

Endangered, Threatened, and Uncommon Animals Identified in Wall Township

An unusual, uncommon, and rare find of Crayfish, Fresh Water Mussels, Red Bellied Terrapin, and Red Spotted Salamander is unique to Wall Township.

Nature @ Allaire State Park, Atlantic Ave.

Allaire State Park consists of over 3,000 acres of pine, oak forest, pine barren swamps, holly forest, and meadows. Over 200 species of plants, wild flowers, trees, shrubs, and vines have been identified and catalogued. The wild flowers on the Manasquan flood plain and great sight birding are nature's spring gift.

The flood plain of the Manasquan River, which bisects the Park, provides an excellent habitat for certain plant life not usually associated with the Jersey Shore region.

Wood turtles have been found at Allaire which are a threatened species in New Jersey. The Prothonotary Warbler, Hooded Warbler, Broad-winged Hawk, Cooper's Hawk, Turkey, and Barred Owl are noteworthy for this area.

Reference: Lorraine M. McCay, Allaire State Park

Manasquan Wildlife Management Area

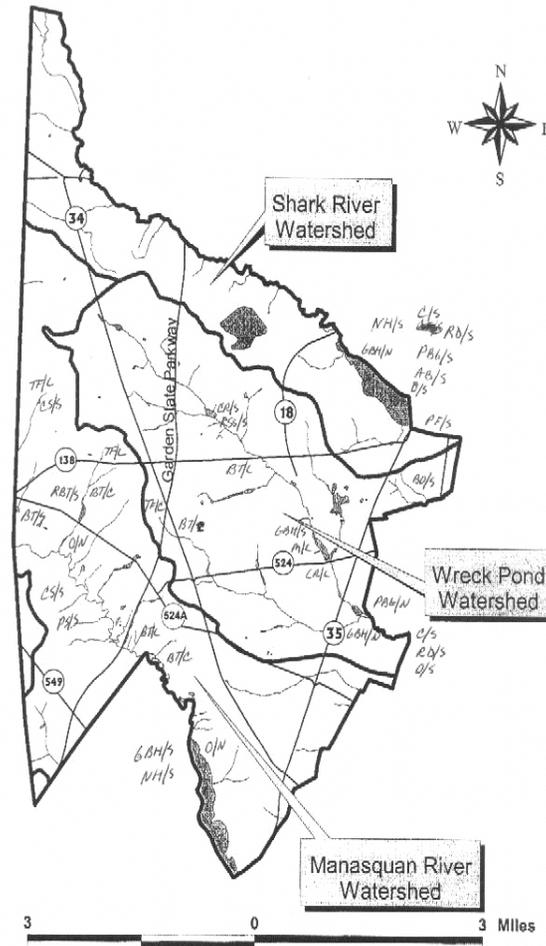
This wildlife habitat area consists of 754 acres of open fields, deciduous forests, and wetlands along the Manasquan River. A forest habitat includes fox, deer, squirrels, raccoons, hares, skunks, rabbits, shrews, moles, and opossums.

The marsh wildlife includes various bird species such as the Songbirds, Red-winged Blackbird, Bluejays, Mockingbird, Sparrows and Doves. Other species include the White-eyed Vireo, Willow Flycatcher, Great Crested Flycatcher, Eastern Kingbird, Carolina Wren, Marsh Wren, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Brown Thrasher, Blue-winged Warbler, Yellow Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Field Sparrow, Song Sparrow, Swamp Sparrow, Orchard and Baltimore Oriole.

Maple and Elm are the predominant vegetation species along the edge of the marsh, which is interspersed with some pine species. Wood shrubs include Pepperbush and Holly. The marsh contains phragmites, cattails, and spartina, with ferns and grasses in the area immediately surrounding the marsh.

Reference: Steve Taylor, Manasquan Watershed Management Group
Wall Township. '87 Master Plan

Wall Township Watersheds



“Endangered Species are those whose prospects for survival in New Jersey are in immediate danger because of a loss or change in habitat, over-exploitation, predation, competition, disease of contamination. Assistance is needed to prevent future extinction in New Jersey

Threatened Species are those who may become endangered if conditions surround them begin to or continue to deteriorate.”

Reference: Endangered and Threatened Wildlife of NJ
NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife

Key for Map Listing

Identification Symbols (General)

1. C = Colony of Species Observed
2. N = Nesting Site Observed
3. S = Individual Species Sighted

Animal Species Observed:

Birds:

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| American Bittern (endangered) | AB = s (sighted) |
| Barred Owl (threatened) | BO = s (sighted) |
| Black Crowned Night Heron (threatened) | NH = s (sighted) |
| Coot (threatened) | C = s (sighted) |
| Great Blue Heron (threatened) | GBH = n (nesting) |
| Least Tern (endangered) | LT = s (sighted) |
| Osprey (threatened) | O = s (sighted) |
| Peregrine Falcon (endangered) | PF = s (sighted) |
| Pied Billed Grebe (endangered) | PBG = s (sighted) |
| | n (nesting) |
| Ruddy Duck (threatened) | RD = s (sighted) |

Reptiles

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| Bog Turtle (endangered) | BT = s (sighted) |
| | = c (colony) |
| Corn Snake (endangered) | CS = s (sighted) |
| Northern Pine Snake (threatened) | NPS = s (sighted) |
| Red Bellied Terrapin (uncommon) | RBT = s (sighted) |

Amphibians:

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| Pine Barrens Tree Frog (endangered) | TF = c (colony) |
| Red Spotted Salamander (uncommon) | RSS = s (sighted) |

Invertebrates:

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| Crayfish (uncommon) | CR = s (sighted) |
| Fresh Water Mussels (uncommon) | FWM = c (colony or beds) |

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