# CT River Wetland Treasures Nomination

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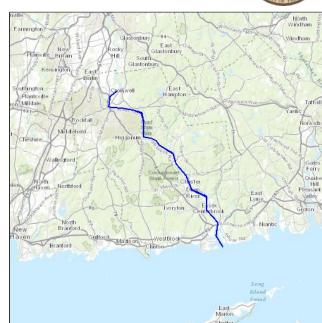
CT River Wetland Treasures
Nomination

LOCATION

Middlesex and New London counties, Connecticut

#### DESCRIPTION

Information from this request will provide supporting evidence for the eligibility of nominating the lower Connecticut River as a "Wetlands Treasure" in the Society of Wetlands Scientists Wetlands Treasure conservation initiative.



IPAC LINK

https://ecos.fws.gov/ipac/project/ 3I5TF-AJ23Z-HGRFO-2JWTM-L6OVJ4

### U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Contact Information

Trust resources in this location are managed by:

### **New England Ecological Services Field Office**

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# **Endangered Species**

Proposed, candidate, threatened, and endangered species are managed by the <u>Endangered Species Program</u> of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

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<u>Section 7</u> of the Endangered Species Act **requires** Federal agencies to "request of the Secretary information whether any species which is listed or proposed to be listed may be present in the area of such proposed action" for any project that is conducted, permitted, funded, or licensed by any Federal agency.

A letter from the local office and a species list which fulfills this requirement can only be obtained by requesting an official species list either from the Regulatory Documents section in IPaC or from the local field office directly.

The list of species below are those that may occur or could potentially be affected by activities in this location:

### **Birds**

Red Knot Calidris canutus rufa

Threatened

CRITICAL HABITAT

No critical habitat has been designated for this species.

http://ecos.fws.gov/tess\_public/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=B0DM

Roseate Tern Sterna dougallii dougallii

Endangered

CRITICAL HABITAT

No critical habitat has been designated for this species.

http://ecos.fws.gov/tess\_public/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=B07O

#### Insects

Puritan Tiger Beetle Cicindela puritana

Threatened

CRITICAL HABITAT

No critical habitat has been designated for this species.

http://ecos.fws.gov/tess\_public/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=I02D

### **Mammals**

### Northern Long-eared Bat Myotis septentrionalis

Threatened

CRITICAL HABITAT

No critical habitat has been designated for this species.

http://ecos.fws.gov/tess\_public/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=A0JE

### **Critical Habitats**

There are no critical habitats in this location

### Migratory Birds

Birds are protected by the <u>Migratory Bird Treaty Act</u> and the <u>Bald and Golden Eagle</u> <u>Protection Act</u>.

Any activity that results in the take of migratory birds or eagles is prohibited unless authorized by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.<sup>[1]</sup> There are no provisions for allowing the take of migratory birds that are unintentionally killed or injured.

Any person or organization who plans or conducts activities that may result in the take of migratory birds is responsible for complying with the appropriate regulations and implementing appropriate conservation measures.

1. 50 C.F.R. Sec. 10.12 and 16 U.S.C. Sec. 668(a)

Additional information can be found using the following links:

- Birds of Conservation Concern
   <a href="http://www.fws.gov/birds/management/managed-species/birds-of-conservation-concern.php">http://www.fws.gov/birds/management/managed-species/birds-of-conservation-concern.php</a>
- Conservation measures for birds
   http://www.fws.gov/birds/management/project-assessment-tools-and-guidance/conservation-measures.php
- Year-round bird occurrence data http://www.birdscanada.org/birdmon/default/datasummaries.isp

The following species of migratory birds could potentially be affected by activities in this location:

American Oystercatcher Haematopus palliatus

Bird of conservation concern

Season: Breeding

http://ecos.fws.gov/tess\_public/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=B0G8

American Bittern Botaurus lentiginosus Bird of conservation concern

Season: Breeding

http://ecos.fws.gov/tess\_public/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=B0F3

Bald Eagle Haliaeetus leucocephalus Bird of conservation concern

Season: Year-round

 $\underline{http://ecos.fws.gov/tess\_public/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=B008}$ 

Black Skimmer Rynchops niger Bird of conservation concern

Season: Breeding

http://ecos.fws.gov/tess\_public/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=B0EO

Black-billed Cuckoo Coccyzus erythropthalmus

Season: Breeding

http://ecos.fws.gov/tess\_public/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=B0HI

Blue-winged Warbler Vermivora pinus

Season: Breeding

Canada Warbler Wilsonia canadensis

Season: Breeding

Cerulean Warbler Dendroica cerulea

Season: Breeding

http://ecos.fws.gov/tess\_public/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=B09I

Fox Sparrow Passerella iliaca

Season: Wintering

Hudsonian Godwit Limosa haemastica

Season: Migrating

Least Bittern Ixobrychus exilis

Season: Breeding

http://ecos.fws.gov/tess\_public/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=B092

Least Tern Sterna antillarum

Season: Breeding

Peregrine Falcon Falco peregrinus

Seasons: Breeding, Wintering

http://ecos.fws.gov/tess\_public/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=B0FU

Pied-billed Grebe Podilymbus podiceps

Season: Year-round

Prairie Warbler Dendroica discolor

Season: Breeding

Purple Sandpiper Calidris maritima

Season: Wintering

Rusty Blackbird Euphagus carolinus

Season: Wintering

Saltmarsh Sparrow Ammodramus caudacutus

Season: Breeding

Seaside Sparrow Ammodramus maritimus

Season: Year-round

Short-eared Owl Asio flammeus

Season: Wintering

http://ecos.fws.gov/tess\_public/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=B0HD

Snowy Egret Egretta thula

Season: Breeding

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Upland Sandpiper Bartramia longicauda

Bird of conservation concern Season: Breeding

http://ecos.fws.gov/tess\_public/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=B0HC

Willow Flycatcher Empidonax traillii Bird of conservation concern

Season: Breeding

http://ecos.fws.gov/tess\_public/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=B0F6

Wood Thrush Hylocichla mustelina Bird of conservation concern

Season: Breeding

Worm Eating Warbler Helmitheros vermivorum Bird of conservation concern

Season: Breeding

# Wildlife refuges and fish hatcheries

There are no refuges or fish hatcheries in this location

# Wetlands in the National Wetlands Inventory

Impacts to <u>NWI wetlands</u> and other aquatic habitats may be subject to regulation under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, or other State/Federal statutes.

For more information please contact the Regulatory Program of the local <u>U.S. Army</u> Corps of Engineers District.

#### **DATA LIMITATIONS**

The Service's objective of mapping wetlands and deepwater habitats is to produce reconnaissance level information on the location, type and size of these resources. The maps are prepared from the analysis of high altitude imagery. Wetlands are identified based on vegetation, visible hydrology and geography. A margin of error is inherent in the use of imagery; thus, detailed on-the-ground inspection of any particular site may result in revision of the wetland boundaries or classification established through image analysis.

The accuracy of image interpretation depends on the quality of the imagery, the experience of the image analysts, the amount and quality of the collateral data and the amount of ground truth verification work conducted. Metadata should be consulted to determine the date of the source imagery used and any mapping problems.

Wetlands or other mapped features may have changed since the date of the imagery or field work. There may be occasional differences in polygon boundaries or classifications between the information depicted on the map and the actual conditions on site.

#### DATA EXCLUSIONS

Certain wetland habitats are excluded from the National mapping program because of the limitations of aerial imagery as the primary data source used to detect wetlands. These habitats include seagrasses or submerged aquatic vegetation that are found in the intertidal and subtidal zones of estuaries and nearshore coastal waters. Some deepwater reef communities (coral or tuberficid worm reefs) have also been excluded from the inventory. These habitats, because of their depth, go undetected by aerial imagery.

#### **DATA PRECAUTIONS**

Federal, state, and local regulatory agencies with jurisdiction over wetlands may define and describe wetlands in a different manner than that used in this inventory. There is no attempt, in either the design or products of this inventory, to define the limits of proprietary jurisdiction of any Federal, state, or local government or to establish the geographical scope of the regulatory programs of government agencies. Persons intending to engage in activities involving modifications within or adjacent to wetland areas should seek the advice of appropriate federal, state, or local agencies concerning specified agency regulatory programs and proprietary jurisdictions that may affect such activities.

Wetland data is unavailable at this time.