

<p style="text-align: center;">PENNSYLVANIA IMPORTANT MAMMAL AREA #40 Delaware State Forest, Bushkill Creek Area</p>
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COUNTY(IES) Monroe, Pike

APPROX. SIZE 98,418 acres

OWNERSHIP Public (State), Private

REASON FOR SELECTION

- Supports significant populations of species or subspecies with specific habitat requirements
- Contains a rare, threatened, or unique habitat type important to mammals
- 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 west of the Delaware River in the area northwest of Matamoras, this is a glaciated area with abundant wetlands. The IMA specifically is located in the area drained by Bushkill Creek and includes a diversity of aquatic habitats (swamps, streams, open water) intermingled with deciduous, coniferous, and mixed forests.

MAMMAL NOTES

This IMA, which provides a refuge area for carnivores in an otherwise developed area, is home to both black bear and northern river otter. Northern water shrews have been recorded there, and the area needs to be surveyed for snowshoe hares and northern flying squirrels.

CONSERVATION NOTES

Bird species of interest include osprey and bald eagle. The Bureau of Forestry has a conservation plan for the area.

