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Wildlife Opening Habitats White Mountain National Forest

2013 Accomplishments

For many years, staff on the White Mountain National Forest have created, maintained, and enhanced permanent wildlife opening habitat to serve a number of species' needs. Currently some 800 acres of this habitat is managed across the Forest, from small openings like our administrative site native plant gardens to large fields. Depending on the site, treatments include prescribed burning and/or mechanical mowing or brushing. In fiscal year 2012, the Forest treated a total of 219 acres to perpetuate this habitat. Partners completed an additional 10 acres.

The overall habitat objective in these openings is to provide a range of herbaceous and shrubby vegetation to support a diversity of wildlife species, including monarchs and other pollinators. A variety of native plants (including several milkweed species) are present at these as a result of natural propagation and supplemental seeding/planting with New England genetic stock.



Walker Brook wildlife opening



Swamp milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*) in the White Mountain Administrative Complex native plant garden

Year Project Initiated; varies

Project completion: ongoing – continued maintenance

Report number: 2

Expenditures (FY 13): \$42,000

FY13 Partners/Contractors/Coop: New Hampshire Division of Water, Oxford County Soil Conservation District

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