

<p style="text-align: center;">PENNSYLVANIA IMPORTANT MAMMAL AREA #12 Kimberly Run Natural Area</p>

COUNTY(IES) Somerset

APPROX. SIZE 266 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

Located near the junction of the PA Turnpike and SR 219, this area is immediately east of SGL 50. The site includes a 2.5 acre sphagnum bog, older growth hemlock and white pine woodlands (not logged since 1800s), rocky stream-side habitats, and fallow fields.

MAMMAL NOTES

There are confirmed records of West Virginia water shrews near this site, as well as sightings of fisher, bobcat, and black bear. The site itself needs to be surveyed for water shrews.

CONSERVATION NOTES

Kimberly Run Natural Area is owned by the Somerset County Conservancy, which is developing a conservation plan. The site should be surveyed for occurrence of West Virginia water shrews. Although not an IBA, several unusual birds occur there, including the northern waterthrush. The primary threat to the aquatic habitat is stream pollution due to acid mine drainage.