

PENNSYLVANIA IMPORTANT MAMMAL AREA #27 Wyoming State Forest

COUNTY(IES) Sullivan, Lycoming, Schuylkill

APPROX. SIZE 43,570 acres

OWNERSHIP Public (State)

CATEGORIES/CRITERIA

- Sustains a confirmed viable local population of a Species of Greatest Conservation Need and the species or subspecies regularly occurs at the site during one or more seasons

DESCRIPTION

Located in the eastern portion of the Allegheny Plateau northeast of Williamsport, the area is covered by extensive, unfragmented northern hardwood-hemlock forest. It includes narrow stream valleys (Kettle Creek Gorge, Loyalsock Creek). There are five distinct habitats, including grassland, swamps, deciduous and coniferous forests, and shrubby areas, each with a distinctive flora and fauna.

MAMMAL NOTES

Ogdonia Creek provides habitat for northern water shrews and streamside habitat for rock voles (found at Angel Falls near Ogdonia).

CONSERVATION NOTES

Because of the occurrence of yellow-bellied flycatcher and a high concentration of forest interior species, the area has been designated an IBA (#42, Wyoming State Forest and World's End).