

Mountain Golden Heather - Potential Habitat, March 2021 - NC

Department of Transportation

Geodatabase Feature Class



Tags Mountain golden-heather, *Hudsonia montana*, Huds_mont, Vascular Plant, Terrestrial, threatened, critical habitat, GIS-based model, expert model, Transportation, NRTR, NCDOT, Environment, Location, North Carolina, ATLAS

Summary

This dataset was originally created in March 2020 as part of the Project ATLAS initiative at NCDOT to support the Environmental Analysis Unit (EAU) Mitigation and Modeling Unit with project delivery in the development phase. Model output is binary, and includes the USFWS species range, excluding historic counties. The species model range is split between “High” and “Low” potential habitat. “High potential habitat” represents GIS based layer areas deemed suitable habitat, and “Low potential habitat” representing areas identified as areas deemed low quality or non-habitat. This model identifies all year-round potential suitable habitat for the species.

The Optimal survey window for Mountain golden-heather is late May - early June.

This dataset supports the production of the Natural Resources Technical Report (NRTR). This dataset also contains information that may assist biologists in preparing background information for field surveys, in order to address protected species for Threatened & Endangered Species Survey Reports, and/or Biological Assessments.

Description

The Mountain golden-heather Potential Habitat dataset is a polygon layer depicting high and low potential habitat locations for Mountain golden-heather in NC counties that have a USFWS "current" status listing. This model identifies all year-round potential suitable habitat for the species.

Mountain golden-heather (*Hudsonia montana*), endemic to the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina, occurs in Pine-Oak/Heath and Montane Acidic Cliff natural communities on rock cliffs and shrub balds at elevations of 2,800-4,000 feet above mean sea level. This needle-leaved perennial shrub prefers exposed, windswept quartzite or mica gneiss ledges in a sparsely vegetated ecotone between bare rock and sand myrtle-dominated heath balds that merge into a pine/oak forest. Plants require periodic fire to maintain its suitably open habitat, although they may survive for awhile in areas shaded by pine trees.

NCDOT NRTR Critical Habitat Description:

Burke County, North Carolina contains a Critical Habitat area designated for mountain goldenheather. This area occurs within Pisgah National Forest along the Linville Gorge Wilderness Boundary, Shortoff Mountain, Table Rock Mountain, and the 3,400 and 2,200-foot elevation contours.

There are 5 known populations (28 occurrences) in Pisgah National Forest in Burke County (Table Rock, the Chimneys, Chimney Gap, Shortoff, and the Amphitheater-Carolina Wall). There is one population in McDowell County (2 occurrences). According to recovery plan, plant prefers shallow sandy soils interspersed with quartzite gravel, Chilhowee quartzite ledges and outcrops. All known populations lie between 2800 and 3850 feet in elevation.

County Information-

- NHP listed counties: Burke and McDowell
- FWS listed counties: Burke and McDowell

For more information please click here <https://xfer.services.ncdot.gov/gisdot/Metadata/Atlas/TechDocs/>

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Credits

The Environmental Analysis Unit (EAU) Mitigation and Modeling Unit within NCDOT was tasked to create this dataset. This dataset supports the production of the Natural Resources Technical Report (NRTR). Annual maintenance of this dataset is handled by the EAU.

Support and maintenance of the enterprise spatial database where this data resides is handled by NCDIT's Transportation GIS Unit.

Use limitations

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Extent

West -82.308039

East -81.357037

North 36.011321

South 35.514322

Scale Range

Maximum (zoomed in) 1:5,000

Minimum (zoomed out) 1:625,000

Topics and Keywords

Themes or categories of the resource Biota, Geoscientific, Location, Transportation, Environment

Content type Downloadable Data

Export to FGDC CSDGM XML format as Resource Description No

Theme keywords Mountain golden-heather, Hudsonia montana, Huds_mont, Vascular Plant, Terrestrial, threatened, critical habitat, GIS-based model, expert model, Transportation, NRTR, NCDOT, Environment, Location, North Carolina, ATLAS

Thesaurus

Title User

Creation date 2020-03-02 00:00:00

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Place keywords North Carolina

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Presentation formats digital map

FGDC geospatial presentation format vector digital data

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Resource Details

Dataset languages English (UNITED STATES)

Dataset character set utf8 - 8 bit UCS Transfer Format

Status completed

Spatial representation type vector

Processing environment Version 6.2 (Build 9200) ; Esri ArcGIS 10.5.1.7333

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Extents

Extent

Description

Data collection is complete.

Geographic extent

Bounding rectangle

West longitude -84.422111

East longitude -75.416034

South latitude 33.730557

North latitude 36.617257

Extent contains the resource Yes

Temporal extent

Beginning date 2020-03-02 00:00:00

Ending date 2020-03-02 00:00:00

Extent

Geographic extent

Bounding rectangle

Extent type Extent used for searching

West longitude -82.308039

East longitude -81.357037

North latitude 36.011321

South latitude 35.514322

Extent contains the resource Yes

Extent in the item's coordinate system

westBL 1021537.753276

eastBL 1298845.228188

southBL 658324.268518

northBL 831392.897773

exTypeCode Yes

Resource Points of Contact

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Resource Maintenance

Resource maintenance

Update frequency as needed

Scope of the updates dataset

Other maintenance requirements

Maintenance of this dataset is handled by the Environmental Analysis Unit (EAU) Mitigation and Modeling Unit. Currently updating this dataset has not been planned. Support and maintenance of the enterprise spatial database where this data resides is handled by NCDIT's Transportation GIS Unit.

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Resource Constraints

Legal constraints

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Security constraints

Classification unclassified

Classification system None

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Spatial Reference

ArcGIS coordinate system

Type Projected

Geographic coordinate reference GCS_North_American_1983

Projection NAD_1983_StatePlane_North_Carolina_FIPS_3200_Feet

Coordinate reference details

ProjectedCoordinateSystem

WKID 102719
XOrigin -121841900
YOrigin -93659000
XYScale 3048.0060960121918
ZOrigin 0
ZScale 1
MOrigin 0
MScale 1
XYTolerance 0.0032808333333333331
ZTolerance 0.001
MTolerance 0.001
HighPrecision true
LatestWKID 2264
WKT
PROJCS["NAD_1983_StatePlane_North_Carolina_FIPS_3200_Feet",GEOGCS["GCS_North_American_1983",DATUM["1983",AUTHORITY="EPSG",7901],PARAMETER["Standard_Parallel_1",34.33333333333334],PARAMETER["Standard_Parallel_2",36.16666666666667],

Reference system identifier

Value 2264
Codespace EPSG
Version 6.12(9.0.0)

Spatial Data Properties

Vector

Level of topology for this dataset geometry only
Geometric objects
Feature class name GdbGisuPubC.ATLAS.MountainGoldenHeatherPotentialHabitat
Object type composite
Object count 104

ArcGIS Feature Class Properties

Feature class name GdbGisuPubC.ATLAS.MountainGoldenHeatherPotentialHabitat
Feature type Simple
Geometry type Polygon
Has topology FALSE
Feature count 104
Spatial index TRUE
Linear referencing FALSE

Data Quality

Scope of quality information

Resource level dataset

Data quality report - Completeness omission

Data quality measure reference

Measure description

After processing, the dataset is checked for drawing display and number of records and file sizes compared with source materials.

Conformance test results

Test passed Yes

Result explanation

Pass

Product specification

Title NCDOT Geospatial Data Specifications

Creation date 2020-03-02 00:00:00

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Data quality report - Conceptual consistency

Data quality measure reference

Measure description

The dataset is converted to file geodatabase (FGDB) format using tools in ArcGIS. The geometry is checked, and if needed repaired

Conformance test results

Test passed Yes

Result explanation

Pass

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Data quality report - Quantitative attribute accuracy

Data quality measure reference

Measure description

- AGOL Review

A model prediction file was shared with select reviewers on ArGIS Online (AGOL). Points were placed within the USFWS potential habitat as well as the model potential habitat in order to solicit feedback. Reviewers could place additional comments for consideration by modeler. AGOL review was completed in May 2019 on

a draft version of this model

- Independent Data Review

Describe data sources – Natural Heritage Program element occurrences

Describe methods – Current aerial imagery was used to determine if EO sites have been developed.

Elevation data was used to confirm elevation data included in EO records.

Conformance test results

Test passed Yes

Result explanation

Pass

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Lineage

Lineage statement

ArcGIS Model Builder version 10.4.1 was used to build a model

Input Environmental data layers for model:

1) DEM

NC Floodplain Mapping Program 20-foot DEM acquired August 2018

- Layer selection justification: The data includes a grid of elevation values for the entire state although data is clipped to county boundary plus a buffer. Mountain golden heather is known to occur in a specific range of elevations.
- “Habitat” versus “Nonhabitat” designations: Areas with elevation over 2,800 were identified as habitat. An upper limit was not selected as elevations within the listed counties above the known range for the species are limited in area.

2) Critical_Habitat

Critical Habitat for Threatened & Endangered Species [USFWS]acquired August 2018 (available as web service from U.S Fish and Wildlife Service Environmental Conservation Online System FWS_HQ_ES_ECOS)

- Layer selection justification: The data includes a critical habitat for many species. One polygon located in Pisgah Forest represents the location of mountain golden heather critical habitat.
- “Habitat” versus “Nonhabitat” designations: Areas with within polygon considered habitat.

3) County_Boundary

Select Burke and McDowell Counties from County Boundary shapefile

- Layer selection justification: Species listed in Burke and McDowell Counties
- “Habitat” versus “Nonhabitat” designations: Potential habitat Burke and McDowell Counties.

Process step

Description

Geodatabase was forwarded on to the GIS Unit for publishing as part of data for project ATLAS.

Process contact - originator

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Process step

Description

Data was reviewed in ESRI's Data Reviewer tool to verify geometry.

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Process step

Description

Summary of model steps:

- Selected all areas in DEM between 2,800 and 4,000 feet above mean sea level
- Merged with critical habitat polygon.
- Clipped to select counties

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Distribution

Distributor

Contact information - distributor

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Distribution format

Name SDE Feature Class
Version 10.5

Fields

Details for object GdbGisuPubC.ATLAS.MountainGoldenHeatherPotentialHabitat

Type Feature Class
Row count 104
Definition
Potential Habitat areas for Mountain Golden-Heather in NC

Definition source
NCDOT

Field OBJECTID

Alias FID
Data type OID
Width 4
Precision 10
Scale 0

Field description

Internal feature number.

Description source
Esri

Description of values

Sequential unique whole numbers that are automatically generated.

Field Shape

Alias Shape

Data type Geometry

Width 4

Precision 0

Scale 0

Field description

Feature geometry.

Description source

Esri

Description of values

Coordinates defining the features.

Field CommonName

Alias CName

Data type String

Width 50

Precision 0

Scale 0

Field description

Common Name of Species

Description source

NCDOT

Field SciName

Alias SName

Data type String

Width 50

Precision 0

Scale 0

Field description

Scientific Name of Species

Description source

NCDOT

Field PotHabitat

Alias PotHab

Data type String

Width 25

Precision 0

Scale 0

Field description

Model Output - Low or High potential habitat

Description source

NCDOT

List of values

Value High

Description High potential

Enumerated domain value definition source NCDOT

Value Low

Description High potential

Enumerated domain value definition source NCDOT

Field Shape.STArea()

Alias Shape.STArea()

Data type Double

Width 0

Precision 0

Scale 0

Field Shape.STLength()

Alias Shape.STLength()

Data type Double

Width 0

Precision 0

Scale 0

Metadata Details

Metadata language English (UNITED STATES)

Metadata character set utf8 - 8 bit UCS Transfer Format

Scope of the data described by the metadata dataset

Scope name dataset

Last update 2022-07-25

ArcGIS metadata properties

Metadata format ArcGIS 1.0

Standard or profile used to edit metadata ISO19139

Metadata style ISO 19139 Metadata Implementation Specification

Created in ArcGIS for the item 2026-08-26 13:48:42

Last modified in ArcGIS for the item 2022-07-25 17:47:16

Automatic updates

Have been performed Yes

Last update 2022-07-25 17:46:59

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Maintenance

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Metadata Constraints

Security constraints

Classification unclassified
Classification system None
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Thumbnail and Enclosures

Thumbnail

Thumbnail type
Image file