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## High Value Plant & Animal Habitats Bristol

*This map is nonregulatory and is intended for planning purposes only*



-  **Town of Interest**
-  **Organized Towns**
-  **Developed** Impervious surfaces such as roads and buildings.
- Rare or Endangered Wildlife\***
  -  **Endangered, Threatened, or Special Concern Species** Mapped observations of rare wildlife species.
  -  **Roseate Tern, Piping Plover & Least Tern** Nesting, feeding, brood & rearing sites. Areas are identified based on species observations and confirmed habitat use.
- Rare or Exemplary Plants and Natural Communities**
  -  **Rare Plant Locations** Known rare, threatened, or endangered plant occurrences are based on field observations.
  -  **Rare and Exemplary Natural Communities** Mapped features are based on field surveys and aerial photo interpretation.
- Significant Wildlife Habitat**
  -  **Significant Vernal Pools** Surveyed pool depressions used for breeding by amphibians and other indicator species and that portion of the critical terrestrial habitat within 250 ft of the spring or fall high water mark.
  -  **Seabird Nesting Island** An island, ledge, or portion thereof in tidal waters with documented, nesting seabirds or suitable nesting habitat for endangered seabirds.
  -  **P-FW: Fish and Wildlife Protection** Forested area in unorganized territories possibly used by deer for shelter during periods of deep snow and cold temperatures.
  -  **Inland Waterfowl and Wading Bird Habitats** Breeding, migrating/staging, or wintering areas for inland waterfowl or breeding, feeding, loafing, migrating, or roosting areas for wading birds.
  -  **Tidal Waterfowl and Wading Bird Habitats** Breeding, migrating/staging, or wintering areas for coastal waterfowl or breeding, feeding, loafing, migrating, or roosting areas for coastal wading birds.
  -  **Shorebird Areas** Shorebird feeding and roosting areas.

*\*Species and habitat labels are provided within and proximate to the town of interest.*

Contact the **Environmental Review Team** at the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife for information on fisheries, wildlife, and critical habitat resources related to potential development activities and regulatory processes. [IFWEnvironmentalreview@maine.gov](mailto:IFWEnvironmentalreview@maine.gov)

TOWN BOUNDARIES - ME Office of GIS (2021)  
 HYDROLOGY - U.S. Geological Survey National Hydrography Dataset(2016)  
 DEVELOPED - NOAA Coastal Change Analysis Program (C-CAP) (2022)

RARE, ESSENTIAL & SIGNIFICANT WILDLIFE HABITATS - ME Office of GIS, ME Dep. of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife (2024)  
 RARE NATURAL COMMUNITIES & PLANTS - ME Natural Areas Pgm (2024)