

## Bog Brook Wildlife Management Area

### Beddington & Deblois

**Description:**

Bog Brook is a 1,600 acre wetland complex with a variety of vegetation types. It is impounded at its western end, where it drains into the Narraguagus River. According to National Wetlands Inventory Maps, the largest wetland type is open water, followed by shrub-scrub and emergent types.

Three bald eagle essential habitats are known from the north side of the Focus Area. The WMA also supports a great blue heron colony as well as several osprey nests in a “colonial” group.

The WMA is adjacent to privately owned and intensively managed blueberry barrens to the west. These barrens are known habitat for the upland sandpiper, which is rare statewide but relatively frequent in the blueberry barrens of Beddington and Deblois.

**Rare Species and Exemplary Natural Community Table for Bog Brook**

Common Name	Latin Name	S-RANK	G-RANK	State Status
<i>Rare Animals</i>				
Bald Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	S4	G4	

**Other Habitats Mapped by MDIFW:**

Waterfowl / Wading Bird Habitat  
 Bald Eagle Essential Habitat  
 Deer Wintering Areas

**Conservation Considerations**

- The outlet dam maintains a constant flowage height and downstream minimum flows for fisheries habitat.
- There are no records of invasive plant species.

**Protection Status:**

Virtually all of the wetlands within the Focus Area are owned by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. A small bog on the southwest side remains in private ownership. MDIFW leases the dam site and has flowage rights from IP Corp. and Jasper Wyman Co. MDIFW has no direct ownership of adjacent uplands, but protection of a wooded buffer around the flowage is a high priority.