

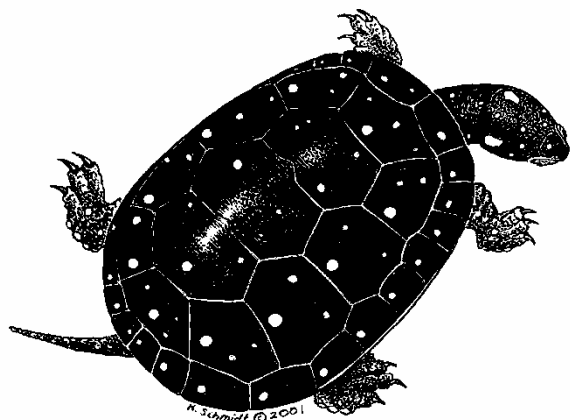


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NYC BIODIVERSITY HANDBOOK



Hudsonia biologists are preparing a *Biodiversity Assessment Handbook for New York City*, which will detail habitats, plants, and animals of special ecological importance in the New York City metropolitan area, and provide recommendations for conservation.

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The *Handbook* is an analog of the groundbreaking *Biodiversity Assessment Manual for the Hudson River Estuary Corridor* - created by Hudsonia and published by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation in 2001 - now a standard reference for municipal planning boards, conservation advisory councils, land trusts, conservation NGOs, and others interested in understanding and protecting important biological resources.

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We are collaborating with the Center for Biodiversity and Conservation of the American Museum of Natural History as we compile existing information, conduct original field research on ecologically significant places, and bring our decades of knowledge to bear on the unique problems of biological conservation in urban ecosystems.





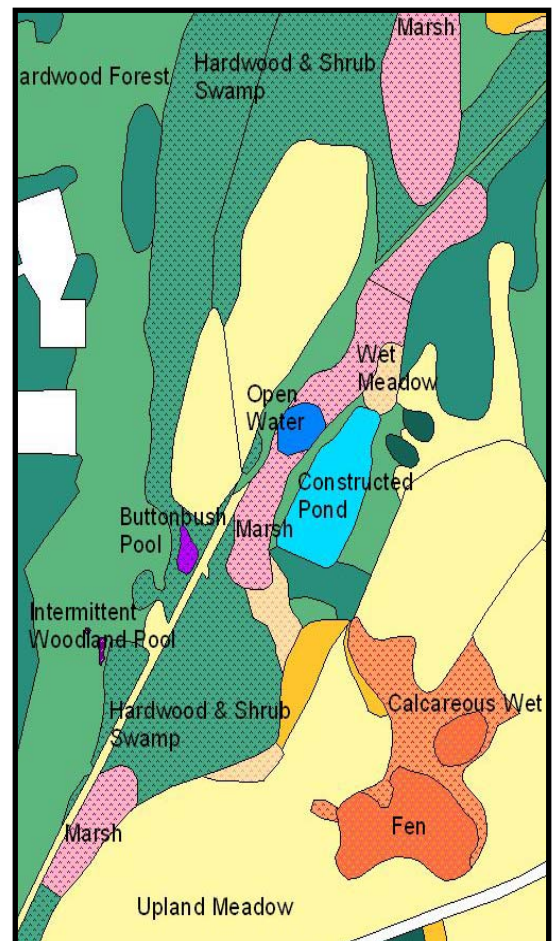
Rare species/dirty digs

Little-known fact: Certain rare species thrive in urban habitats. The seaside dragonlet—the only dragonfly that can breed in full-strength seawater—is rare but surviving in New York City, and thriving in the nearby New Jersey Meadowlands. Many other rare species are “under the radar” and will be lost without study and conservation.

About Hudsonia

Hudsonia was founded in 1981 by regional biologists, and since that time we have worked out of our small no-frills offices to protect the natural heritage of the Hudson Valley, New York metropolitan area, and surrounding regions. We conduct basic and applied research on rare species and their habitats, the ecology of invasive plants and animals, the ecology of wetlands, streams, and estuaries, and habitat restoration, and we train community leaders in effective ways to protect biological resources and intact ecosystems. Over the years, we have provided technical assistance to more than 150 public agencies and NGOs in the complicated land-use decision making process.

We are a research institute dedicated to bringing cutting-edge science to the habitat identification, conservation, and restoration efforts of the public and private sectors.



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For more information about Hudsonia's programs, including projects in the New York City metropolitan area, contact Erik Kiviat at (845) 758-0600 or kiviat@bard.edu, or visit www.hudsonia.org.

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