

PENNSYLVANIA IMPORTANT MAMMAL AREA #35
Pocono Lake/Adams Swamp/Two Mile Run

COUNTY(IES) Monroe

APPROX. SIZE 7000 acres

OWNERSHIP Private

REASON FOR SELECTION

- 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 site encompasses the community of Pocono Lake and Pocono Lake Preserve. Most of the habitat is coniferous forest (spruce, fir, hemlock), interspersed with some deciduous trees. The site also includes swamps (Adams Swamp, Balsam Swamp) and streams (Davey's Run, Wolf Spring).

MAMMAL NOTES

Special concern mammal species include northern flying squirrels and northern river otters. The habitat also supports a beaver population. Streams should be surveyed for northern water shrews.

CONSERVATION NOTES

This IMA is mostly owned by Pocono Lake Preserve, whose landowners are largely conservation-minded. Two tracts owned by The Nature Conservancy are also included. Long-term research on northern flying squirrels occurs via nest box placement and monitoring. Residential development and the hemlock wooly adelgid pose local threats, as do overbrowsing by deer and excessive logging. Ospreys have been reintroduced at Pocono Lake Preserve, which has been designated IBA #63. Also residing here are yellow-bellied flycatchers, northern saw-whet owls, and an array of northern boreal forest birds.