Island (Chilelli and others, 1998), but according to recent reports from park staff, Fisher were recently observed on MDI and a specimen was collected near park headquarters (Bruce Connery, National Park Service, written commun., 2004). Given that the Fisher populations have increased across central and southern Maine in recent years, the likelihood that this mustelid can once again inhabit MDI is also increasing.

Mink (*Mustela vison*) and Striped Skunk (*Mephitis mephitis*) were not detected in this survey, but are thought to occur on MDI. Mink are associated closely with waterways and, if possible, do not stray far from water (Godin, 1977). Although we surveyed wetland communities where mink would be expected to occur, they are difficult to detect unless capture devices are set immediately along waterways and focused on them as a target species. The Sea Mink (*Mustela macrodon*), a larger relative of the Mink, once ranged over coast and islands of Maine from at least as far south as Casco Bay to the maritime provinces of Canada including the area around MDI, becoming extinct sometime in the late 1800s (Waters and Ray, 1961). Manville (1942) reports that skeletal remains of this species have been unearthed in Native American midden sites near MDI, evidence of their past presence on MDI. The Striped Skunk is a generalist predator and occurs in many different community types, preferring edge habitat and areas with constant food and water sources (Rosatte and Larivière, 2003). Voucher specimens exist for both these species (table 51) and these species were reported by Manville (1942) during his first study. His update in 1960 reported Mink as being seldom encountered, whereas Skunks were abundant.

Table 48. Indirect measure (IM) station numbers, community type, GPS locations of the camera at IM stations, and orientation of IM stations at Acadia National Park.

Station number	Station type	Community type	UTM X ^a	UTM Y ^a	Orientation/bearing ^b
5	IM	shrubland deciduous wetland	565230	4910481	E-W
9	IM	woodland conifer wetland	551981	4903636	E-W
17	IM	woodland conifer wetland	551588	4902307	N-S
21	IM	shrubland deciduous wetland	551386	4902443	E-W
41	IM	deciduous woodland	563369	4912586	E-W ^c
45	IM	woodland conifer wetland	560876	4914535	E-W
57	IM	woodland conifer wetland	558295	4913505	N-S
61	IM	woodland conifer wetland	550208	4903450	N-S
65	IM	woodland conifer wetland	549215	4903762	E-W
69	IM	dwarf shrubland evergreen wetland	560353	4914769	E-W
81	IM	blueberry bald mountain summit	557047	4909429	E-W
85	IM	blueberry bald mountain summit	557915	4910769	E-W

a Universal Transverse Mercator Zone 19; datum, North American Datum 1983; units, meters.
b The orientation of the trackplates relative to the cameras in the IM station.
c No camera present at this array, coordinates given for the middle of the array.

Acadia National Park - MDI West

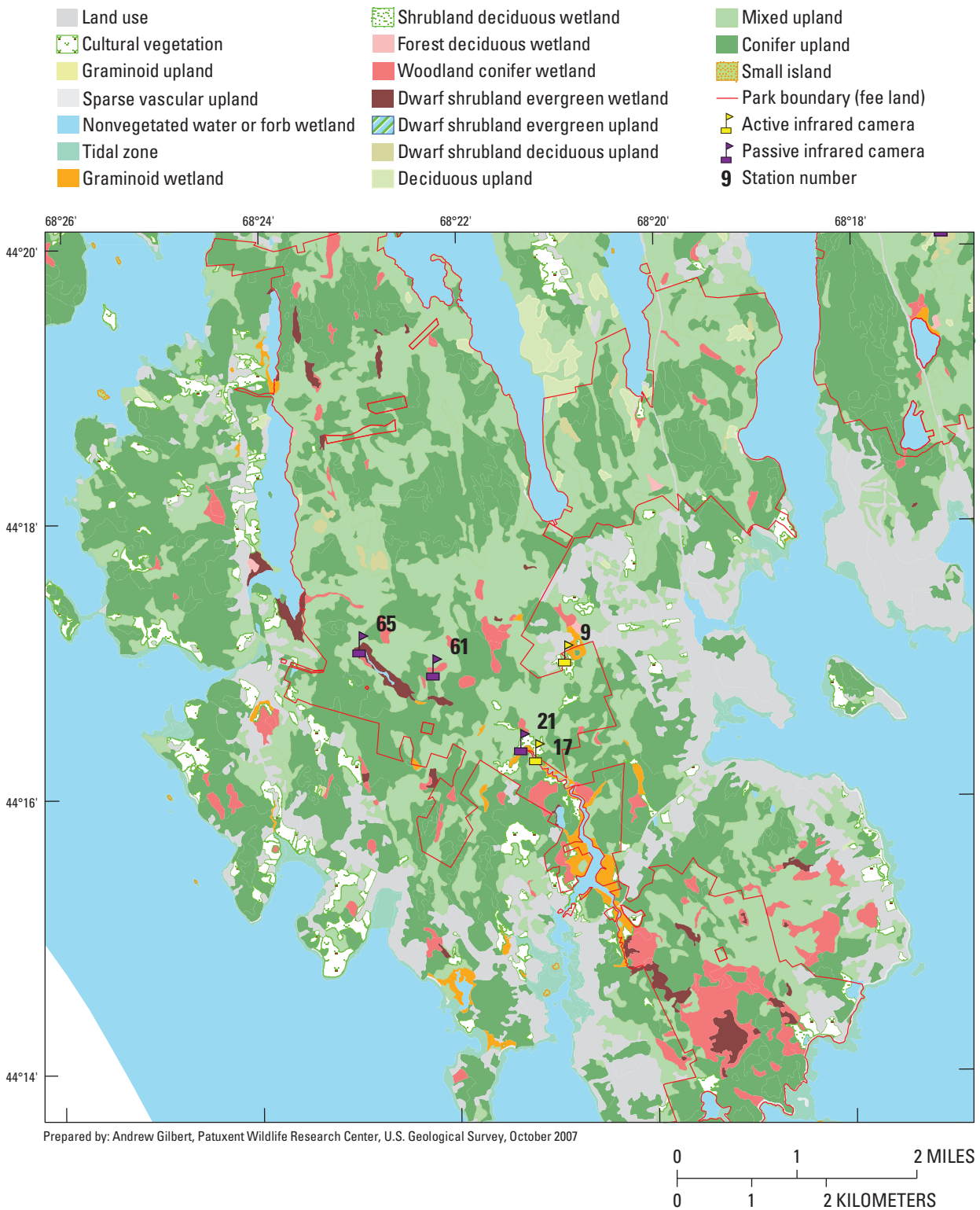


Figure 30. Locations of remote cameras and other detection devices used in the 2004 mammal inventory at Acadia National Park (Mount Desert Island - west). (Two trackplates and two hair traps were arranged about 50 meters from each camera location. Station numbers are provided for sampling arrays.)

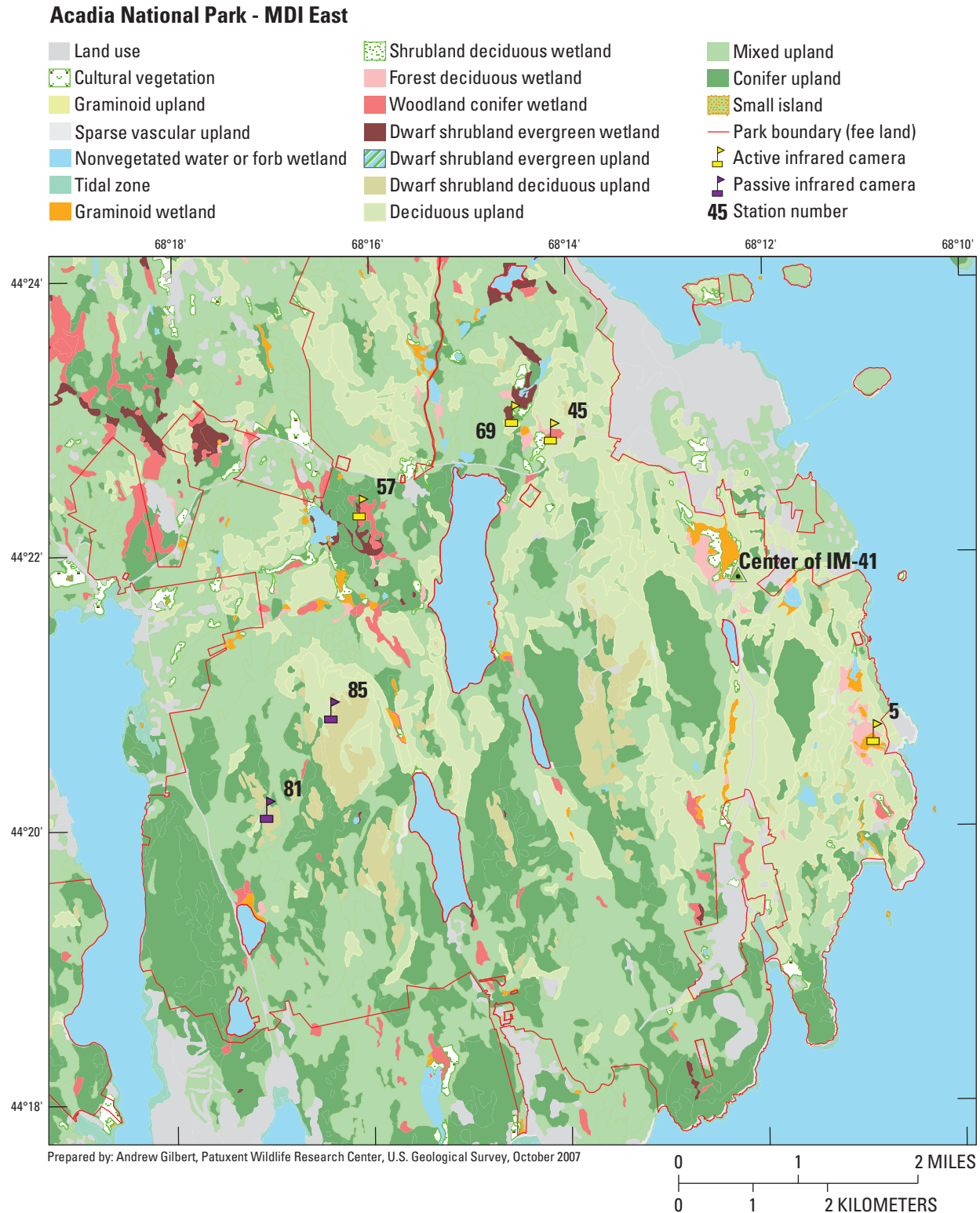


Figure 31. Locations of remote cameras and other detection devices used in the 2004 mammal inventory at Acadia National Park (Mount Desert Island - east). (Two trackplates and two hair traps were arranged about 50 meters from each camera location. Station numbers are provided for sampling arrays.)

Table 49. Community type associations of mammals detected at Acadia National Park by indirect measure sampling, trapping, and observation.

[Community type associations are based on vegetation community descriptions of each sampling location. C, camera; TP, trackplate; TR, trapping; X, species observed for which we have records; -, not detected]

Species detected	Community type						Observed
	Blueberry bald mountain summit	Conifer	Deciduous woodland	Dwarf shrubland evergreen wetland	Shrubland deciduous wetland	Woodland conifer wetland	
Shrew spp.	-	-	-	TP	TP	TP	-
Snowshoe Hare	-	-	-	TP	C, C	C, TP	X
Northern Flying Squirrel	-	-	-	TP	-	-	-
Squirrel spp.	-	-	-	TP	-	-	-
Mouse/Vole/Shrew spp.	TP	-	-	TP	TP	-	-
Porcupine	C	-	-	-	-	-	-
Raccoon	-	TP	TP	-	C	C, C, TP	-
Ermine	-	-	-	-	TP	-	-
Long-tailed Weasel/Ermine	-	-	-	-	-	TP	-
Domestic Cat	-	-	-	-	-	TP	-
White-tailed Deer	-	-	-	-	-	C	-
Total species detected^a	2	1	1	3	3	6	1

^a Totals exclude generic counts unless no other species in that group were detected (for example, Shrew spp. would be counted if no other specific shrew was detected).



Table 50. Mammal species detection rates and site occupancy at 12 indirect measure stations at Acadia National Park during one sampling session in 2004.

Species detected	Session 1 (4/5/2004 – 4/19/2004)	
	Number of stations occupied (proportion)	Mean detection rate (SE) ^a
Shrew spp.	3 (0.25)	0.05 (0.03)
Snowshoe Hare	6 (0.50)	0.10 (0.03)
Northern Flying Squirrel	1 (0.08)	0.02 (0.02)
Squirrel spp.	1 (0.08)	0.02 (0.02)
Mouse/Vole/Shrew spp.	3 (0.25)	0.05 (0.03)
Porcupine	1 (0.08)	0.02 (0.02)
Raccoon	8 (0.67)	0.32 (0.10)
Ermine	1 (0.08)	0.02 (0.02)
Long-tailed Weasel/Ermine	1 (0.08)	0.02 (0.02)
Domestic Cat	1 (0.08)	0.02 (0.02)
White-tailed Deer	1 (0.08)	0.02 (0.02)

^a The mean rate of detection and standard error over all stations, including those stations where the species was not detected (detection rate = 0). Species detection rates were calculated for each station by dividing the total number of individual species detections for all checks at a station (camera and trackplate only) by the number of checks made at that station. SE, the standard error of this mean.

Chipmunk (*Tamias striatus*), Gray Squirrel (*Sciurus carolinensis*), and Red Squirrel (*Tamiasciurus hudsonicus*) were noticeably absent from this study, but are known to occur on MDI. Chipmunks and Red Squirrels are abundant in the boreal forest, and the Gray Squirrel, are locally common in deciduous upland forests, especially oak woodlands (Bruce Connery, National Park Service, oral commun., 2006). Due to limited resources, we sampled only in wetland and mountain summit communities, two community types where these species probably do not occur. Gray Squirrels were believed to have been decimated by the 1947 fire (Manville, 1960) and may have been less common across the island since that time. Red Squirrel and Chipmunk vouchers are plentiful in museum collections from ACAD, whereas few Gray Squirrel specimens exist (table 51). We did not trap small mammals during this study, but they have been the focus of previous work on MDI over the years (Garman, 1991; Hazen and others, 1992; Garman and others, 1994; O'Connell and others, 2001) and the small-mammal fauna are fairly well known.

Endangered and Threatened Species

We did not detect any mammals that are listed as state or federally endangered or threatened. The State of Maine lists

only the Northern Bog Lemming (*Synaptomys borealis*) as state endangered. The Gray Wolf (*Canis lupus*) and the Eastern Cougar (*Puma concolor cougar*) are listed as federally endangered, and the Canada Lynx (*Felis canadensis*) is listed as federally threatened (Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, 2006).

As noted previously, we did not trap small mammals at ACAD during this study and so were unable to detect the Northern Bog Lemming. The distribution of the Northern Bog Lemming seems to be confined to Northern Maine, and very few animals have been captured (Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998). The Northern Bog Lemming is not likely to be resident anywhere near ACAD.

The Gray Wolf and Eastern Cougar were extirpated from Maine by the early 1900s (Goodwin, 1936; Cardoza and Langlois, 2002) and their future existence in ACAD is unlikely unless they species are reintroduced or recolonize. There continues to be interest by a coalition of northeastern conservation groups in active recovery (reintroduction) of wolves into remote sections of Maine as part of a recovery plan for this species in the eastern U.S. (Coalition to Restore the Eastern Wolf, 2006). Although potential wolf habitat occurs in eastern Maine, high road and human population densities could be a barrier to colonization (Harrison and Chapin, 1997), precluding the wolf's natural recolonization of MDI. Thus, it is unlikely that wolves will ever occur again anywhere in ACAD. Eastern Cougar sign (visual reports, tracks, hairs) has been reported thousands of times throughout the eastern U.S. but few reports offer sufficient documentation to support the existence of this species (Cardoza and Langlois, 2002). The large number of reports indicates that there may be a remnant population, but standardized surveys are required to confirm their existence (Cardoza and Langlois, 2002). Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (2003) does not believe that a breeding population of this species exists in Maine and that reports of this species, particularly in urban and coastal regions, are of escaped pets. It is unlikely that this species will ever occur in ACAD without an active recovery effort.

The Canada Lynx is now known to occur and breed in far northern Maine. A few records of Lynx exist from the period 1973–99 for the coastal region of Maine just north of the Schoodic Peninsula (Hoving and others, 2003). Manville (1942) writes that this species was likely extirpated from MDI many years prior to his work. Canada Lynx inhabit areas of deep snow through which they can pursue their preferred prey, Snowshoe Hare (Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998; Hoving and others, 2005) and, results of recent modeling efforts have shown that Lynx are unlikely to occur in areas with less than 270 cm/yr of snow or areas dominated by deciduous forest (Hoving and others, 2005). Total annual snowfall at ACAD averaged 156 cm during 1940–85 (National Park Service, 2006), but snowfall in recent years has been even less than that (Bruce Connery, National Park Service, oral commun., 2006). Therefore, Lynx probably do not inhabit ACAD. However, if the population of Lynx in Maine increases, dispersing Lynx may be encountered again in the Schoodic region.

Table 51. Number of mammal specimens in museum collections and their proximity to Acadia National Park.

[Proximity-to-park codes: 1, collected within park boundaries; 2, collected in the town (Bar Harbor, Isle au Haut, Mount Desert, Southwest Harbor, Tremont, Maine) the park is located in; 3, collected in the county (Hancock) the park is located in; Institutions: AMNH, American Museum of Natural History; BSNS, Buffalo Museum of Science; COA, College of the Atlantic; CUMV, Cornell University Museum of Vertebrates; MCZ, Harvard University, Museum of Comparative Zoology; MSB, Museum of Southwestern Biology; NMNH, Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of Natural History; TTU, Texas Tech University; UMMZ, University of Michigan Museum of Zoology; YPM, Yale University, Peabody Museum. -, no specimens]

Species ^a	Proximity to park			Institutions
	1	2	3	
Masked Shrew (<i>Sorex cinereus</i>)	1	10	5	BSNS, MCZ, NMNH, UMMZ, YPM
Water Shrew (<i>S. palustris</i>)	-	2	-	MCZ
Northern Short-tailed Shrew (<i>Blarina brevicauda</i>)	3	20	6	AMNH, CUMV, MCZ, TTU, NMNH, UMMZ, YPM
Star-nosed Mole (<i>Condylura cristata</i>)	1	3	-	COA, MCZ, UMMZ
Little Brown Bat (<i>Myotis lucifugus</i>)	1	4	-	MCZ, UMMZ
Small-footed Myotis (<i>M. leibii</i>)	1	4	-	MCZ, UMMZ
Big Brown Bat (<i>Eptesicus fuscus</i>)	-	12	-	MCZ
Silver-haired Bat (<i>Lasionycteris noctivagans</i>)	-	2	-	MCZ
Red Bat (<i>Lasiurus borealis</i>)	-	1	-	MCZ
Snowshoe Hare (<i>Lepus americanus</i>)	2	7	2	COA, MCZ, MSB, TTU, NMNH, UMMZ
Eastern Chipmunk (<i>Tamias striatus</i>)	5	18	1	COA, MCZ, MSB, TTU, UMMZ
Gray Squirrel (<i>Sciurus carolinensis</i>)	1	1	-	UMMZ
Red Squirrel (<i>Tamiasciurus hudsonicus</i>)	10	13	20	CUMV, MCZ, MSB, NMNH, UMMZ
Northern Flying Squirrel (<i>Glaucomys sabrinus</i>)	-	2	-	MCZ
Beaver (<i>Castor canadensis</i>)	-	1	-	MCZ
Deer Mouse (<i>Peromyscus maniculatus</i>)	16	23	14	MCZ, NMNH, UMMZ
White-footed Mouse (<i>P. leucopus</i>)	40			MSB
Deer or White-footed Mouse (<i>Peromyscus spp.</i>)	-		4	AMNH
Red-backed Vole (<i>Clethrionomys gapperi</i>)	13	28	1	AMNH, MCZ, MSB, NMNH, UMMZ, YPM
Meadow Vole (<i>Microtus pennsylvanicus</i>)	10	25	23	AMNH, MCZ, NMNH, UMMZ
Vole sp.	-	1	-	TTU
Meadow Jumping Mouse (<i>Zapus hudsonius</i>)	1	15	-	MCZ, UMMZ, YPM
Southern Bog Lemming (<i>Synaptomys cooperi</i>)	-	-	1	NMNH
Woodland Jumping Mouse (<i>Napaeozapus insignis</i>)	-	4	-	MCZ
House Mouse (<i>Mus musculus</i>)	-	1	-	MCZ
Norway Rat (<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>)	1	2	-	MCZ, UMMZ
Harbor Seal (<i>Phoca vitulina</i>)	-	-	1	AMNH
Raccoon (<i>Procyon lotor</i>)	-	1	-	MCZ
Ermine (<i>Mustela erminea</i>)	1	1	1	COA, UMMZ, UNSM
Long-tailed Weasel (<i>M. frenata</i>)	-	-	1	FMNH
Mink (<i>M. vison</i>)	-	4	-	MCZ
Sea Mink (<i>M. macrodon</i>)	-	1	-	MCZ
Striped Skunk (<i>Mephitis mephitis</i>)	1	-	1	FMNH, UMMZ
Fisher (<i>Martes pennanti</i>)	-	1	4	CUMV, UNSM
River Otter (<i>Lontra canadensis</i>)	-	1	-	MCZ
Bobcat (<i>Lynx rufus</i>)	-	-	2	FMNH
White-tailed Deer (<i>Odocoileus virginianus</i>)	1	-	-	NMNH

^a Specimen data available through the National Park Service, NPSpecies database. For more information see: Gilbert and O'Connell, 2004; O'Connell and others, 2004; and A.F. O'Connell and A.T. Gilbert, unpublished data available at the USGS Patuxent Wildlife Research Center laboratory in Beltsville, Md.

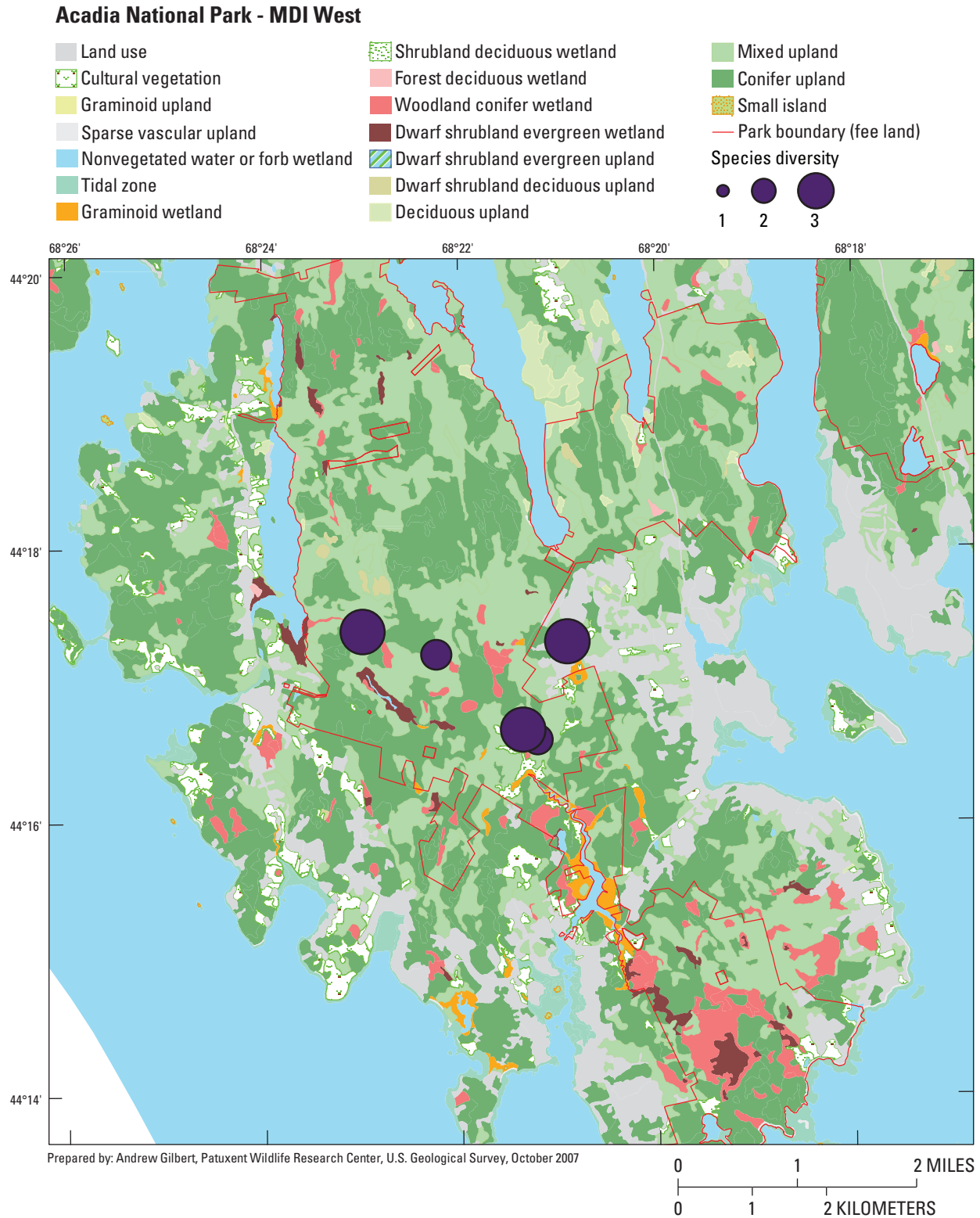


Figure 32. Species diversity at indirect measure sampling stations during the 2004 mammal inventory at Acadia National Park (Mount Desert Island – west).

Acadia National Park - MDI East

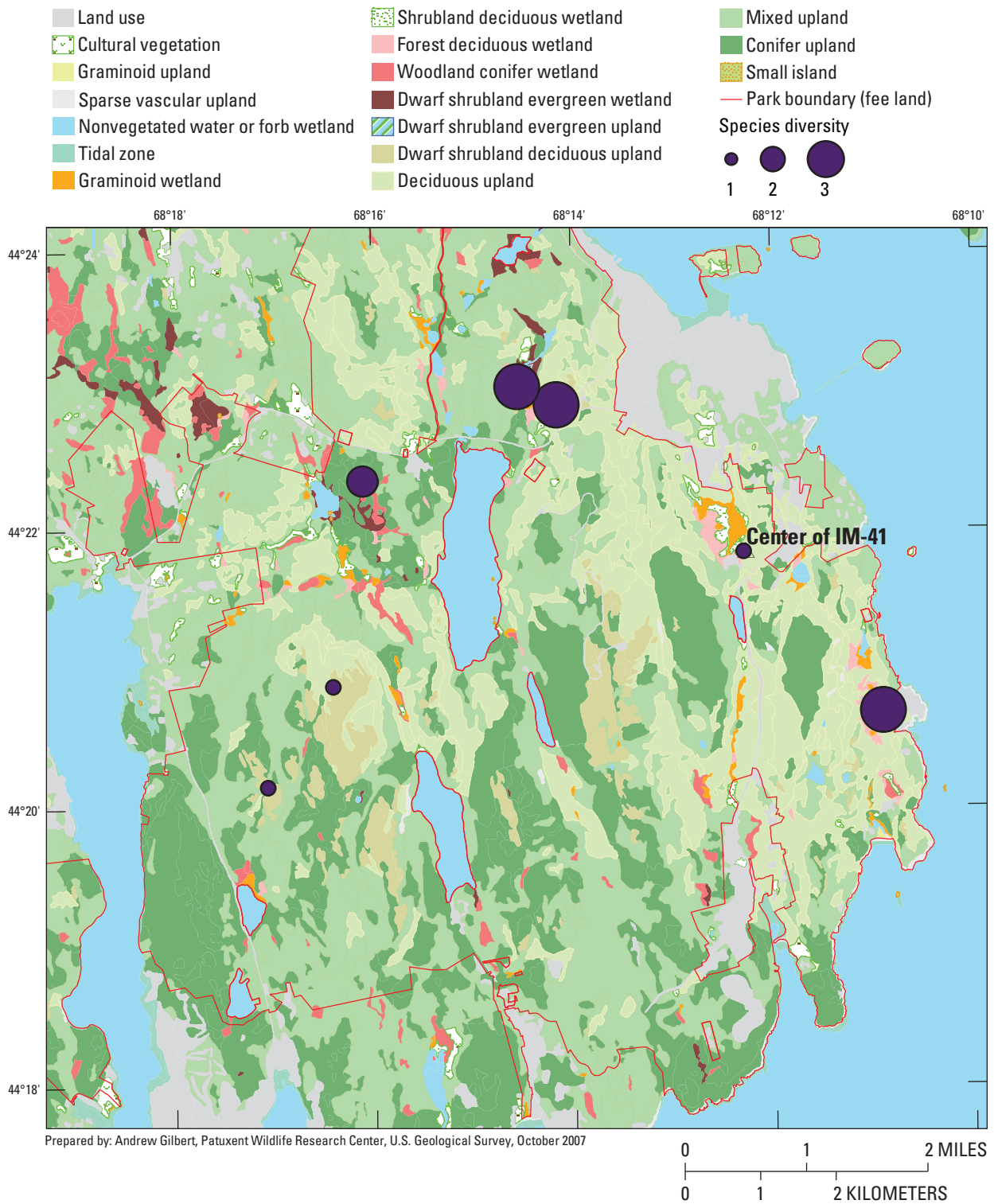


Figure 33. Species diversity at indirect measure sampling stations during the 2004 mammal inventory at Acadia National Park (Mount Desert Island – east).

Sagamore Hill National Historic Site (SAHI)

Background

Sagamore Hill National Historic Site (SAHI) was Theodore Roosevelt's summer retreat on Oyster Bay, located in a suburban area on the northern edge of Long Island, New York. The park is small (36 ha) and consists mostly of central hardwood forest. Oyster Bay bounds the park to the east and includes sandy beaches and small tidal areas. The Roosevelt home in the western portion of the park overlooks a maintained field. Two small freshwater wetlands also occur in the park.

Prior Investigations

No known work on mammals has been conducted at SAHI.

Sampling Stations

Indirect measure sampling was conducted in April/May and November 2004 and trapping was conducted only in November 2004. We selected 14 locations for sampling (7 IM and 7 trap) in six community types prior to beginning field work (table 52; fig. 34). This was many fewer sampling stations than were selected (24 stations). Sagamore Hill NHS is small, but with a diverse array of community types. Consequently, many of the locations selected for sampling were very close to other stations, which would lead to a high degree of overlap if we placed equipment at all stations. We selected (non-randomly) sampling points that were generated from the original systematic, random start design to maximize the distance between stations and still maintain as many points in

different strata as possible. The number of sampling stations in the maritime-dunes, saltmarsh-panne complex, scrub-shrub, and field strata was reduced to less than four stations in each stratum.

Survey Results

Eight species were detected at SAHI during this inventory: eight during IM sampling and five during trapping (table 53). This is 15 percent of the potential number of mammal species that could occur in the park ($N=55$, table 1), excluding bats. Raccoons (*Procyon lotor*) were the most frequently detected species during both sampling sessions (table 54). Raccoons were detected throughout the park in all community types (table 53). The Virginia Opossum (*Didelphis virginiana*) was the next most frequently detected species, and was found in all areas with trees. The Domestic Cat (*Felis silvestris*) was detected in all but beach and saltmarsh community types (table 53).

The diversity of small mammals detected was low, despite a large number of traps relative to the size of the park. The White-footed Mouse (*Peromyscus leucopus*) was the most frequently captured small mammal, followed closely by Northern Short-tailed Shrew (*Blarina brevicauda*) (table 55).

Species diversity varied among community types between two and seven species detected (table 53), but no geographic area of the park appeared to be more diverse than any other (fig. 35). Generally, more species were detected in the forested community (table 53); however, forest dominates the landscape at SAHI and less equipment was located in other community types.

Species Expected but Not Detected

Sorex spp. shrews were not captured in this study, but the Masked Shrew (*S. cinereus*) has been documented in Nassau County (table 56). Shrews were not well documented in this inventory because we did not use pitfall traps. (For a detailed



Table 52. Indirect measure (IM) and trap station numbers, community type, GPS locations of the camera at IM stations and beginning of the Longworth trap lines, orientation of IM stations, and bearing of trap lines at Sagamore Hill National Historic Site.

Station number	Station type	Community type	UTM X ^a	UTM Y ^a	Orientation/bearing ^b
5	Trap	saltmarsh panne complex	627161	4527225	180°
9	IM	saltmarsh panne complex	627112	4527046	SE-NW
12	Trap	field	626248	4527061	315°
18	IM	norway maple	626146	4527222	SE-NW
25	Trap	scrub-shrub	626469	4527174	160°
28	IM	scrub-shrub	626534	4527154	NE-SW
30	IM	norway maple	626285	4527335	E-W
34	IM	norway maple	626195	4527010	E-W
38	Trap	norway maple	626227	4527038	225°
43	Trap	norway maple	626122	4527146	20°
46	IM	beech-maple mesic	627028	4527218	NE-SW
50	IM	beech-maple mesic	626793	4527078	E-W
54	Trap	beech-maple mesic	627014	4527187	270°
59	Trap	beech-maple mesic	626620	4527097	90°

^a Universal Transverse Mercator Zone 18; datum, North American Datum 1983; units, meters.

^b The orientation of the trackplates relative to the cameras in the IM station or the bearing of the trap lines.

explanation of this issue, please refer to the Trapping section on p. 13.) There is no reason to believe that Masked Shrew does not occur at SAHI, but additional field work would be required to document their presence.

We did not capture or observe Moles at SAHI, but specimens of Star-nosed Mole (*Condylura cristata*) and Eastern Mole (*Scalopus aquaticus*) occur for Nassau County (table 56) (Connor, 1971). Moles are primarily fossorial, preferring to tunnel underground for food, although the Star-nosed Mole also makes use of wet areas such as wet meadows, swamps, and streams to feed (Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998). Moles are not routinely captured in small-mammal traps and we did not expect to capture them in this inventory. Moles occur where they can dig mounded tunnels in soil, such as in landscaped areas and forest trails.

We expected to capture Meadow Voles (*Microtus pennsylvanicus*) at the fields in SAHI, but did not. The fields had been cut prior to trapping, which may have forced Meadow Voles to move to areas of greater cover (LoBue and Darnell, 1959). Also, populations of this species are cyclical, resulting in low population levels in some years (Ostfeld and Canham, 1995, and references therein). Many Meadow Vole vouchers occur for Nassau County and this species is common on Long Island (Connor, 1971). Therefore, this species almost certainly occurs within the park, but went undetected during the brief trapping period.

Endangered and Threatened Species

We did not detect any species that were listed as state or federally threatened or endangered. The State of New York lists the Indiana Bat (*Myotis sodalis*), Allegheny Woodrat (*Neotoma magister*), Gray Wolf (*Canis lupus*), and Eastern Cougar (*Felis concolor cougar*) as endangered and the Canada Lynx (*Lynx canadensis*) as threatened. However, only the Indiana Bat has not been extirpated from New York (New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, 2005f). Small-footed Myotis (*Myotis leibii*) and New England Cottontail (*Sylvilagus transitionalis*) are listed as species of special concern.

Indiana Bats are known to occur in eastern New York and have been documented wintering in eight hibernacula in upstate New York: Albany, Essex, Warren, Jefferson, Onondaga, and Ulster Counties (New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, 2005e). Indiana Bats prefer riparian and floodplain trees (Thomson, 1982). Maternity roosts are found under the loose bark of trees and this species has been known to use elms, oaks, hickories, Cottonwood (*Populus deltoides*), Silver Maple (*Acer saccharinum*), and Green Ash (*Fraxinus pennsylvanica*) (Kurta and others, 1993). Although some of these trees are present at SAHI, the occurrence of Indiana Bats is unlikely given the lack of a riparian area and the distance from known hibernacula. We did not

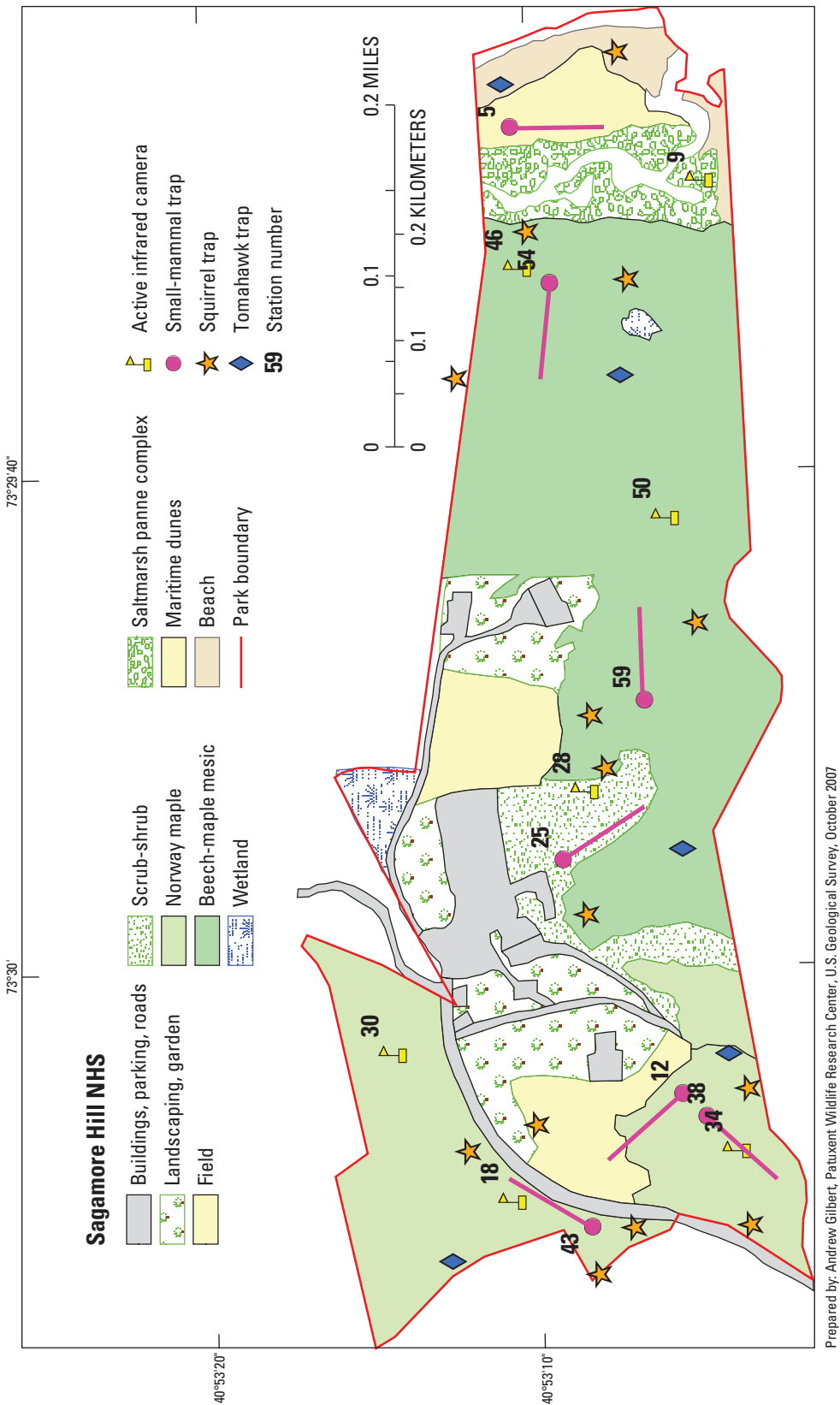


Figure 34. Locations of remote cameras and other detection devices, trapping equipment, and orientation of small-mammal trap lines used in the 2004 mammal inventory at Sagamore Hill National Historic Site. (Two trackplates and two hair traps were arranged about 50 meters from each camera location. Small-mammal trap lines (10 Longworth and 10 Museum Special traps spaced 10 meters between traps) were set parallel to each other 10 meters apart and oriented as shown (pink lines). Two squirrel-sized live traps and, at some stations, a fox-sized live trap completed each trapping station. Station numbers are provided for sampling arrays.)

Table 53. Community type associations of mammals detected at Sagamore Hill National Historic Site by indirect measure sampling, trapping, and observation.

[Community type associations are based on vegetation community descriptions of each sampling location. C, camera; TP, trackplate; TR, trapping; X, species observed for which we have records; -, not detected]

Species detected	Community type					
	Beach	Beech-maple mesic	Field	Norway maple	Saltmarsh panne complex	Scrub-shrub
Virginia Opossum	-	C, TP, TR	-	C, TP, TR	-	C
Northern Short-tailed Shrew	-	TP, TR	TR	TR	-	-
Shrew spp.	TP	-	-	-	-	-
Gray Squirrel	-	-	-	TP	-	-
Southern Flying Squirrel	-	-	-	TP	-	-
Mouse/Vole spp.	-	TP	-	-	-	-
White-footed Mouse	-	TP, TR	-	TR	TR	TR
Red Fox	-	C	-	-	C	-
Raccoon	TP	C, TR	TP	C, TP, TR	C	C
Domestic Cat	-	C, TP	TP	C, TP, TR	-	C
Total species detected^a	2	6	3	7	3	4

^a Totals exclude generic counts unless no other species in that group were detected (for example, Shrew spp. would be counted if no other specific shrew was detected).

Table 54. Mammal species detection rates and site occupancy at seven indirect measure stations at Sagamore Hill National Historic Site during two sampling sessions in 2004.

[-, species not detected]

Species detected	Session 1 (4/28/2004 – 5/12/2004)		Session 2 (11/16/2004 – 11/22/2004)	
	Number of stations occupied (proportion)	Mean detection rate (SE) ^a	Number of stations occupied (proportion)	Mean detection rate (SE) ^a
Virginia Opossum	6 (0.86)	1.12 (0.70)	3 (0.43)	0.62 (0.42)
Shrew spp.	-	-	1 (0.14)	0.10 (0.10)
Gray Squirrel	-	-	1 (0.14)	0.05 (0.05)
Southern Flying Squirrel	-	-	3 (0.43)	0.14 (0.07)
Mouse/Vole spp.	-	-	1 (0.14)	0.05 (0.05)
Red Fox	2 (0.29)	0.07 (0.05)	-	-
Raccoon	7 (1.00)	4.62 (1.05)	5 (0.71)	1.10 (0.77)
Domestic Cat	5 (0.71)	0.29 (0.13)	5 (0.71)	0.76 (0.34)

^a The mean rate of detection and standard error over all stations, including those stations where the species was not detected (detection rate = 0). Species detection rates were calculated for each station by dividing the total number of individual species detections for all checks at a station (camera and trackplate only) by the number of checks made at that station. SE, the standard error of the mean.

Table 55. Mammal capture rates and site occupancy for seven trapping stations (four with fox-sized live traps) at Sagamore Hill National Historic Site during sampling session 2 (11/16/2004–11/23/2004).

Species detected	Number of new captures	Number of stations occupied (proportion) ^a	Mean rate of new individuals captured (SE) ^b
Virginia Opossum	3	3 (0.60)	0.10 (0.04)
Northern Short-tailed Shrew	11	3 (0.43)	0.26 (0.14)
White-footed Mouse	19	5 (0.71)	0.45 (0.15)
Raccoon	3	2 (0.40)	0.10 (0.06)
Domestic Cat	1	1 (0.20)	0.03 (0.03)

^a Small-mammal and squirrel-sized live traps were placed at all seven stations whereas fox-sized live traps were set at only five; therefore, the number of stations at which medium-sized mammals (Domestic Cat, Raccoon, Virginia Opossum) could be captured was reduced to five for individual species for each night of sampling.

^b Rates were calculated for each station by dividing the total number of new individuals captured (per species) by the number of nights that traps were operational. SE, standard error of the mean.

survey bats in this study, and do not have any evidence that this species occurs in the park.

Allegheny Woodrats were once found on cliffs and talus slopes of southeastern New York, but were extirpated from the state by 1987 (New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, 2005a). Their decline may be linked to the increase in Raccoons and their susceptibility to Raccoon Roundworm (*Baylisascaris procyonis*) (New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, 2005a) or climate change (Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998). Regardless of the reason, the occurrence of Allegheny Woodrats in New York is unlikely (New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, 2005a). They are not expected to occur at SAHI.

Both the Eastern Cougar and the Gray Wolf were extirpated from New York State. A single specimen of a Gray Wolf taken from Glen Cove, Long Island, in 1951 exists at the American Museum of Natural History. The late date of this voucher is highly suspect and little information is known about the museum specimen. Although the State of New York has considered reintroduction of Gray Wolves in the Adirondack Mountain region as part of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's recovery plan for the species (New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, 2005d), there are no plans to reintroduce Cougar to New York (New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, 2005c). Cou-

gars are occasionally seen throughout New York, but they are probably pets that have been released to the wild (New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, 2005c). Gray Wolves and Eastern Cougars are unlikely to return to SAHI. The closely related and highly adaptable Coyote (*Canis latrans*) does not currently occur on Long Island, but has recently been documented in Central Park in Manhattan; it is likely that this species will one day inhabit Long Island.

Historical records show a broad distribution of Canada Lynx throughout the Northeast, including New York, prior to 1900 (Hoving and others, 2003). Lynx were considered relatively common in the Adirondacks and were recorded east of Albany, but became rare by the late 1800s (Hoving and others, 2003). Only 23 records of Canada Lynx from the 1900s are known, mostly from the Adirondacks (McKelvey and others, 1999). If Lynx occur in New York, they are likely to be found in high-elevation boreal forest, probably in the northern part of the state. Canada Lynx live in areas of deep snow through which they can pursue their preferred prey, Snowshoe Hare (Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998; Hoving and others, 2005). Lynx are not predicted to inhabit southern New York, including SAHI.

Small-footed Myotis is considered one of the rarest bats in North America and is found in mountainous regions throughout the Northeast, including New York (Best and Jennings, 1997). They hibernate in caves or mines, but little is known about their summer habits (Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998). Given the lack of information about this species, it is impossible to determine whether this species occurs at SAHI.

The New England Cottontail (*Sylvilagus transitionalis*) is a species of special concern in New York and the Federal government was petitioned to list the species as federally threatened or endangered; the listing status was recently updated to level two for final determination on the proposed listing (CFR 50-17; 06:53756-53835). Although the range of the New England Cottontail is believed to be much reduced from its former range (Litvaitis and others, 2003), the species does occur from the Hudson River Valley southeast to Long Island (Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998). This lagomorph is closely related to the Eastern Cottontail (*S. floridanus*), which is common across Long Island (Connor, 1971), and the two species can be easily confused because they are similar in appearance. Typically, New England Cottontail prefers dense thickets (Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2005b). Cottontails were not detected in the park as part of this inventory, but museum specimens of both species are available for Nassau County (Connor, 1971; table 56), and it is possible that this species occurs at SAHI. Identification requires DNA analysis or examination of skull structure to distinguish the two species (Whitaker and Hamilton, 1998; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2005b); therefore, determining physical evidence such as a skeleton, biological tissue, or fecal material is required to confirm species identification (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2005b).

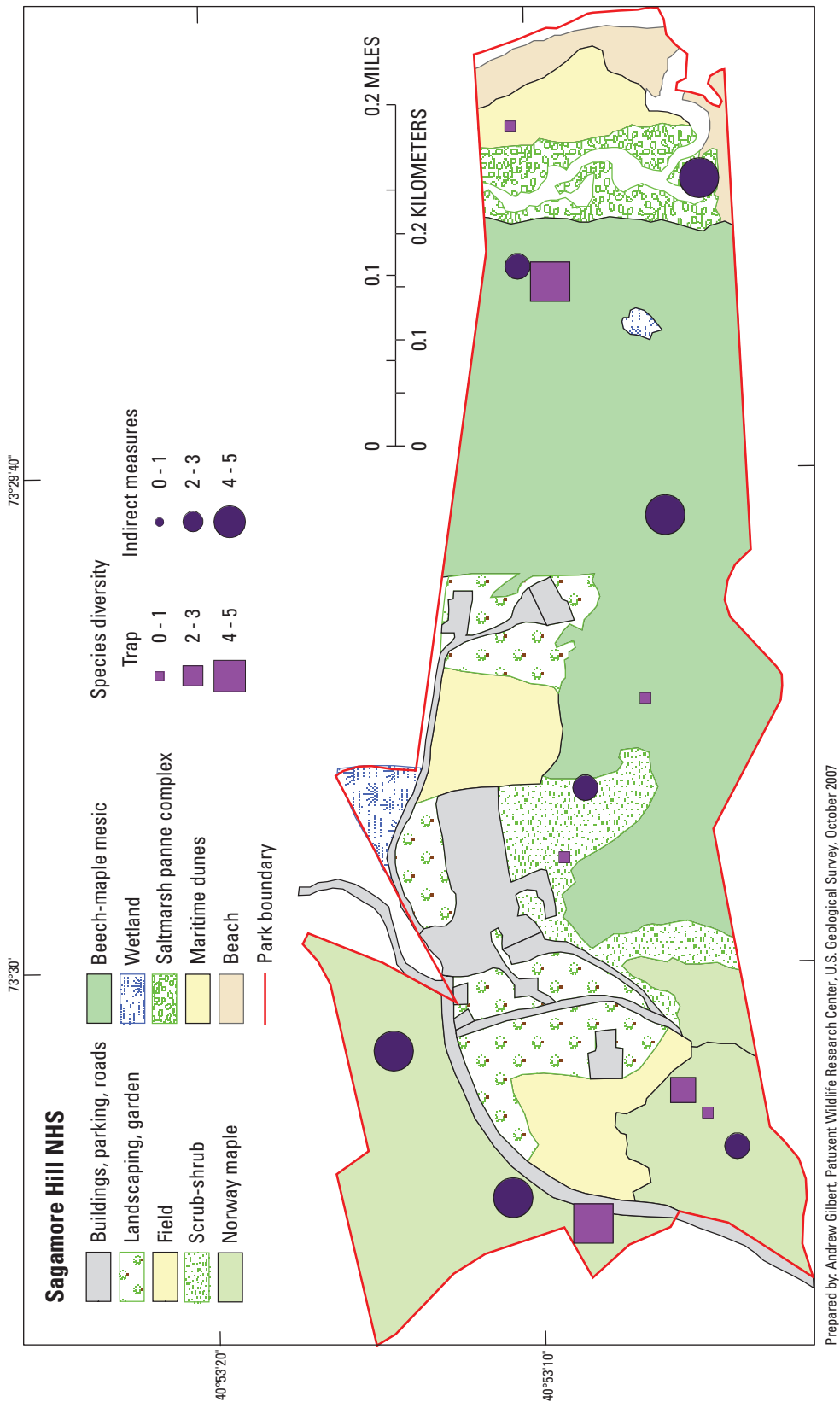


Figure 35. Species diversity at trapping and indirect measure sampling stations during the 2004 mammal inventory at Sagamore Hill National Historic Site.

Table 56. Mammal specimens in museum collections and their proximity to Sagamore Hill National Historic Site.

[Proximity-to-park codes: 1, collected within park boundaries; 2, collected in the town (Oyster Bay, N.Y.) the park is located in; 3, collected in the county (Nassau) the park is located in. Institutions: AMNH, American Museum of Natural History; FMNH, Field Museum of Natural History. -, no specimens]

Species ^a	Proximity to park			Institutions
	1	2	3	
Virginia Opossum (<i>Didelphis virginiana</i>)	-	-	2	AMNH
Masked Shrew (<i>Sorex cinereus</i>)	-	-	11	AMNH
Northern Short-tailed Shrew (<i>Blarina brevicauda</i>)	-	-	18	AMNH
Star-nosed Mole (<i>Condylura cristata</i>)	-	-	2	AMNH
Eastern Mole (<i>Scalopus aquaticus</i>)	-	-	8	AMNH
Big Brown Bat (<i>Eptesicus fuscus</i>)	-	1	3	AMNH
Red Bat (<i>Lasiurus borealis</i>)	-	-	14	AMNH
Eastern Cottontail (<i>Sylvilagus floridanus</i>)	-	1	12	AMNH
New England Cottontail (<i>S. transitionalis</i>)	-	-	5	AMNH
Cottontail sp. (<i>Sylvilagus</i> spp.)	-	-	2	AMNH
Snowshoe Hare (<i>Lepus americanus</i>)	-	-	1	AMNH
Gray Squirrel (<i>Sciurus carolinensis</i>)	-	-	2	AMNH
Southern Flying Squirrel (<i>Glaucomys volans</i>)	-	-	1	AMNH
Woodchuck (<i>Marmota monax</i>)	-	-	1	AMNH
Muskrat (<i>Ondatra zibethicus</i>)	-	-	1	AMNH
White-footed Mouse (<i>Peromyscus leucopus</i>)	-	-	55	AMNH
Meadow Vole (<i>Microtus pennsylvanicus</i>)	-	-	28	AMNH, FMNH
Woodland Vole (<i>M. pinetorum</i>)	-	-	5	AMNH
Meadow Jumping Mouse (<i>Zapus hudsonius</i>)	-	-	1	AMNH
House Mouse (<i>Mus musculus</i>)	-	-	12	AMNH
Norway Rat (<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>)	-	-	1	AMNH
Gray Wolf (<i>Canis lupus</i>)	-	-	1	AMNH
Long-tailed Weasel (<i>Mustela frenata</i>)	-	-	3	AMNH
Mink (<i>M. vison</i>)	-	-	1	AMNH
Domestic Cat (<i>Felis silvestris</i>)	-	-	1	AMNH
European Wild Boar (<i>Sus scrofa</i>)	-	-	2	AMNH
Common Dolphin (<i>Delphinus delphis</i>)	-	-	1	AMNH
Atlantic Harbor Porpoise (<i>Phocoena phocoena</i>)	-	-	1	AMNH
Long-finned Pilot Whale (<i>Globicephala melas</i>)	-	-	1	AMNH
Pygmy Sperm Whale (<i>Kogia breviceps</i>)	-	-	1	AMNH
Goose-beaked Whale (<i>Ziphius cavirostris</i>)	-	-	2	AMNH

^a Specimen data available through the National Park Service, NPSpecies database. For more information see: Gilbert and O'Connell, 2004; O'Connell and others, 2004; and A.F. O'Connell and A.T. Gilbert, unpublished data available at the USGS Patuxent Wildlife Research Center laboratory in Beltsville, Md..

Suggestions for Further Study

We endeavored in this study to conduct a complete survey of the terrestrial mammals in 10 national parks in the Northeast, using multiple survey techniques and sampling periods, but we invariably failed to detect some species. The total area necessary to sample, the relatively short period of time involved, and the resources available limited our ability to sample as often or as completely as we would have liked. Nevertheless, we believe that the sampling framework used in this study provides a good foundation for future studies in these parks to extend results for species that were not well documented. The need to sample many species with disparate behaviors and habitat usage resulted in a generalized approach to sampling that could not target all species. More comprehensive results may be gathered for a narrow group of species if future inventories focus on single or at least fewer species or utilize a single technique with more comprehensive sampling (in time and (or) space). Species-specific sampling is required among mammals with different life-history strategies (Jones, 1996) and will necessitate further study for some groups that our sampling methods did not target.

For example, we did not sufficiently sample shrews in this study. Shrews require unique methods to adequately detect or capture a representative sample. The use of pitfall traps greatly increases the effectiveness of trapping shrews (Williams and Braun, 1983; Bury and Corn, 1987; Kalko and Handley, 1993); however, pitfall traps can damage sensitive archaeological resources if placed indiscriminately. Our work on shrews was limited because we encountered difficulties in obtaining permission from NPS cultural resource managers to use pitfalls. Development of a comprehensive NPS-Northeast plan that provides sampling guidelines sufficiently flexible to enable thorough inventories while ensuring that cultural resources are safeguarded would inform investigators of potential constraints early in the study planning process, reducing work delays and costs, and allow study objectives to be refined prior to implementing field work. Further inventory work on shrews is needed to more fully document these species.

Finally, additional reconnaissance is needed to determine the status of threatened or endangered species at each unit. In some cases, NPS units can serve as a temporary refuge for species like bats that migrate through these areas, or species with large home ranges (for example, carnivores) that

extend beyond park boundaries. For these species, surveys must accommodate the timing of migration events or work must extend beyond park boundaries. In the latter case, the NPS could benefit from close interactions with local and state resource agencies and private landowners. The potential for threatened or endangered species to occur at each park has been discussed previously; this information can be used by resource managers as guidance for further studies of those species that may occur within respective parks and to determine whether further management action is necessary once their status is determined. Of the state and federally listed mammals reported here, Indiana Bat, Small-footed Myotis, and New England Cottontail have the greatest likelihood of occurring within park boundaries. A comprehensive survey of bats within all parks would yield valuable information. We did not inventory bats, but chose to compile information about the Indiana Bat and Small-footed Myotis to provide background information for future consideration. We did not detect New England Cottontail during this study and further targeted surveys would be necessary to understand the distribution of the New England Cottontail within the project parks.

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Appendix A. ArcObjects programming code for the macro developed to generate a sampling grid in ArcMap 8.1.

Attribute VB_Name = "Grid"

'++ This program will create a randomized grid a specified length in meters
'++ The origin is the lower left hand corner of the coverage and is randomly
'++ located within a square grid-sized area at before the origin point so as to
'++ randomize the grid on the surface

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Option Explicit
Private Sub Grid()

Dim mx As IMxDocument
Dim pID As New UID
Dim pEditor As IEditor
Dim pFeatLayer As IFeatureLayer2
Dim pDataset As IDataset
Dim pActiveView As IActiveView
Dim pLayer As ILayer
Dim pEnvelope As IEnvelope2
Dim GridEnvelope As IEnvelope2
Dim pFeatWrk As IFeatureWorkspace
Dim pFeatCls As IFeatureClass
Dim pFeatCurs As IFeatureCursor
Dim pFeatBuff As IFeatureBuffer
Dim pFeat As IFeature
Dim pEnumDatasetName As IEnumDatasetName
Dim pDatasetName As IDatasetName
Dim bfilefound As Boolean
Dim deletefcresp, response As Integer
Dim layer_selected As ILayer2
Dim pGridLayer As IFeatureLayer
Dim Gridtext, Gridsizetotext As String
Dim Gridsize, lowerX, lowerY, upperX, upperY As Double
Dim X1, Y1, X2, Y2 As Double
Dim gridPT, fromPt As IPoint
Dim startX, startY, randX, randY As Double
Dim GridIDNum As Integer
Dim pPointCollection As IPointCollection
Dim pPolygon As IPolygon
Dim polyset As esriCore.ISet
Dim pUnknown As IUnknown
Dim pArea As IArea
Dim centerPT As IPoint
Dim pFilter As ISpatialFilter


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Dim pPtFeatCurs As IFeatureCursor
Dim pPtFeature As IFeature
Dim pFeatclsboundary As IFeatureClass

MsgBox "This program will create a systematic grid of M meters " & vbNewLine _
& "on a side and randomly place the lower left corner up to M meters " & vbNewLine _
& "along the X axis and M meters from the Y axis to randomize the grid." & _
vbNewLine & vbNewLine & "Program written by: Andrew Gilbert" & vbNewLine & _
"Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, USGS" & vbNewLine & "Ver. 1.2" & vbNewLine _
& vbNewLine & "Please select a layer for the extent. ", 0, "Random Systematic Sample"

Randomize
Set mx = ThisDocument
Set layer_selected = mx.SelectedLayer
If layer_selected Is Nothing Then
    Err.Raise 91, , "No layer selected." & vbNewLine & "Select a layer in the Table of Contents"
Else
    Set pLayer = mx.SelectedLayer
    pID = "esriCore.Editor"
    Set pEditor = Application.FindExtensionByCLSID(pID)
End If

'++ Calls the editor for editing
If pEditor.EditState = esriStateEditing Then
    MsgBox "You are already editing something - Stop editing first."
    Exit Sub
End If

'++ Determines if the selected layer is a feature layer
If TypeOf pLayer Is IFeatureLayer Then
    Set pFeatLayer = pLayer
    Set pDataset = pFeatLayer.FeatureClass
    Set pFeatclsboundary = pDataset

    pEditor.StartEditing pDataset.Workspace
    pEditor.StartOperation
Else
    MsgBox "You must select a feature layer!", vbExclamation
    Exit Sub
End If
Set pEnvelope = pLayer.AreaOfInterest
lowerX = pEnvelope.xmin
lowerY = pEnvelope.ymin
upperX = pEnvelope.xmax
upperY = pEnvelope.ymax

'++ Enter the grid size
Gridsize = Val(InputBox("Please enter the grid size in meters: ", "Gridsize"))
'++ if cancel, then stop the process
If Gridsize = 0 Then
    pEditor.StopOperation "Grid"
    pEditor.StopEditing (False)
    MsgBox "Process cancelled."
    Exit Sub
End If
Gridsizetotext = Format(Round(Gridsize))

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Gridtext = "Sampling_grid_" & Gridsizetotext & "m"
startX = lowerX - Rnd() * Gridsize
startY = lowerY - Rnd() * Gridsize

Set GridEnvelope = pEnvelope.Envelope
GridEnvelope.xmin = lowerX - Gridsize - 1
GridEnvelope.ymin = lowerY - Gridsize - 1
GridEnvelope.xmax = upperX + Gridsize + 1
GridEnvelope.ymax = upperY + Gridsize + 1

'++ Determine if the featurclass already exists, if not create it
bfilefound = False
Set pEnumDatasetName = pDataset.Workspace.DatasetNames(esriDTFeatureClass)
Set pDatasetName = pEnumDatasetName.Next
Do Until (pDatasetName Is Nothing Or bfilefound = True)
    If pDatasetName.Name = Gridtext Then bfilefound = True
    Set pDatasetName = pEnumDatasetName.Next
Loop
If bfilefound = False Then
    Create_grid GridEnvelope, Gridtext '++ Create the grid featureclass
Else
    deletefcresp = MsgBox("Sampling grid file already exists." & vbNewLine & _
        "Ok to delete features? (Hit NO to Exit)", vbYesNo)
    If deletefcresp = vbNo Then '++ Stop process and cancel out of program
        pEditor.StopOperation "Add center points"
        pEditor.StopEditing (False)
        MsgBox "Process cancelled."
        Exit Sub
    End If
End If
'++ Determine if the Sampling_grid feature class exists, delete data if so
Set pFeatWrk = pDataset.Workspace
Set pFeatCls = pFeatWrk.OpenFeatureClass(Gridtext)
If deletefcresp = vbYes Then '++ Delete records in the file first
    Set pFeatCurs = pFeatCls.Search(Nothing, False)
    Set pFeat = pFeatCurs.NextFeature
    Do Until pFeat Is Nothing
        pFeat.Delete
        Set pFeat = pFeatCurs.NextFeature
    Loop
    pFeatCurs.Flush
End If

Set pPointCollection = New Polygon
Set polyset = New esriCore.Set
X1 = startX
X2 = startX + Gridsize
Y1 = startY
Y2 = startY + Gridsize

'++ Create each grid polygon by starting at a the lower left starting point and
'++ creating towards the upper right side until the grid extends beyond the current envelope
Do While Y1 < upperY
    Do While X1 < upperX
        Set gridPT = New Point
        gridPT.x = X1

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        gridPT.Y = Y1
        pPointCollection.AddPoint gridPT
        Set gridPT = New Point
        gridPT.x = X1
        gridPT.Y = Y2
        pPointCollection.AddPoint gridPT
        Set gridPT = New Point
        gridPT.x = X2
        gridPT.Y = Y2
        pPointCollection.AddPoint gridPT
        Set gridPT = New Point
        gridPT.x = X2
        gridPT.Y = Y1
        pPointCollection.AddPoint gridPT
        Set pPolygon = pPointCollection
        pPolygon.Close
        polyset.Add pPolygon
        Set pPointCollection = New Polygon
        X1 = X2
        X2 = X2 + Gridsize
    Loop
    X1 = startX
    X2 = startX + Gridsize
    Y1 = Y2
    Y2 = Y2 + Gridsize
Loop

'++ Store the polygons in the Sampling_grid featureclass
Set pFeatCurs = pFeatCls.Insert(True)
Set pFeatBuff = pFeatCls.CreateFeatureBuffer
polyset.Reset
Set pUnknown = polyset.Next
GridIDNum = 0
Do Until pUnknown Is Nothing
    Set pArea = pUnknown
    Set centerPT = New Point
    Set centerPT = pArea.Centroid
    Set pFilter = New SpatialFilter
    With pFilter
        Set .Geometry = centerPT
        .GeometryField = "Shape"
        .SpatialRel = esriSpatialRelWithin
    End With
    Set pPtFeatCurs = pFeatClsboundary.Search(pFilter, False)
    Set pPtFeature = pPtFeatCurs.NextFeature
    '++ If the center point falls within the boundaries of the park
    '++ then save the grid to the feature class and write the center X and Y
    '++ as well as random X and Y coords for use in sampling
    If Not pPtFeature Is Nothing Then
        GridIDNum = GridIDNum + 1
        Set pFeatBuff.Shape = pUnknown
        pFeatBuff.Value(4) = centerPT.x
        pFeatBuff.Value(5) = centerPT.Y
        Set pPolygon = New Polygon
        Set pPolygon = pUnknown
        Set fromPt = New Point

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        pPolygon.QueryFromPoint fromPt '++ starting poly pt
        '++ random coords within the grid
        randX = fromPt.x + Rnd() * Gridsize
        randY = fromPt.Y + Rnd() * Gridsize
        pFeatBuff.Value(6) = randX
        pFeatBuff.Value(7) = randY
        pFeatBuff.Value(8) = GridIDNum
        pFeatCurs.InsertFeature pFeatBuff
        pFeatCurs.Flush
    End If
    Set pUnknown = polyset.Next
Loop
'++ Stop the Edit session and ask to save edits.
response = MsgBox("Would you like to save edits?", vbYesNo)
If response = vbYes Then
    pEditor.StopOperation ""
    pEditor.StopEditing (True)
    MsgBox "Edits were saved"
Else
    pEditor.StopOperation ""
    pEditor.StopEditing (False)
    MsgBox "You DID NOT save the edits"
    Exit Sub
End If

'++ Open the Sample_points fc in a new layer
Set pGridLayer = New FeatureLayer
Set pGridLayer.FeatureClass = pFeatCls
pGridLayer.Name = pFeatCls.AliasName
pGridLayer.Visible = True
mx.AddLayer pGridLayer
Set pActiveView = mx.ActiveView
pActiveView.Refresh

Exit Sub

ErrorHandler:
Select Case Err.Number
    Case Is <> 0
        MsgBox "Error: " & Err.Description, vbCritical, "Error " & Err.Number
    End Select
    If pEditor.EditState = esriStateEditing Then
        pEditor.StopOperation "Error handler"
        pEditor.StopEditing (False)
    End If
    Err.Clear
    Exit Sub

End Sub

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Sub Create_grid(ByVal CreateEnv As IEnvelope, ByVal Gridname As String)
'++ This piece of code creates a new Fields collection, sets the number of Field(s) in the Fields collection
'++ and sets the Field at each position in the Fields collection, and creates a new FeatureClass

Dim pFields As IFields
Dim pField As IField
Dim pFieldsEdit As IFieldsEdit
Dim pFieldEdit As IFieldEdit
Dim pGeoDef As IGeometryDef
Dim pGeoDefEdit As IGeometryDefEdit
Dim pSpRef As ISpatialReference
Dim pSpRfc As SpatialReferenceEnvironment
Dim pPCS As IProjectedCoordinateSystem
Dim pGridWrkFact As IWorkspaceFactory2
Dim pGridWork As IWorkspace
Dim pGridFeatWork As IFeatureWorkspace
Dim pGridDataset As IDataset
Dim pGridFeatCls As IFeatureClass
Dim pGridLayer As ILayer
Dim strFileloc As String
Dim xmin, ymin, xmax, ymax As Double

strFileloc = GetLayerPath

Set pGridWrkFact = New AccessWorkspaceFactory
Set pGridFeatWork = pGridWrkFact.OpenFromFile(strFileloc, 0)
Set pFields = New Fields
Set pFieldsEdit = pFields
pFieldsEdit.FieldCount = 9
xmin = CreateEnv.xmin
ymin = CreateEnv.ymin
xmax = CreateEnv.xmax
ymax = CreateEnv.ymax
Set pSpRfc = New SpatialReferenceEnvironment
Set pPCS = pSpRfc.CreateProjectedCoordinateSystem(esriSRProjCS_NAD1983UTM_18N)
pPCS.SetDomain xmin, xmax, ymin, ymax
Set pSpRef = pPCS

'++ create new Field(0)
Set pField = New Field
Set pFieldEdit = pField
With pFieldEdit
    .IsNullable = False
    .Name = "OID"
    .Type = esriFieldTypeOID
End With

Set pFieldsEdit.Field(0) = pField

'++ Create geometry definition for FeatureClass
Set pGeoDef = New GeometryDef
Set pGeoDefEdit = pGeoDef
With pGeoDefEdit
    .AvgNumPoints = 1
    .GeometryType = esriGeometryPolygon
    .GridCount = 1

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        .Gridsize(0) = 200
        .HasM = False
        .HasZ = False
        Set .SpatialReference = pSpRef
End With

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'++ Create shape field
Set pField = New Field
Set pFieldEdit = pField
With pFieldEdit
    .Name = "Shape"
    .Type = esriFieldTypeGeometry
Set .GeometryDef = pGeoDef
    .Nullable = True
    .Required = True
End With
Set pFieldsEdit.Field(1) = pField

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'++ Create new Field(2)
Set pField = New Field
Set pFieldEdit = pField
With pFieldEdit
    .Nullable = True
    .Name = "Sample"
    .Editable = True
    .Type = esriFieldTypeInteger
End With
Set pFieldsEdit.Field(2) = pField

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'++ Create new Field(3)
Set pField = New Field
Set pFieldEdit = pField
With pFieldEdit
    .Nullable = True
    .Name = "Sample_type"
    .Editable = True
    .Type = esriFieldTypeString
End With
Set pFieldsEdit.Field(3) = pField

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'++ Create new Field(4)- center X coord
Set pField = New Field
Set pFieldEdit = pField
With pFieldEdit
    .Nullable = True
    .Name = "Centroid_X"
    .Editable = True
    .Type = esriFieldTypeDouble
End With
Set pFieldsEdit.Field(4) = pField

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'++ Create new Field(5)- center Y coord
Set pField = New Field
Set pFieldEdit = pField
With pFieldEdit
    .Nullable = True

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        .Name = "Centroid_Y"
        .Editable = True
        .Type = esriFieldTypeDouble
    End With
    Set pFieldsEdit.Field(5) = pField

'++ Create new Field(6)- random X coord
Set pField = New Field
Set pFieldEdit = pField
With pFieldEdit
    .IsNullable = True
    .Name = "Random_X"
    .Editable = True
    .Type = esriFieldTypeDouble
End With
Set pFieldsEdit.Field(6) = pField

'++ Create new Field(7) - random Y coord
Set pField = New Field
Set pFieldEdit = pField
With pFieldEdit
    .IsNullable = True
    .Name = "Random_Y"
    .Editable = True
    .Type = esriFieldTypeDouble
End With
Set pFieldsEdit.Field(7) = pField
'++ Create new Field(8) - grid ID for linking habitat data
Set pField = New Field
Set pFieldEdit = pField
With pFieldEdit
    .IsNullable = True
    .Name = "GridID"
    .Editable = True
    .Type = esriFieldTypeInteger
End With
Set pFieldsEdit.Field(8) = pField

'++ Create new feature class called "Sampling_grid"
Set pGridFeatCls = pGridFeatWork.CreateFeatureClass(Gridname, pFields, Nothing, Nothing, esriFTSimple, "Shape", "")

End Sub

Function GetLayerPath() As String
'++ Adapted from ESRI online
'++ http://support.esri.com/index.cfm?fa=knowledgebase.techarticles.articleShow&d=21579
'++ Retrieves the full path for the selected layer and passes it as a string

Dim pDoc As IMxDocument
Dim pMap As IMap
Dim pLayer As IFeatureLayer
Dim pFc As IFeatureClass
Dim pDataset As IDataset
Dim pWorkspace As IWorkspace

Set pDoc = ThisDocument 'Get the first map in the document

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Set pMap = pDoc.FocusMap      'Get the first layer in the map
Set pLayer = pMap.Layer(0)    'Get the feature class for the first layer
Set pFc = pLayer.FeatureClass 'Gets the dataset for standalone feature class
Set pDataset = pFc
Set pWorkspace = pDataset.Workspace
GetLayerPath = pWorkspace.PathName

End Function
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Appendix B. ArcObjects programming code for the macro developed to draw randomized systematic samples by strata in ArcMap 8.1.

Attribute VB_Name = "Systematic_sampling"

'++ This program will assign N samples using a random systematic design to
'++ a park grid. This procedure follows Paul Geissler's systematic sampling technique.

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'++ Version 1.6

Option Explicit

Dim pID As New UID
Dim mx As IMxDocument
Dim pMap As IMap
Dim pFeatCls As IFeatureClass
Dim pFeatLayer As IFeatureLayer
Dim pDataset As IDataset
Dim pLayer As ILayer
Dim pField As IField
Dim pFields As IFields
Dim pFieldEdit As IFieldEdit
Dim pEditor As IEditor
Dim pEditState, layersselected As Integer
Dim layer_selected As ILayer
Dim samplefield, sampletypefield As Long
Dim pSampleFeatCls As IFeatureClass
Dim pFeatWrk As IFeatureWorkspace
Dim pFeatCurs, pSamplePtFeatCurs As IFeatureCursor
Dim pFeatBuff, pSamplePtFeatBuff As IFeatureBuffer
Dim pFeature, pSamplePtFeat, pFeat As IFeature
Dim pTable, pSampleTable As ITable

Private Sub Random_systematic_sample()

Dim addfieldresp, deletefcresp As Integer
Dim pRowBuffer As IRowBuffer
Dim pQueryFilt As IQueryFilter
Dim pEnumDatasetName As IEnumDatasetName
Dim pDatasetName As IDatasetName
Dim pGeom As IGeometry
Dim pFlds As IFields
Dim pFld As IField
Dim bfilefound As Boolean

Randomize

MsgBox "This program will sample a grid using a random " & _

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“systematic sampling procedure.” & vbNewLine & vbNewLine & _
“Program written by: Andrew Gilbert” & vbNewLine & _
“Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, USGS” & vbNewLine & “Ver. 1.6” & vbNewLine _
& vbNewLine & “Please select the grid layer.” , 0, “Random Systematic Sample”

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Set mx = ThisDocument
Set layer_selected = mx.SelectedLayer
If layer_selected Is Nothing Then
    Err.Raise 91, , “No layer selected.” & vbNewLine & “Select the grid layer in the Table of Contents”
Else
    Set pLayer = mx.SelectedLayer
    pID = “esriCore.Editor”
    Set pEditor = Application.FindExtensionByCLSID(pID)
End If

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‘++ Calls the editor for editing
If pEditor.EditState = esriStateEditing Then
    MsgBox “You are already editing something - Stop editing first.”
    Exit Sub
End If

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‘++ Determines if the selected layer is a feature layer
If TypeOf pLayer Is IFeatureLayer Then
    Set pFeatLayer = pLayer
    Set pDataset = pFeatLayer.FeatureClass
    Set pTable = pDataset
    Set pFeatCls = pDataset
Else
    MsgBox “You must select a feature layer!”, vbExclamation
    Exit Sub
End If

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Set pFields = pTable.Fields
samplefield = pFields.FindField(“Sample”)
sampletypefield = pFields.FindField(“Sample_type”)
If -1 = samplefield Then
    MsgBox “Grid sample field does not exist.” & vbNewLine & _
        “Create sample and sample_type fields!”
    ‘++ Stop process and cancel out of program
    MsgBox “Process cancelled.”, vbExclamation
    Exit Sub
End If

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‘++ If the Grid_sample field exists, begin the sampling procedure
Set pQueryFilt = New QueryFilter
pQueryFilt.WhereClause = “[SAMPLE] > 0”
Set pFeatCurs = pFeatCls.Update(pQueryFilt, False)
Set pFeat = pFeatCurs.NextFeature
‘++ If sample exist: delete old samples, else new samples will be added
If Not pFeat Is Nothing Then
    addfieldresp = MsgBox(“Sample already exists.” & vbNewLine & _
        “Do you want to delete the samples?” & vbNewLine & _
        “No to keep samples and add new ones to them.”, vbYesNo)
    If addfieldresp = vbYes Then
        Do Until pFeat Is Nothing
            pFeat.Value(samplefield) = Null

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        pFeat.Value(sampletypefield) = Null
        pFeatCurs.UpdateFeature pFeat
        Set pFeat = pFeatCurs.NextFeature
    Loop
    pFeatCurs.Flush
End If
End If
'++ Determine if the featurclass already exists, if not create it
bfilefound = False
Set pEnumDatasetName = pDataset.Workspace.DatasetNames(esriDTFeatureClass)
Set pDatasetName = pEnumDatasetName.Next
Do Until (pDatasetName Is Nothing Or bfilefound = True)
    If pDatasetName.Name = "Sample_points" Then bfilefound = True
    Set pDatasetName = pEnumDatasetName.Next
Loop
If bfilefound = False Then
    Create_points_featcls '++ Create if not
Else
    deletefcresp = MsgBox("Sample point file already exists." & vbNewLine & _
        "Is it ok to append features? (Hit NO to delete points)", vbYesNo)
    If deletefcresp = vbNo Then '++ Delete sample points
        Set pFeatWrk = pDataset.Workspace '++ open the fc
        Set pSampleFeatCls = pFeatWrk.OpenFeatureClass("Sample_points")
        Set pSamplePtFeatCurs = pSampleFeatCls.Search(Nothing, False)
        Set pSamplePtFeat = pSamplePtFeatCurs.NextFeature
        Do Until pSamplePtFeat Is Nothing
            pSamplePtFeat.Delete '++ Delete records in the file first
            Set pSamplePtFeat = pSamplePtFeatCurs.NextFeature
        Loop
        pSamplePtFeatCurs.Flush
    End If
End If
Sample '++ call sampling procedure

Exit Sub

ErrorHandler:
Select Case Err.Number
    Case Is = 91
        MsgBox "Error: Layer not selected!", vbCritical, "Error " & Err.Number
    Case Is <> 91 Or 0
        MsgBox "Error: " & Err.Description, vbCritical, "Error " & Err.Number
        If pEditor.EditState = esriStateEditing Then
            pEditor.StopOperation "Error handler"
            pEditor.StopEditing (False)
        End If
End Select
Err.Clear
Exit Sub

End Sub

Private Sub Sample()
'++ Assign a user specified number of random systematic samples to the grid

```

On Error GoTo ErrorHandler

```
Dim response As Integer
Dim i, samplenum, samples, N As Long
Dim Cent_Xfield, Cent_Yfield, Rand_Xfield, Rand_Yfield As Long
Dim X_coord, Y_coord As Double
Dim k, randstart, samplinglength As Double
Dim sample_resp, habitat_sampled As String
Dim pPoint As IPoint
Dim pSampleLayer As IFeatureLayer
Dim pActiveView As IActiveView
Dim pHabitatQuery As IQueryFilter
Dim proceed As Boolean
```

```
Set mx = ThisDocument
Set pLayer = mx.SelectedLayer
Set pFeatLayer = pLayer
Set pDataset = pFeatLayer.FeatureClass
Set pTable = pDataset
Set pFeatCls = pDataset
'++ Input the habitat class to sample
habitat_sampled = ""
habitat_sampled = InputBox("Enter the habitat to generate sample points for: ", "Habitat")
samples = Len(habitat_sampled)
If samples = 0 Then '++ If user cancels out - then exit program.
    MsgBox "Goodbye.", vbExclamation
    Exit Sub
End If
```

```
'++ select those grid cells of habitat to be sampled
Set pHabitatQuery = New QueryFilter
pHabitatQuery.WhereClause = "[HABITAT] Like '" & habitat_sampled & "'"
N = pFeatCls.FeatureCount(pHabitatQuery) '++ Determine the number of grids to sample
MsgBox "There are " & N & " " & habitat_sampled & " grids to select from.", vbExclamation
proceed = False
Do Until proceed = True
    '++ Input the number of samples to generate
    sample_resp = 0
    sample_resp = InputBox("Enter the number of sampling points: ", "Sample Number")
    samples = Int(Val(sample_resp))
    If samples = 0 Then '++ If user cancels out - then exit program.
        MsgBox "Goodbye.", vbExclamation
        Exit Sub
    End If
    If N < samples Then
        MsgBox "There are only " & N & " grids with this habitat. " & _
            vbNewLine & "You can't exceed the number of grids!", vbCritical
    Else: proceed = True
    End If
Loop
```

```
Set pFeatWrk = pDataset.Workspace
Set pSampleFeatCls = pFeatWrk.OpenFeatureClass("Sample_points")
Set pSamplePtFeatCurs = pSampleFeatCls.Insert(True)
Set pSamplePtFeatBuff = pSampleFeatCls.CreateFeatureBuffer
```



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Set pFeatCurs = Nothing
Set pFeatCls.Update(pHabitatQuery, False)
samplefield = pTable.FindField("Sample")
sampletypefield = pTable.FindField("Sample_type")
Cent_Xfield = pTable.FindField("Centroid_X")
Cent_Yfield = pTable.FindField("Centroid_Y")
Rand_Xfield = pTable.FindField("Random_X")
Rand_Yfield = pTable.FindField("Random_Y")
'++ Calculate sampling lengths, random starting values
k = N / samples
randstart = Rnd() * k
samplinglength = k
samplenum = 0
i = 0

'++ Assign a user defined number of samples to sample a grid systematically based on
'++ a random starting point
Set pFeat = pFeatCurs.NextFeature
Do Until pFeat Is Nothing
    i = i + 1
    Application.StatusBar.Message(0) = Str(i) & " grids processed"

    If (i + k - randstart) >= samplinglength Then '++ If sample, then set to sampling #
        samplinglength = samplinglength + k
        samplenum = samplenum + 1
        pFeat.Value(samplefield) = samplenum
        pFeat.Value(sampletypefield) = pFeat.Value(sampletypefield) & habitat_sampled & _
        "_systematic_" & Format(samplenum)
        pFeatCurs.UpdateFeature pFeat
        '++ Add new points to the new sample point file
        Set pPoint = New Point
        X_coord = pFeat.Value(Rand_Xfield)
        Y_coord = pFeat.Value(Rand_Yfield)
        pPoint.PutCoords X_coord, Y_coord
        Set pSamplePtFeatBuff.Shape = pPoint
        pSamplePtFeatBuff.Value(2) = pFeat.Value(samplefield) '++ Add the sample number
        pSamplePtFeatBuff.Value(3) = pFeat.Value(sampletypefield)
        pSamplePtFeatBuff.Value(4) = pFeat.Value(Cent_Xfield)
        pSamplePtFeatBuff.Value(5) = pFeat.Value(Cent_Yfield)
        pSamplePtFeatBuff.Value(6) = pFeat.Value(Rand_Xfield)
        pSamplePtFeatBuff.Value(7) = pFeat.Value(Rand_Yfield)
        pSamplePtFeatCurs.InsertFeature pSamplePtFeatBuff
        pSamplePtFeatCurs.Flush
    End If
    Set pFeat = pFeatCurs.NextFeature
Loop
pSamplePtFeatCurs.Flush
pFeatCurs.Flush
'++ Open the Sample_points fc in a new layer and display it
Set pSampleLayer = New FeatureLayer
Set pSampleLayer.FeatureClass = pSampleFeatCls
pSampleLayer.Name = pSampleFeatCls.AliasName
pSampleLayer.Visible = True
mx.AddLayer pSampleLayer
Set pActiveView = mx.ActiveView
pActiveView.Refresh

```

Exit Sub

ErrorHandler:

```
Select Case Err.Number
    Case Is <> 0
        MsgBox "Error: " & Err.Description, vbCritical, "Error " & Err.Number
    End Select
    If pEditor.EditState = esriStateEditing Then
        pEditor.StopOperation "Error handler"
        pEditor.StopEditing (False)
    End If
    Err.Clear
    Exit Sub
End Sub
```

Private Sub Create_points_featscls()

'++ Creates a new point featureclass for holding the sampling points centered
'++ at the centroid of the grid.

```
Dim pFieldsEdit As IFieldsEdit
Dim pGeoDef As IGeometryDef
Dim pGeoDefEdit As IGeometryDefEdit
Dim pSpRef As ISpatialReference
Dim pSpRfc As SpatialReferenceEnvironment
Dim pPCS As IProjectedCoordinateSystem
Dim pSampleWrkFact As IWorkspaceFactory2
Dim pSampleWork As IWorkspace
Dim pSampleFeatWork As IFeatureWorkspace
Dim pSampleDataset As IDataset
Dim pSampleLayer As ILayer
Dim strFileloc As String

strFileloc = GetLayerPath
Set pSampleWrkFact = New AccessWorkspaceFactory
Set pSampleFeatWork = pSampleWrkFact.OpenFromFile(strFileloc, 0)
Set pFields = New Fields
Set pFieldsEdit = pFields
pFieldsEdit.FieldCount = 8
Set pSpRfc = New SpatialReferenceEnvironment
Set pPCS = pSpRfc.CreateProjectedCoordinateSystem(esriSRProjCS_NAD1983UTM_18N)
Set pSpRef = pPCS

'++ create new Field(0)
Set pField = New Field
Set pFieldEdit = pField
With pFieldEdit
    .IsNullable = False
    .Name = "OID"
    .Type = esriFieldTypeOID
End With
Set pFieldsEdit.Field(0) = pField
'++ Create geometry definition for FeatureClass
Set pGeoDef = New GeometryDef
Set pGeoDefEdit = pGeoDef
With pGeoDefEdit
    .AvgNumPoints = 1
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.GeometryType = esriGeometryPoint
.GridCount = 1
.Gridsize(0) = 200
.HasM = False
.HasZ = False
Set .SpatialReference = pSpRef
End With
'++ Create shape field
Set pField = New Field
Set pFieldEdit = pField
With pFieldEdit
    .Name = "Shape"
    .Type = esriFieldTypeGeometry
Set .GeometryDef = pGeoDef
    .IsNullable = True
    .Required = True
End With
Set pFieldsEdit.Field(1) = pField
'++ Create new Field(2)
Set pField = New Field
Set pFieldEdit = pField
With pFieldEdit
    .IsNullable = True
    .Name = "Sample"
    .Editable = True
    .Type = esriFieldTypeInteger
End With
Set pFieldsEdit.Field(2) = pField
'++ Create new Field(3)
Set pField = New Field
Set pFieldEdit = pField
With pFieldEdit
    .IsNullable = True
    .Name = "Sample_type"
    .Editable = True
    .Type = esriFieldTypeString
End With
Set pFieldsEdit.Field(3) = pField
'++ Create new Field(4)
Set pField = New Field
Set pFieldEdit = pField
With pFieldEdit
    .IsNullable = True
    .Name = "Centroid_X"
    .Editable = True
    .Type = esriFieldTypeDouble
End With
Set pFieldsEdit.Field(4) = pField
'++ Create new Field(5)
Set pField = New Field
Set pFieldEdit = pField
With pFieldEdit
    .IsNullable = True
    .Name = "Centroid_Y"
    .Editable = True
    .Type = esriFieldTypeDouble

```

```

End With
Set pFieldsEdit.Field(5) = pField
'++ Create new Field(6)
Set pField = New Field
Set pFieldEdit = pField
With pFieldEdit
    .IsNullable = True
    .Name = "Random_X"
    .Editable = True
    .Type = esriFieldTypeDouble
End With
Set pFieldsEdit.Field(6) = pField
'++ Create new Field(7)
Set pField = New Field
Set pFieldEdit = pField
With pFieldEdit
    .IsNullable = True
    .Name = "Random_Y"
    .Editable = True
    .Type = esriFieldTypeDouble
End With
Set pFieldsEdit.Field(7) = pField

'++ Create new feature class called "Sample_points"
Set pSampleFeatCls = pSampleFeatWork.CreateFeatureClass("Sample_points", pFields, Nothing, Nothing, esriFTSimple,
"Shape", "")
End Sub

Function GetLayerPath() As String

'++ Adapted from ESRI online. Retrieves the full path for the selected layer and passes it as a string
'++ http://support.esri.com/index.cfm?fa=knowledgebase.techarticles.articleShow&d=21579
Dim pDoc As IMxDocument
Dim pMap As IMap
Dim pLayer As IFeatureLayer
Dim pDataset As IDataset
Dim pFc As IFeatureClass
Dim pWorkspace As IWorkspace

Set pDoc = ThisDocument
Set pMap = pDoc.FocusMap      'Get the first map in the document
Set pLayer = pMap.Layer(0)    'Get the first layer in the map
Set pFc = pLayer.FeatureClass 'Get the feature class for the first layer
Set pDataset = pFc            'Gets the dataset for standalone feature class
Set pWorkspace = pDataset.Workspace
GetLayerPath = pWorkspace.PathName
End Function

```


Appendix C. Method employed for generating randomized systematic samples.

Creating the grid cell layer and strata layer

The grid (orange cells) is generated by the program and saved as a data layer within the personal geodatabase that the boundary layer is saved within.

- Create a personal geodatabase and place a boundary data layer into it.
- Use the grid program to generate a grid x-units on each side for each area of interest.
- The grid is automatically added to the map.
- Some grid cells have areas outside of the boundary and some areas of the park do not have grid cells (i.e., not all of the park is sampled).

Create a strata layer to use for assigning stratum to each grid cell based on the stratum occurring in greatest area within each cell. This is done through a combination of GIS and spreadsheet analysis.

- The strata layer is used to assign strata to grid cells.
- Clip the community type to the grid and then intersect the community type layer with the grid cell layer.
 - Strata features are now split in each grid cell in the new intersected layer.
 - The community type-grid intersect layer references the old grid cell ID and community type (strata).
- Summarized strata for each grid cell by outputting the data to Excel for summarization.
- Save as type “Text File” (DBF files can truncate data).
- Import to Microsoft Excel.

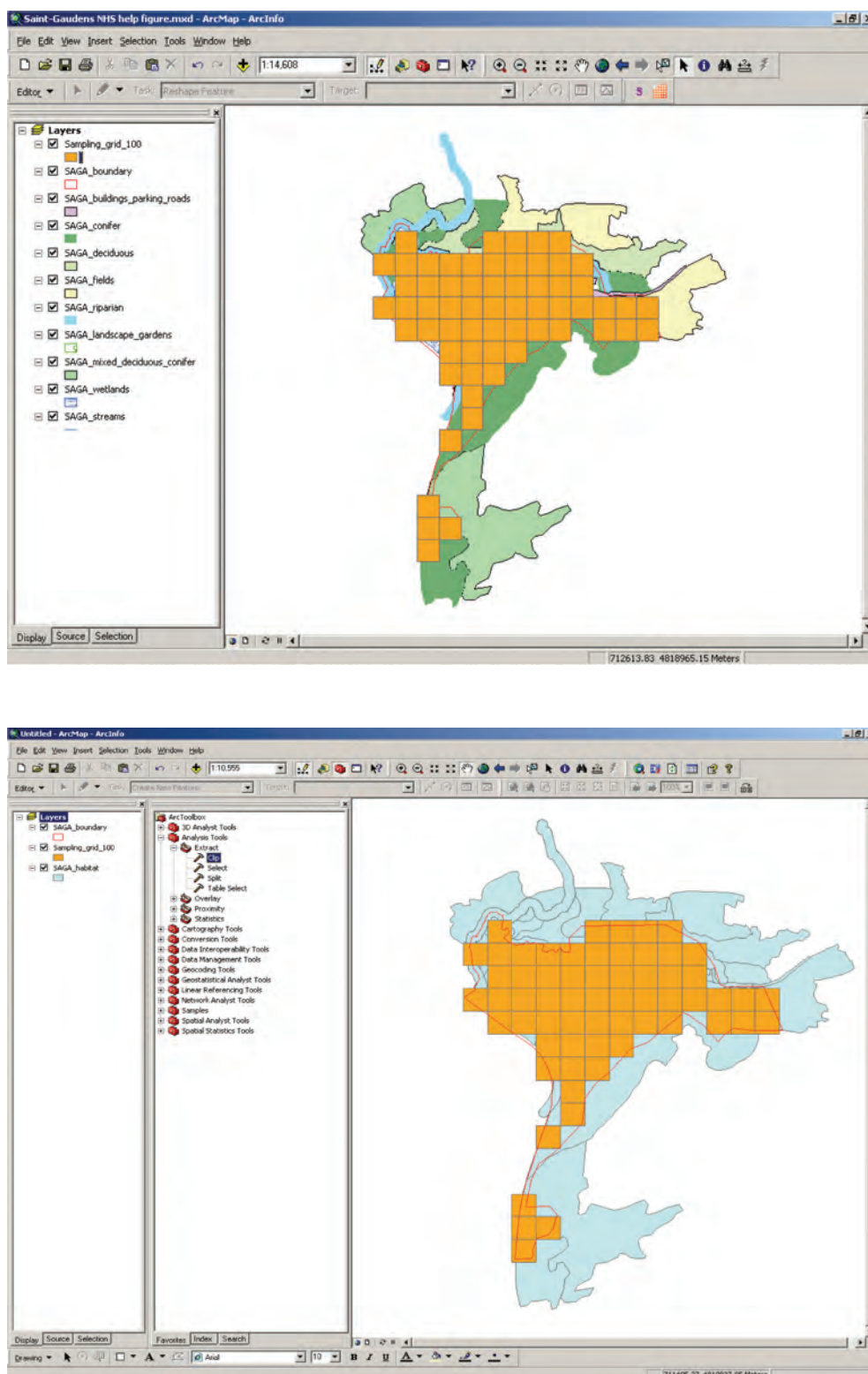


Figure C1. Separate strata layers (above) before being combined into (below) a single strata layer (light blue) overlain by an orange grid cell layer.

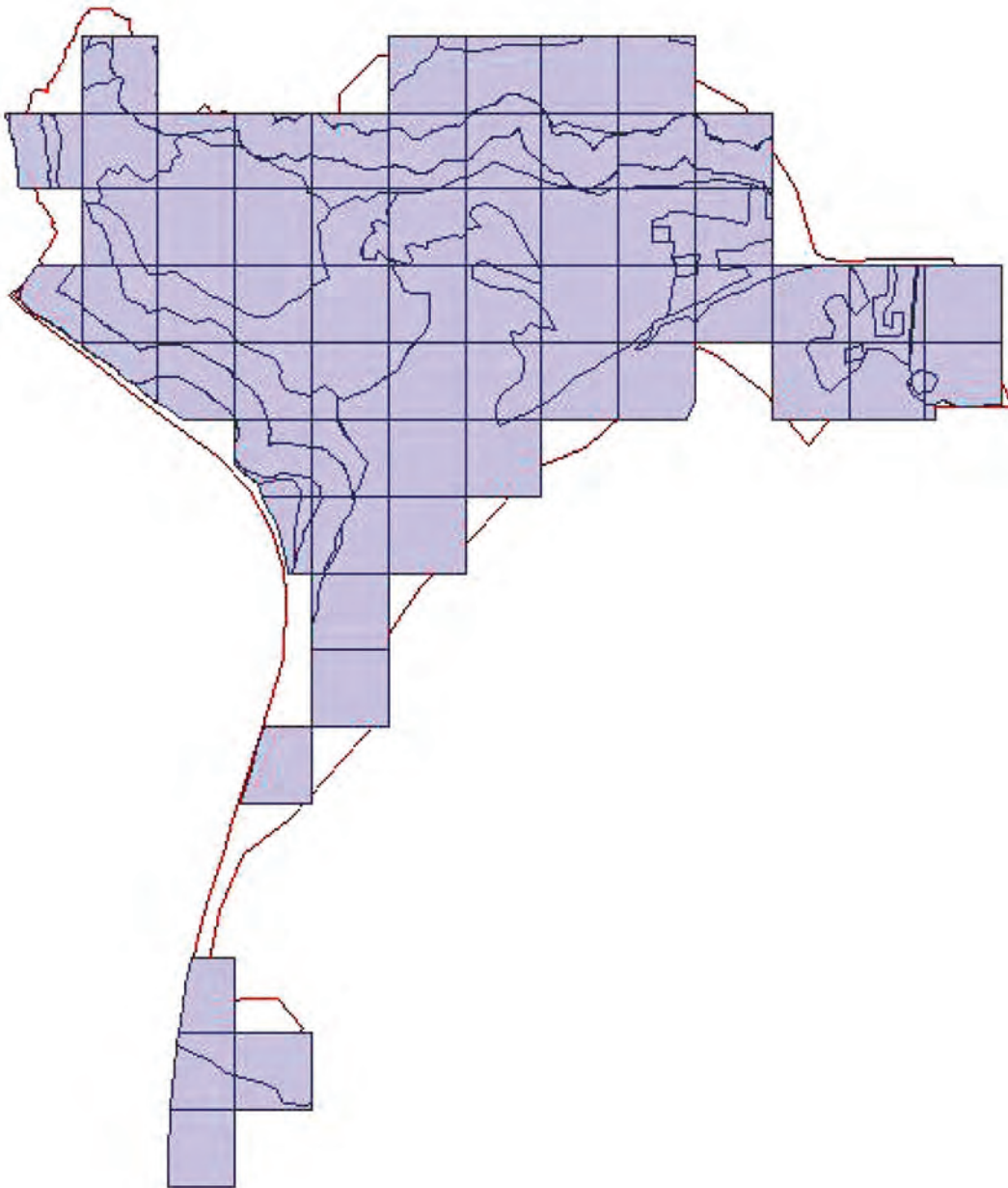


Figure C2. The clipped and intersected community type layer (lavender). The attributes from this layer are exported to Microsoft Excel to summarize strata in each grid cell.

Using Microsoft Excel to determine strata assignments

- Using Microsoft Excel create a pivot table using the wizard as shown.
 - Add GridID to the rows and strata to columns,
 - Add polygon area to the data section and sum function to sum all strata pieces within each grid cell.
- This will allow you to determine the dominant type within a grid cell.
- The dominant type (by percent of area) is used to assign strata to each grid cell.
- The max function is used to find the stratum having the largest area in each grid cell.
- Save this worksheet as a text (.csv) file.
- Join the summary .csv file to the grid layer by the gridID.
- Copy the assigned strata for all grid cells to the strata field of the grid layer.
- Use the “Field Calculator”, accessed through the attribute table to perform the copy.
- The strata field (blank normally) in the Sampling_grid_X layer can be assigned strata for all grid cells using the joined pivot table.

Using the systematic sampling tool to draw sampling points

- Use the systematic sampling tool to draw systematic samples for the previously generated grid cells.
 - The sampling tool will request a stratum and number of sampling points; specify each for each stratum.
 - Oversamples must be drawn at this point to ensure that points remain systematically distributed with respect to one another.
 - A sampling point layer will automatically be created in the personal geodatabase and displayed on the map.
- Repeat for each stratum for which sampling points are necessary.
- GPS coordinates are generated and can be exported and viewed in a table or imported to a GPS for locating sampling points.

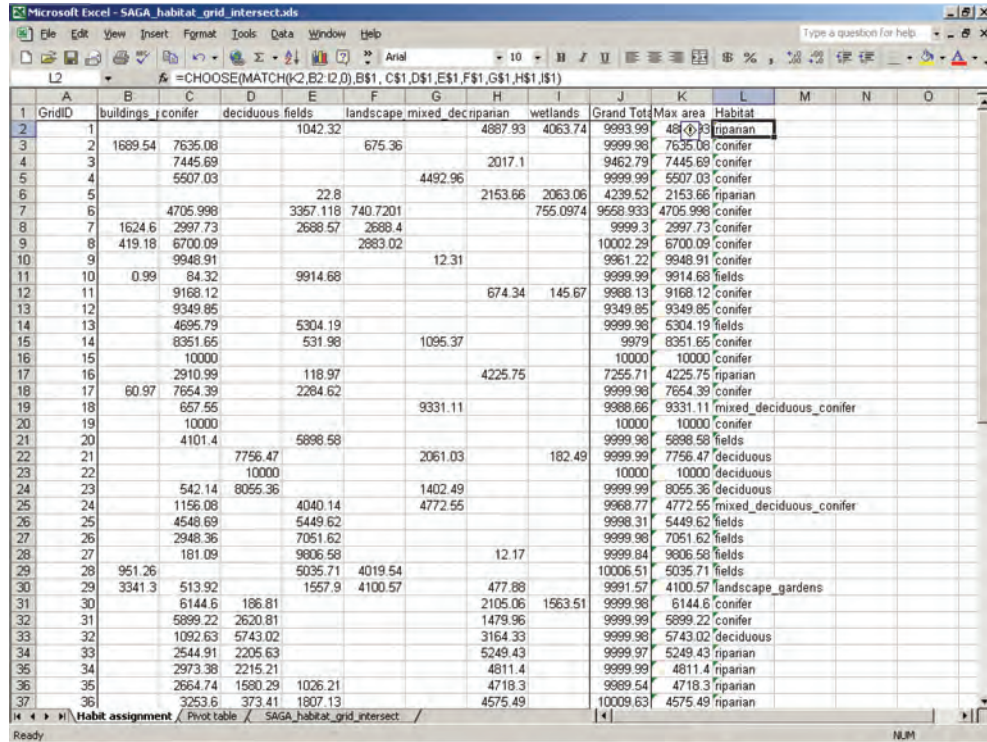
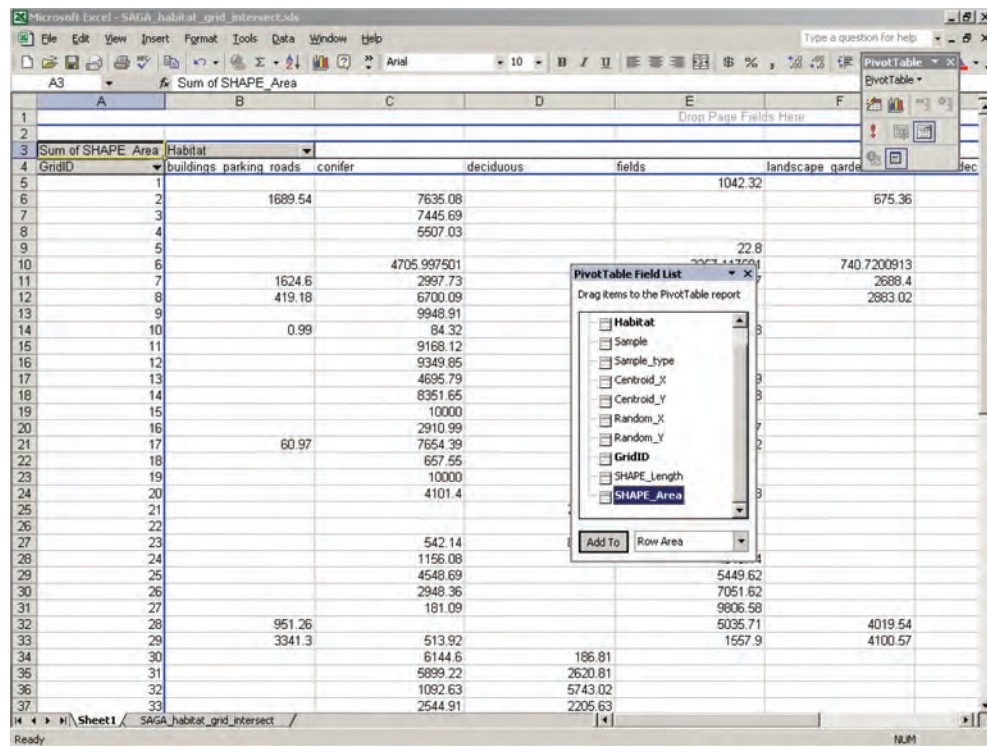


Figure C3. The strata summary table (above). Determining the max stratum for each grid cell based on the percentage (by area) for each stratum (below).

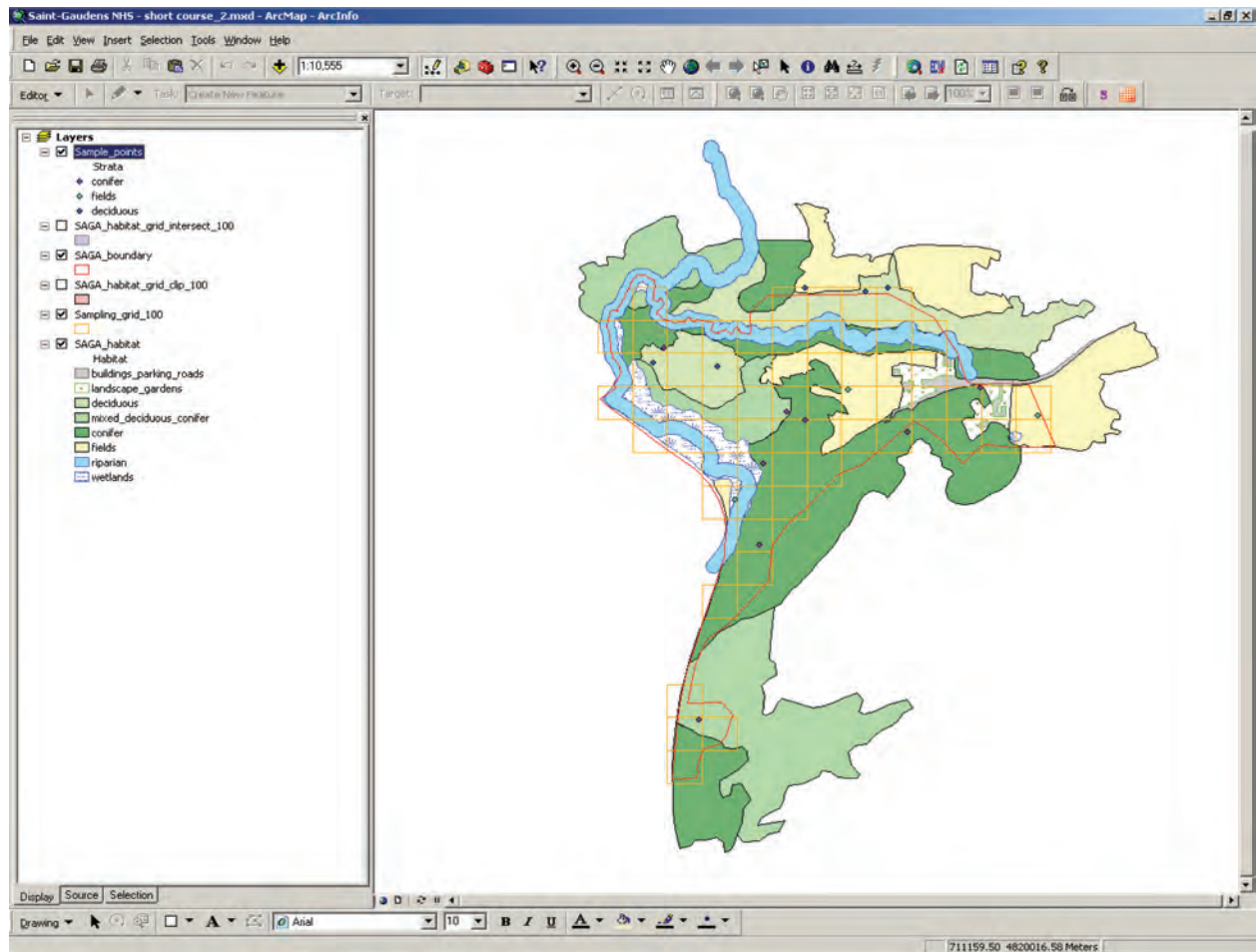


Figure C4. Sampling points created by the systematic sampling routine for several different strata.

Appendix D. Protocols for indirect measure sampling (hair traps, cubby boxes, and remote cameras).

HAIR TRAP

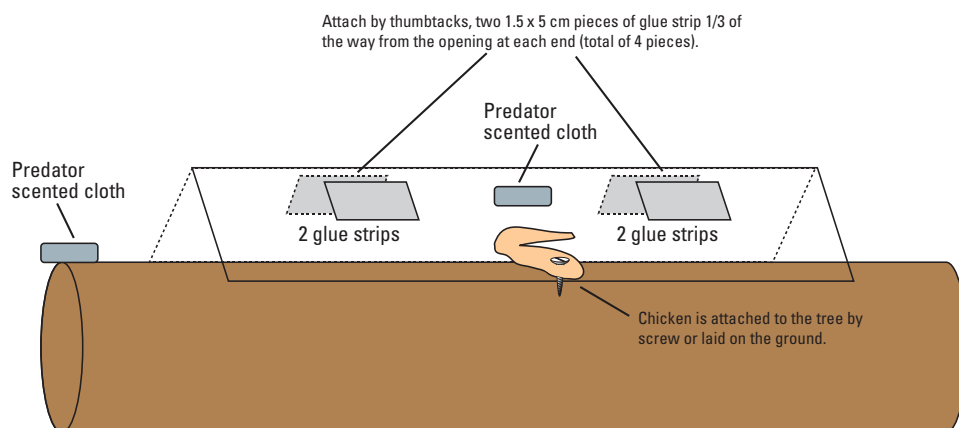
EQUIPMENT LIST:

1. Chicken pieces, enough to replace at every station if necessary (~24–28)
2. Glue board pieces (1.5 x 5 cm) (~40)
3. Thumbtacks (handful)
4. Scent lure (1 bottle)
5. Cotton swabs (30)
6. Sample bags (~20)
7. Permanent markers (2)
8. Cordless drill/screwdriver
9. Exterior wood screws – 3.5" (handful)
10. Sample map and coordinates to locate point
11. GPS with location of the station
12. Wooden boards (2)

Hair traps are made of two 1" x 6" x 24" wood boards joined on edge at a 90° angle. Four 1.5 x 5 cm commercial glue strips used for trapping mice are attached with thumbtacks 1/3 the distance from the trap openings towards the peak of the trap. Traps are mounted vertically on trees or on the ground, when there are no trees. Bait is attached to the tree or laid on the ground in the middle of the trap.

WHAT TO DO:

1. Unscrew the trap and carefully check the glue boards for hair. If a board has hair, remove the tacks and place each glue strip with hair in its own sample bag or vial. Using a permanent marker, record the station, location, your initials, date, time, and where the sample came from (upper, lower, ground, or trap if it was stuck to the trap and not the glue boards) on the bag.
2. Check bait – there should be at least some bait – replace bait if necessary (one chicken part). Bait attaches by screw to the tree in the middle of the trap.
3. Re-scent every other check. Use a cotton swab to dab scent lure on the cotton cloth attached to the inside or outside of the trap. You need very little – this is powerful stuff! Place the swab near the trap.
4. Replace the glue boards. Four 1.5 x 5 cm pieces of board are attached with thumbtacks 1/3 the distance from the trap openings. Mount two pieces at each end toward the peak of the trap.



NOTE: Diagram shown horizontal for clarity—trap will be vertical in tree, horizontal on ground.

CUBBY BOX

EQUIPMENT LIST:

1. Cat food (~4 cans)
2. Sheets of contact paper or extra aluminum plates with sheets attached (~12)
3. Plastic sheet protectors (~12)
4. Permanent markers (2)
5. Scissors
6. Duct tape (1 roll)
7. Toner for sooting (1 full bottle)
8. Dry cloths
9. Scent lure (1 bottle)
10. Sample map and coordinates
11. GPS with locations of the station
12. Camera
13. Wood for constructing box

Cubby boxes consist of sooted aluminum plates to which contact paper (sticky side up) has been attached to the upper third of the plate and bait placed at the end of the plate. The plate is housed within a wooden box (~32" x 9" x 9") with an entrance at one end. Animals track soot from the plate onto the contact paper when retrieving the bait.

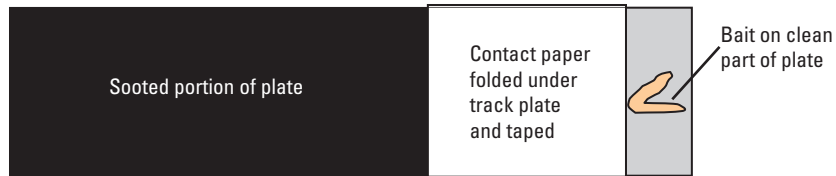
WHAT TO DO:

1. Check the contact paper AND soot to determine if there are tracks present.
2. **For tracks only on the contact paper:** If tracks are present remove the entire plate with contact paper still attached. Record the station, location number, your initials, park code, date, and time on the back of the contact paper with a permanent marker and on the data sheet. Remove the contact paper from the plate and place it carefully in a sheet protector.

For contact paper with only rodent tracks – leave until the last check to remove unless these tracks obscure the paper. **DO NOT THROW AWAY ANY TRACKS – RODENTS INCLUDED.** At the last check, remove the contact sheet with mouse tracks and save as you would any other tracked contact sheet.

3. **For tracks only on the soot:** If the tracks on the soot are larger than a small rodent, you can lift this track with a small piece of contact paper or clear tape. First, photograph the tracks in place using something to gauge size (a folding rule is best, but a knife or pen will do). Try to stand directly over the aluminum plate for the photo with the gauge near the track itself. Take a wide angle photo of the entire plate, then a close up of the track. Angled photos are difficult to judge with respect to size and shape because of lens distortion. You can then lift the track by carefully placing a piece of contact paper (sticky side down) over the track. Do not move the contact paper at this point or it will smudge. Using your finger, press down all over the track and around the edges of the track. If you try to rub the track, it likely will smear due to movement. A second option is to take a picture. Photos are often better evidence (and easier to retrieve) than the lifted track, which can be hard to interpret.
4. **For tracks on both contact sheet and soot:** Make sure that the tracks on the soot are the same; you may have to lift tracks from the soot as well as collect the contact paper for those tracks when it appears that more than one species has visited the setup. This is not uncommon. If in doubt, collect the tracks from both. You do not need to collect rodent tracks from the soot at the end of sampling, but photographs are a good backup. Please collect any tracks that you are unsure of on any substrate. Please note—some weasels and squirrels have very small tracks that can easily go unnoticed.
5. Replace the sooted plate or re-soot if it has been heavily tracked or a good portion of the soot has been removed by wind, rain, or debris. You will likely have to wipe the old toner off first with a dry cloth.
 - Replace the contact paper if you removed it or if it is dirty or wet so as not to be sticky.
 - Wrap the sides of a piece of contact paper with protective film facing up around the top third of the plate, leaving about 3 inches of plate uncovered at the top for the bait.
 - Tape the corners to the trackplate back.

- Wipe the plate to make sure it is dry.
 - Apply toner from a squeeze bottle in a straight line across one end plate to be sooted.
 - Using your finger, tap the plate on the side without the toner while holding the plate at an angle ($\sim 45^\circ$) to evenly distribute the toner across the tape.
 - Remove the protective covering from the contact paper.
6. Check the bait – add bait if necessary (another can of cat food) to the space just beyond the contact paper. Raccoons often remove cans of bait from the box; look for the can nearby before replacing it.
 7. Slide the sooted trackplate with contact paper and bait back into the cubby box.
 8. Re-scent every other check. Use a cotton swab to dab scent lure onto the cotton cloth in the trap or outside it. Very little scent lure is needed. Leave the swab near the trap.



REMOTE CAMERA**EQUIPMENT LIST FOR ALL CAMERAS:**

1. Chicken pieces (~12)
2. Film – 400 or 800 speed (4 rolls)
3. Permanent markers (2)
4. Lithium camera battery – CR123 (2)
5. C-cell batteries (8)
6. Extra camera control wire – 25' with 3 prongs on one end (2)
7. Sample map and coordinates
8. GPS if unfamiliar with the location of the station

ACTIVE INFRARED CAMERAS (TM 1550 OR 1500)

Active Units have three parts: the transmitter (4" x 5" box with a single LED in the front center of the unit); a receiver (4" x 8" box with display - under camo tape); and a camera attached to the receiver by a long black cord.

1. Record the number of events. Note that a large number of added events (>100 new) means that the unit is probably out of alignment – realignment procedures are detailed below.
2. Record the number of pictures taken. Note that the smaller Yashica cameras (black) with LCD display show the frame number to be taken (i.e., subtract 1 to get the number of pictures taken); the larger Canons (white) with dial display show the number of pictures actually taken.
3. Check the cord to make sure it is still intact; some rodents like to eat through these. Replace as necessary. The cord with three prongs connects to the front of the camera with the wire hanging down. The stereo jack plugs into the bottom of the receiver.
4. Make sure the units are still in alignment. The transmitter with LED in the middle should be pointed toward the side of the receiver where the infrared window (dark red plastic) is found.

To check alignment, press the [SETUP] button on the receiver until S.uP is displayed

- a red light on the side of the receiver will light up when the units are in alignment.
 - to double check the alignment of the units walk over to the transmitter, loosen the strap, and turn the unit to the left. On the receiver you will notice that the light will be red and suddenly go out. This is the leftmost side of the infrared range. Repeat this procedure for the right side and up and down. By doing this you now know where the center of the range is and the unit should only be tightly affixed to the tree once the center of the range has been determined.
 - placing the unit in setup mode will give you 4 minutes to depart the area before the unit begins recording information.
5. Check that the camera still has power; replace lithium battery as necessary.
 6. Check the film in the camera. If 32 pictures or more of a 36 roll or 20 pictures of a 24 roll are exposed, then rewind (or take pictures until all are exposed) and replace with a fresh roll. Immediately write the park code, date, time, station, and location on the used roll of film. The rewind button on the smaller Yashica cameras (black) is on the bottom of the camera; use a pen or pencil to press the small grey button. The camera should show 0 when rewound. The Canon camera (white) does NOT have a rewind button, though film is rewound automatically when it gets to the end of the roll. Therefore, if you need to rewind a roll continuously take pictures until the entire roll is exposed, then the camera will rewind on its own. The camera dial will be set back to S when rewound.
 7. Load the film. Both cameras load the same way. Open the back and place the film in, drawing the leader in the direction indicated. Close the back. The camera should automatically forward the film. If it has loaded properly, the Yashica display will show 1. If it hasn't, the Yashica camera will continue to show 0. Open and reload as necessary. If the Canon has been loaded properly, the dial display will move to the 0 mark (between S and 1). The Canon will continue to display S if not loaded properly.

8. Check camera alignment – the camera should be looking over the receiver at the bait.
9. Make sure the camera is on before you depart.
10. Check the bait – there should be at least most of a whole piece of bait here – add bait as necessary. Stake them to the ground using a nearby twig.
11. Re-scent every other check. Use a cotton swab to dab scent on the cotton cloth in the trap or outside it. You need very little—this is powerful stuff! Place the swab near the trap.
12. If units are in S.UP mode (setup) they will automatically turn over to event counting after 4 minutes in this mode. The cameras are set to take photos only between dusk and dawn and will not activate at other times.

PASSIVE INFRARED CAMERAS (TM 550)

Passive Units: have two parts: the transmitter/receiver, a 4" x 5" box with a prismatic lens, attached to a camera by a long black cord.

1. Record the number of events. Note that a large number of new events (>100) may mean that something such as grass or twigs is waving back and forth in front of the unit triggering false events. Remove any suspect vegetation in front of the unit.
2. Record the number of pictures taken. Note that the smaller Yashica Cameras (black) with LCD display show the frame number to be taken (i.e., subtract 1 to get the number of pictures taken); the larger Canons with dial display show the number of pictures actually taken.
3. Check the cord to make sure it is still intact; some rodents like to eat through these. Replace as necessary. The cord with three prongs connects to the front of the camera with the wire hanging down. The stereo jack plugs into the bottom of the receiver.
4. Make sure that the unit is in alignment. The prism window should be pointed toward the bait station. Alignment can be checked using the following method:
 - turn the unit to the set up mode by pressing the [SETUP] button until S.uP is displayed.
 - a blinking light will flash in the upper left hand corner of the unit when the monitor detects motion.
 - stand near the bait and use this blinking light to assess the area that the monitor is covering.
 - once the edges of the coverage are found you can determine the center, this is important because this is where the camera should be focused.
 - placing the unit in setup mode will give you 4 minutes to depart the area before the unit begins recording information.
5. Check that the camera still has power; replace lithium battery as necessary.
6. Check the film in the camera. If 32 pictures or more of a 36 roll or 20 pictures of a 24 roll are exposed, then rewind (or take pictures until all are exposed) and replace with a fresh roll. Immediately write the park code, date, time, station, and location on the used roll of film. The rewind button on the smaller Yashica cameras (black) is on the bottom of the camera, use a pen or pencil to press the small grey button. The camera should show 0 when rewound. The Canon camera (white) does NOT have a rewind button, though film is rewound automatically when it gets to the end of the roll. Therefore, if you need to rewind a roll continuously take pictures until the entire roll is exposed; then the camera will rewind on its own. The camera dial will be set back to S after the film has been rewound.

7. Load the film. Both cameras load the same way. Open the back and place the film in, drawing the leader in the direction indicated. Close the back. The camera should automatically forward the film. If it has loaded properly, the Yashica display will show 1. If it hasn't, the Yashica camera will continue to show 0. Open and reload as necessary. If the Canon has been loaded properly, the dial display will move to the 0 mark (between S and 1). The Canon will continue to display S if not loaded properly.
8. Check camera alignment – the camera should be looking over the receiver at the bait station toward the center of coverage –reposition as necessary.
9. Make sure the camera is on before you depart.
10. Check the bait – there should be at least most of a whole piece of bait here – add bait as necessary. Stake them to the ground using a nearby twig.
11. Re-scent every other check. Use a cotton swab to dab scent on the cotton cloth in the trap or outside of it. You need very little – this is powerful stuff! Place the swab near the trap.
12. If units are in S.UP mode (setup) they will automatically turn over to event counting after 4 minutes in this mode. The cameras are set to take photos only between dusk and dawn and will not activate at other times.

Appendix E. Identification of mammalian hair.

Introduction

Mammalian hair consists of two types: guard hairs and underfur. Underfur is often short and very fine, while guard hairs are longer, wider, and often more pigmented. We encountered both hair types while sampling. Terminology for describing hair morphology was derived from Moore and others (1974). Terms used are summarized as follows:

BANDS AND BANDING- refer to the different colored sections of the hair shaft; often viewed at low magnification (10x).

CORTEX- the inner structural component of a hair that surrounds the central area, i.e., medulla; often the site of pigment granules; must be viewed at high magnification (100–400x).

CUTICLE- outer protective hair surface that appears as clear cells, or scales, arranged in one or more various configurations; most often viewed at high magnification (100–400x).

CUTICULAR SCALES- cuticle cells on the surface of the hair shaft; often examined using an impression that is viewed at high magnification (100–400x).

MEDULLA- the center of the internal area of most hairs, similar to the pith in a tree twig; appears as a series of distinct cells or as a formless mass; often fails to extend the full length of shaft or is sporadically interrupted, also may be entirely absent in some hairs; must be viewed at high magnification (100–400x).

PROXIMAL, MEDIAL, and DISTAL- refer to three regions of the hair shaft from the follicle to the tip, respectively.

SHAFT- entire length of hair from follicle to tip.

SHIELD- a widened section of the shaft, often located in the distal region.

STRICTURE- a site of obvious constriction along the shaft.

Methods

Hair Sample Preparation and Examination

We made every effort to remove hairs from identified mammal carcasses found throughout the Northeast and catalogued a small number of known hairs to provide a reference collection. We used this collection for comparison to the collected hair samples.

We removed hairs from glue strips using a xylene rinse. This was necessary to weaken the glue and allow hairs to be gently removed from tape so as to minimize changes in structural integrity. In some cases we left hairs attached to the original glue strip; in particular, those samples with greater than 30 individual hairs were left. We retained all original glue strips and placed them in a freezer. We extracted hairs, soaked and gently agitated them in xylene for a few minutes to help remove traces of glue, dirt, and oils. We then left the sample hairs to dry before placing them in plastic envelopes marked with the following information: station, location, date, time of collection, glue strip position on hair trap, collector, and voucher number.

Whenever possible, we selected entire hairs for judicious inspection. We first examined individual hairs and noted the following gross characteristics:

1. Color- including general coloration and position of banding, if any.
2. Shape- presence of shield (i.e., distinctly widened portion of hair), waves, and strictures.
3. Hair shaft length- measured in millimeters.

For detailed microscopic examination, we placed individual hairs in a drop of xylene on a glass slide and covered with a glass cover slip. We examined minute hair morphology with the aid of a compound microscope, most often using 100x and 400x magnification. We examined proximal, medial, and distal regions of each hair. We noted the following microscopic characteristics:

1. Shaft width - measured in microns (μm) at the greatest width observed using an ocular micrometer.
2. Medullary configuration - medulla appearance in each region using the following expressions:
 - a. Absent - no medulla.
 - b. Fragmented - occurring intermittently; interrupted by cortical material.

- c. Uniserial ladder - a continuous single column of distinct cells.
 - d. Continuous or unbroken amorphous- an uninterrupted cylindrical mass appearing to be without structure and obvious, discrete cells.
 - e. Continuous or unbroken cellular - an uninterrupted cylinder of distinct yet irregularly shaped cells.
 - f. Continuous or unbroken with cortical intrusions - an uninterrupted medulla with regular or irregular occurrences of cortical material.
 - g. Continuous or unbroken lattice - an uninterrupted network of many small cells, as in a tile mosaic, that occurs in hairs with a thin, virtually absent cortex.
 - h. Vacuolated - possessing distinct cells that appear as large vacuoles; occurs in hairs bearing continuous or unbroken cellular medullary configurations.
- 3. Relative medulla width- width of medulla in relation to width of shaft in each region; often expressed in fractions, as in one-quarter, one-third, etc.
 - 4. Region of highest pigment intensity- portion of hair shaft with the greatest concentration of pigment granules.

We determined arrangements of cuticle scales, or cuticular scale patterns from an impression made of the outside surface of the hair. We made impressions using a modification of the method described by Williamson (1951). We smeared microscope slides with a thin layer of PVC cement and then laid clean hairs on the freshly applied PVC cement. We removed hairs after 1-2 minutes and before the cement had completely cured. Impressions were often three-dimensional with the topmost side often torn away when the hair was lifted. This was due to the hair being completely immersed in cement. We then inverted the slide on the microscope in order to view the "bottom" intact impression. Most often, we viewed impressions right-side up.

We described cuticular scale patterns on each region using vocabulary as suggested in Moore and others (1974). We described scale shape as follows:

- 1. Mosaic - the appearance of small pieces laid side-by-side; these pieces could be relatively uniform in shape and size (regular) or very different (irregular).
- 2. Ovate - egg-shaped in outline.
- 3. Acuminate - gently tapering to a sharp point.
- 4. Dentate - tooth-shaped, usually with smooth margins.
- 5. Pectinate - tooth-shaped with sharply pointed margins.
- 6. Wave - undulating margins.

Scale edges, or margins, were described as follows:

- 1. Smooth- having an even surface with no projections.
- 2. Rippled- with rounded toothy margins.
- 3. Crenate- with pointy-toothed margins.

We used a coarse relative measurement to describe adjacent scale margins: close, intermediate, or distant.

We attempted to identify all hairs using physical characteristics (e.g., color, length, width, scale pattern). To do this we used hair identification keys (Mayer, 1952; Moore and others, 1974; Moore and Braun, 1983; Thompson and others, 1987; Wallis, 1993) and also compared hairs to our collection of reference samples. However, due to the great diversity in physical hair characteristics within the same individual, among individuals of the same species, or the similarity among species, this technique had limited value for the identification of hairs to species. Therefore, we used a method that characterized hairs to species using protein analysis procedures described elsewhere (see Hollemeyer and others (2002) for details).

Appendix G. Field data sheets distributed to park staff.

Mammal Inventory Project (2004)

TRACK PLATE LOG

Park Code

Initials	Date	Time (24hr)	STN	LCN	Plate <small>soot-soot-soot</small>	Paper new	Re-bait ¹	Re- scent ²	# Tracks	Tracks collected ³	Photo(s) taken	Notes
					Y	Y	Y	Y	0 11-20	1-10 >20	contact soot	Y
					Y	Y	Y	Y	0 11-20	1-10 >20	contact soot	Y
					Y	Y	Y	Y	0 11-20	1-10 >20	contact soot	Y
					Y	Y	Y	Y	0 11-20	1-10 >20	contact soot	Y
					Y	Y	Y	Y	0 11-20	1-10 >20	contact soot	Y
					Y	Y	Y	Y	0 11-20	1-10 >20	contact soot	Y
					Y	Y	Y	Y	0 11-20	1-10 >20	contact soot	Y
					Y	Y	Y	Y	0 11-20	1-10 >20	contact soot	Y
					Y	Y	Y	Y	0 11-20	1-10 >20	contact soot	Y
					Y	Y	Y	Y	0 11-20	1-10 >20	contact soot	Y
					Y	Y	Y	Y	0 11-20	1-10 >20	contact soot	Y
					Y	Y	Y	Y	0 11-20	1-10 >20	contact soot	Y
					Y	Y	Y	Y	0 11-20	1-10 >20	contact soot	Y
					Y	Y	Y	Y	0 11-20	1-10 >20	contact soot	Y
					Y	Y	Y	Y	0 11-20	1-10 >20	contact soot	Y
					Y	Y	Y	Y	0 11-20	1-10 >20	contact soot	Y
					Y	Y	Y	Y	0 11-20	1-10 >20	contact soot	Y
					Y	Y	Y	Y	0 11-20	1-10 >20	contact soot	Y
					Y	Y	Y	Y	0 11-20	1-10 >20	contact soot	Y

¹ If you re-bait with something other than cat food, please record in comments. Circle if you change, otherwise it is assumed no.

² You should re-scent each station every other check with Predator 500 lure. Swab a small amount on the cotton. Circle if you change, otherwise it is assumed no.

³ Immediately write the park code, station, location, date, and time on track sample and place in a plastic sheet protector (provided).

Contact = the contact sheet was collected, soot = tracks were lifted off of the soot. Please photograph the print first BEFORE trying to lift it from the soot.

Appendix H. Identified hairs collected during the Northeast Temperate Network and Sagamore Hill National Historic Site mammal inventory based on physical characteristics and matrix-assisted laser desorption/ionization time-of-flight mass spectrometry (MALDI-TOF) analysis.

Park code	Station number	Sample type	Species identified		Number of samples
			Physical identification	MALDI-TOF identification	
ACAD	5	hair trap	Long-tailed Weasel or Ermine	Ermine	1
				No samples run	1
	21	hair trap	Red Squirrel	Gray Squirrel	1
				No samples run	5
MABI	2	hair trap	Fisher	Ermine	1
				Ermine/Fisher	1
				Gray Fox	1
				Red Fox/Coyote	1
				Striped Skunk/Virginia Opossum	1
				Unknown	1
				Virginia Opossum	1
				No samples run	7
	4	hair trap	Fisher	Ermine	2
				Red Fox/Coyote	1
				Striped Skunk	1
				Striped Skunk/Virginia Opossum	1
				No samples run	4
	5	trap	Gray Squirrel	Red Squirrel	1
	6	hair trap	Fisher	Virginia Opossum/Red Squirrel	1
				No samples run	1
	10	hair trap	Fisher	Ermine	2
				Red Fox/Gray Fox	1
				No samples run	2
			Squirrel spp.	Ermine	1
				Unknown	1
	12	hair trap	Fisher	Gray Fox	1
			Gray Squirrel	Red Squirrel	1
			Squirrel spp.	Gray Squirrel	1
				Red Squirrel	1
				No samples run	5
	35	hair trap	Fisher	Ermine	1
				Striped Skunk	1
				No samples run	2
	38	hair trap	Fisher	Virginia Opossum	1
	46	hair trap	Fisher	Ermine	1
				Raccoon	1
				Red Fox/Gray Squirrel	1
				No samples run	3
			Raccoon	Raccoon	1
				Virginia Opossum/Raccoon	1

Park code	Station number	Sample type	Species identified		Number of samples
			Physical identification	MALDI-TOF identification	
	54	hair trap	Unknown	Virginia Opossum/Raccoon	1
			Fisher	Ermine	3
				Ermine/Raccoon	1
				Raccoon	1
				No samples run	4
	59	hair trap	Unknown	Virginia Opossum/Ermine	1
			Fisher	Ermine	3
				Ermine/Red Fox	1
				Virginia Opossum	2
				No samples run	2
	70	trackplate	Fisher	Ermine	1
		hair trap	Fisher	Ermine	1
				Fisher/Gray Fox	1
				Striped Skunk	1
				Unknown	1
	74	hair trap	Fisher	No samples run	1
				Ermine	2
				Striped Skunk/Gray Fox	1
				Striped Skunk/Red Fox	1
				No samples run	5
			Mustelid	Virginia Opossum/Fisher	1
			Unknown	No samples run	3
				Ermine	2
				No samples run	1
MIMA	9	hair trap	Fisher	Ermine	1
				No samples run	4
			Human	Unknown	1
			Raccoon	Ermine	2
				No samples run	5
	13	hair trap	Long-tailed Weasel or Ermine	Virginia Opossum	1
			Raccoon	Fisher	1
			Unknown	Virginia Opossum	1
				Unknown	1
	30	hair trap	Raccoon	Coyote	1
			Squirrel spp.	Coyote/Virginia Opossum	1
	33	hair trap	Human	Ermine	1
			Striped Skunk	Ermine	1
				Gray Fox/Virginia Opossum	1
				Striped Skunk	1
				Virginia Opossum	1
			Unknown	No samples run	1
				Raccoon	2
	37	hair trap	Rodent spp.	No samples run	1
			Unknown	Ermine/Coyote	1
	49	trap	Rodent spp.	No samples run	1
	51	hair trap	Long-tailed Weasel or Ermine	Virginia Opossum	1
			Raccoon	No samples run	1
				Virginia Opossum	1
	55	hair trap	Virginia Opossum	Virginia Opossum	1

Park code	Station number	Sample type	Species identified		Number of samples
			Physical identification	MALDI-TOF identification	
MORR	66	hair trap	Fisher or Raccoon	Coyote	1
				No samples run	3
	70	hair trap	Human	Unknown	1
			Virginia Opossum	Virginia Opossum	2
	78	hair trap	Raccoon	Raccoon	1
			Virginia Opossum	Gray Fox	1
				No samples run	2
	82	hair trap	Human	Unknown	1
	5	hair trap	Raccoon	Raccoon	2
				Striped Skunk	1
				Virginia Opossum	1
				No samples run	2
			Striped Skunk	Virginia Opossum	1
			Unknown	Raccoon	1
				Raccoon/Ermine	1
				Raccoon/Virginia Opossum	1
				No samples run	1
			Virginia Opossum	Raccoon/Fisher	1
				Striped Skunk	1
				Virginia Opossum	5
				No samples run	7
	17	hair trap	Domestic Cat	Raccoon	1
			Striped Skunk	Ermine/Raccoon	1
				Raccoon	1
			Unknown	Ermine/Virginia Opossum	1
				Red Fox/Virginia Opossum/Raccoon	1
			Virginia Opossum	Raccoon	1
				Raccoon/Virginia Opossum	2
				Virginia Opossum	2
				No samples run	4
	19	hair trap	Raccoon	Ermine/Raccoon	1
			Unknown	No samples run	1
			Virginia Opossum	Ermine/Raccoon	1
				Striped Skunk/Raccoon	1
	31	hair trap	Virginia Opossum	Long-tailed Weasel/Red Fox	1
				Raccoon	1
	35	trap	Deer or White-footed Mouse	No samples run	1
	43	hair trap	Raccoon	Ermine	1
				Raccoon	1
			Unknown	No samples run	1
			Virginia Opossum	Raccoon	1
	47	hair trap	Raccoon	Ermine	2
				Fisher/Striped Skunk/Raccoon	1
				Raccoon	1
				Virginia Opossum	1
				No samples run	5
			Virginia Opossum	Ermine	1
				Ermine/Virginia Opossum	1
				Raccoon	1

Park code	Station number	Sample type	Species identified		Number of samples
			Physical identification	MALDI-TOF identification	
	51	hair trap	Raccoon	Virginia Opossum	1
				Gray Squirrel	1
				Raccoon	1
				Red Fox	1
				Striped Skunk	1
				Striped Skunk/Raccoon	1
				No samples run	7
				Raccoon	1
				No samples run	2
	63	hair trap	Raccoon	Virginia Opossum	1
				No samples run	1
				Unknown	
				Ermine	1
				Ermine/Coyote	1
				Ermine/Raccoon/Virginia Opossum	1
	69	hair trap	Virginia Opossum	No samples run	1
				Raccoon	1
				Striped Skunk/Raccoon	1
	70	trap	Raccoon	No samples run	2
				Ermine/Coyote	1
	71	hair trap	Unknown	Ermine	1
				Gray Squirrel	1
				Raccoon	2
				Virginia Opossum	1
				Fisher/Virginia Opossum/Raccoon	1
ROVA	9	hair trap	Raccoon	No samples run	1
				Raccoon	1
				No samples run	1
				Ermine	1
				Red Squirrel/Gray Squirrel	1
				Virginia Opossum	1
				No samples run	1
				Unknown	
				Ermine/Raccoon	1
				Raccoon	2
				Virginia Opossum	1
				Coyote	1
				Coyote/Virginia Opossum	1
				Ermine	1
				Gray Fox	1
				Virginia Opossum	2
				No samples run	2
	13	hair trap	Raccoon	Ermine/Gray Fox	1
				No samples run	2
				Unknown	1
				No samples run	1
				Gray Squirrel	1
	23	hair trap	Mink	Raccoon	1
				Red Fox/Gray Fox	1
				Fisher/Raccoon	2
				Long-tailed Weasel/Gray Fox	1
				Red Fox	1
				No samples run	3

Park code	Station number	Sample type	Species identified		Number of samples
			Physical identification	MALDI-TOF identification	
			Squirrel spp.	Virginia Opossum	1
				No samples run	1
			Virginia Opossum	Coyote	1
				Ermine	1
				Gray Fox	1
				Gray Squirrel	1
				Raccoon	1
				Red Fox	2
				Virginia Opossum	1
				No samples run	4
	26	hair trap	Virginia Opossum	Virginia Opossum	1
				No samples run	1
	29	hair trap	Raccoon	Coyote	1
				Ermine/Raccoon	1
				No samples run	1
			Squirrel spp.	Virginia Opossum	1
	33	den near hair trap	Woodchuck	Red Squirrel	1
		hair trap	Raccoon	Ermine	1
	49	hair trap	Raccoon	Red Fox/Ermine	1
				Virginia Opossum	1
				No samples run	3
			Unknown	Red Squirrel/Red Fox	1
				Striped Skunk	1
			Virginia Opossum	Coyote	1
				Ermine	1
				Gray Fox/Red Fox	1
				Virginia Opossum	1
				No samples run	4
				Gray Fox/Striped Skunk/Virginia Opossum	1
	53	hair trap	Raccoon	Ermine	1
				Fisher/Raccoon	1
				No samples run	3
			Virginia Opossum	Virginia Opossum	1
	65	hair trap	Squirrel spp.	Red Squirrel	1
			Unknown	Ermine/Virginia Opossum	1
				Red Squirrel/Virginia Opossum	1
				No samples run	1
			Virginia Opossum	Virginia Opossum	2
				No samples run	5
		trackplate	Raccoon	Red Squirrel	1
	73	hair trap	Raccoon	Raccoon	1
				Striped Skunk/Coyote	1
				No samples run	6
			Red Fox	Red Fox	1
				Striped Skunk	1
				No samples run	1
			Unknown	Ermine/Striped Skunk	1
	83	hair trap	Squirrel spp.	Gray Squirrel	1
	86	hair trap	Eastern Chipmunk or Red Squirrel	No samples run	1

Park code	Station number	Sample type	Species identified		Number of samples
			Physical identification	MALDI-TOF identification	
SAGA	1	hair trap	Squirrel spp.	Gray Squirrel	1
				Red Squirrel	1
				Red Squirrel/Gray Fox	1
				No samples run	2
			Unknown	Gray Squirrel	1
	10	hair trap	Fisher	Ermine	1
				Unknown	1
				Virginia Opossum	1
				No samples run	7
			Squirrel spp.	Red Squirrel	1
	14	hair trap	Fisher	Coyote	1
				Ermine	1
				No samples run	5
			Rodent spp.	Virginia Opossum	1
	18	hair trap	Fisher	Ermine	1
				Red Fox	1
				Unknown	2
				No samples run	5
		trackplate	Fisher	Coyote/Ermine	1
	21	hair trap	Fisher	Ermine	1
				No samples run	1
			Human	Red Squirrel	1
			Unknown	No samples run	1
	24	hair trap	Fisher	Ermine	1
				Red Fox	1
				Virginia Opossum/Fisher	1
				No samples run	1
			Fisher or Mink	Striped Skunk	1
				Unknown	1
				No samples run	1
			Squirrel spp.	Virginia Opossum	1
				No samples run	2
			Fisher	Gray Fox	1
	33	hair trap	Red Squirrel	Virginia Opossum	1
				No samples run	1
			Fisher	Ermine	1
				Ermine/Coyote	1
				Ermine/Fisher	1
	36	hair trap		Gray Squirrel/Red Fox	1
				Long-tailed Weasel	2
				Red Fox/Virginia Opossum	1
				Unknown	2
				Virginia Opossum	1
				No samples run	10
			Raccoon	Coyote	1
			Squirrel spp.	Red Squirrel	1
			Unknown	Ermine/Coyote	1
	38	hair trap	Fisher	Coyote	2
				Coyote/Ermine	1

Park code	Station number	Sample type	Species identified		Number of samples
			Physical identification	MALDI-TOF identification	
SAHI	45	hair trap	Unknown Fisher	Gray Fox	1
				Unknown	1
				No samples run	6
				Ermine	1
				Ermine	2
				Gray Fox	1
				Gray Squirrel	1
	9	hair sampler	Domestic Cat	Red Fox	1
				No samples run	6
				Virginia Opossum	1
			Human Red Fox or Domestic Cat Virginia Opossum	Raccoon	1
				Ermine/Coyote	1
				Gray Fox	1
				Virginia Opossum	1
				No samples run	3
	28	hair trap	Raccoon	Ermine	3
				Gray Squirrel	1
				Red Fox	2
				Red Fox/Raccoon	1
				No samples run	19
			Domestic Cat Virginia Opossum	Red Squirrel	1
				Gray Squirrel/Red Squirrel	1
				Virginia Opossum	2
				No samples run	3
	34	hair trap	Domestic Cat Eastern Chipmunk, Gray Squirrel, or Red Squirrel Raccoon	Long-tailed Weasel	1
				No samples run	2
				Unknown	1
				Long-tailed Weasel	1
				Red Fox	1
				Unknown	1
				Virginia Opossum/Raccoon/Unknown	1
				No samples run	8
			Human Raccoon	No samples run	1
				Raccoon	1
				Red Squirrel/Coyote	1
				Unknown	1
				Virginia Opossum	3
				No samples run	13
SAIR	5	hair trap	Raccoon	No samples run	1
			Unknown	No samples run	3
			Virginia Opossum	No samples run	8
	23	hair trap	Raccoon	No samples run	6
			Unknown	No samples run	1
SARA	1	hair trap	Long-tailed Weasel or Ermine	Ermine	1
				Gray Fox	1
				No samples run	3
	17	hair trap	Eastern Chipmunk or Gray Squirrel	Gray Squirrel	1
				Virginia Opossum	1
				No samples run	1

Park code	Station number	Sample type	Species identified		Number of samples
			Physical identification	MALDI-TOF identification	
			Gray Squirrel	Red Fox	1
			Rodent spp.	Gray Fox/Red Fox	1
			Unknown	Red Squirrel	1
				No samples run	2
	21	trackplate	Unknown	Gray Squirrel/Red Squirrel	1
	41	hair trap	Unknown	Red Squirrel	1
				Virginia Opossum	1
				No samples run	1
	61	trackplate	Unknown	No samples run	1
	77	hair trap	Rodent spp.	Red Squirrel	1
	81	hair trap	Rodent spp.	Red Fox	1
				Red Squirrel	1
	93	cubby box	Raccoon	Fisher	1
				Raccoon	1
			Rodent spp.	No samples run	1
		hair trap	Cottontail spp.	Virginia Opossum	1
			Gray Squirrel	No samples run	1
			Long-tailed Weasel or Ermine	Ermine	1
			Mink	No samples run	3
			Squirrel spp.	Coyote/Gray Squirrel	1
			Unknown	Red Fox	1
	97	hair trap	Long-tailed Weasel or Ermine	No samples run	2
	101	hair trap	Unknown	No samples run	3
	119	hair trap	Long-tailed Weasel or Ermine	Ermine	3
				Gray Squirrel	1
				No samples run	4
			Striped Skunk	Red Squirrel/Unknown	2
	122	hair trap	Long-tailed Weasel or Ermine	Ermine	1
				Red Fox	1
				Striped Skunk	1
				Striped Skunk/Ermine	1
				No samples run	3
WEFA	3	hair trap	Unknown	No samples run	1
			Virginia Opossum	Raccoon/Gray Fox	1
				Virginia Opossum	1
				No samples run	1
	13	hair trap	Unknown	No samples run	1
			Virginia Opossum	Virginia Opossum	1
				No samples run	1
	27	hair trap	Virginia Opossum	Virginia Opossum	2
				No samples run	2
	35	hair trap	Virginia Opossum	No samples run	1

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