

PENNSYLVANIA IMPORTANT MAMMAL AREA #39 Tannersville Cranberry Bog
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COUNTY(IES) Monroe

APPROX. SIZE 775 acres

OWNERSHIP Public (Local), Private

REASON FOR SELECTION

- Contains a rare, threatened, or unique habitat type important to mammals
- 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

This IMA is located along I-80 in eastern PA north of Tannersville. Once a large glacial lake, Tannersville Cranberry Bog was one of The Nature Conservancy's first preserves. It represents the southernmost low-altitude boreal bog along the eastern seaboard. Wetland habitat (sphagnum bog, swamps, streams, open water) is at the heart of this site, and it is bordered by deciduous, coniferous, and mixed forests.

MAMMAL NOTES

Inhabiting the area are snowshoe hare, black bear, and northern river otter. There is intensive educational use by area residents.

CONSERVATION NOTES

The area is owned by The Nature Conservancy and Pocono Township. Rare plants occurring there include dwarf mistletoe and yellow-eyed grass.