



STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF
INLAND FISHERIES & WILDLIFE
353 WATER STREET
41 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA ME 04333-0041



Municipal Natural Resources Inventory

Saco

***Sep 2025**

**If this inventory is over 1 year old, please request an update: beginningwithhabitat.org/request*

Critical Natural Resources

Rare Animals*	State Rank ^b	State Status ^a	In or Near ^c
Margined Tiger Beetle	S1	Threatened	In
Black-crowned Night-heron	S2B	Endangered	In
Peregrine Falcon	S1S2N,S2B	Endangered	In
Piping Plover	S2B	Endangered	In
Arctic Tern	S2B	Threatened	In
Saltmarsh Sparrow	S1B	Endangered	In
Spotted Turtle		Threatened	In
Wood Turtle		Special Concern	In
Blanding's Turtle		Endangered	In
Hessel's Hairstreak	S1S2	Endangered	In
Malleated Vertigo	SNR	Special Concern	In

Significant Wildlife Habitats*

[Inland Waterfowl and Wading Bird](#)

[Tidal Waterfowl and Wading Bird](#)

[Significant Vernal Pools](#)

[Seabird Nesting Islands](#)



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Mefishwildlife.com

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Rare Plants*	State Rank ^b	State Status ^a
Lilaeopsis	S2	SC
Smooth Winterberry Holly	S3	SC
Wild Ginger	S1S2	T
Beach Wormwood	S1S2	SC
Estuary Bur-marigold	S3	SC
Hollow Joe-pye Weed	S2	SC
Pygmyweed	S2S3	SC
Sassafras	S2	SC
Water Pimpernel	S3	SC
Beach Plum	S1	E
Saltmarsh False-foxglove	S3	SC
Mudwort	S3	SC
Atlantic White Cedar	S2	SC
Spongy-leaved Arrowhead	S3	SC
Stiff Arrowhead	S2	SC
Button Sedge	S2	SC
Clothed Sedge	S1	E
Long's Bulrush	S2	T
Pendulous Bulrush	S2	SC
Parker's Pipewort	S3	SC
Rare Plant	S2	SC
Small Reed Grass	S3	SC
Horned Pondweed	S2	SC
Creeping Spike-moss	S2	E

Rare & Exemplary Natural Communities*	State Rank ^b
Pocket Swamp	S2
Salt-hay Saltmarsh	S3
Brackish Tidal Marsh	S3
Freshwater Tidal Marsh	S2



Atlantic White Cedar Bog	S1
Pitch Pine Bog	S2
Pitch Pine Dune Woodland	S1
Tidal Marsh Estuary Ecosystem	S3
Coastal Dune-marsh Ecosystem	S3

Please review Map 1 for additional fisheries, including wild brook trout and Atlantic salmon.

Important Natural Resources

Focus Areas of Statewide Ecological Significance	In or Near ^c
Saco Heath	In
Scarborough Marsh	In

Exemplary Common Natural Communities (S4/S5)*
Raised Level Bog Ecosystem

**Web information link or fact sheet included in Fact Sheet packet folder*

^a. **State Status** - all species with E, T, or SC Status are listed as Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN) in the State Wildlife Action Plan.

E (Endangered) = rare and may be lost from the state in the foreseeable future or federally listed as Endangered.

T (Threatened) = rare and, with further decline, could become endangered; or federally listed as Threatened.

SC (Special Concern) = a species that does not meet the criteria for E or T, but is particularly vulnerable and could easily become a Threatened, Endangered, or Extirpated species.

^b. **State / Global Rarity Rank**

B = breeding.

N = nesting.

Q = taxonomy questions.

S1/G1 = Critically Imperiled.

S2/G2 = Imperiled.

S3/G3 = Vulnerable.

S4/G4 = Apparently Secure.

S5/G5 = Secure.

T = infraspecific taxonomy.

? = inexact rank.

^c. **In or Near** – Features located “in” the town boundaries or “near”, within 0.2 miles of the town boundary.

