

Table 2
Comparison of Wetland Classification Systems with Common Vegetation
(Adapted from Eggers and Reed 1997)

Wetland Plant Community Types (Eggers and Reed 1997)	Classification of Wetlands and Deep Water Habitats of the United States (Cowardin et al. 1979)	Fish and Wildlife Service Circular 39 (Shaw and Fredine 1971)	Examples of Common Vegetation
Shallow, Open Water	Palustrine or lacustrine, littoral; aquatic bed; submergent, floating, and floating-leaved	Type 5: Inland open fresh water	White water-lily, Yellow water-lily, Northern milfoil, Largeleaf pondweed
Deep Marsh	Palustrine or lacustrine, littoral; aquatic bed; submergent, floating, and floating-leaved; and emergent; persistent and nonpersistent	Type 4: Inland deep fresh marsh	Bulrushes, Cattail, Duckweed, Water shield
Shallow Marsh	Palustrine; emergent; persistent and nonpersistent	Type 3: Inland shallow fresh marsh	Cattails, Reed canary grass, Common reed
Sedge Meadow	Palustrine; emergent; narrow-leaved persistent	Type 2: Inland fresh meadow	Sedges, Canada bluejoint grass, Fowl bluegrass
Fresh (Wet) Meadow	Palustrine; emergent; broad- and narrow-leaved persistent	Type 1: Seasonally flooded basin or flat; Type 2: Inland fresh meadow	Reed canary grass, Sawtooth sunflower, Joe-pie-weed, Giant goldenrod
Wet to Wet-Mesic Prairie	Palustrine; emergent; broad- and narrow-leaved persistent	Type 1: Seasonally flooded basin or flat; Type 2: Inland fresh meadow	Cattail gayfeather, Prairie cordgrass, Slender rush, Black bentgrass
Calcareous Fen	Palustrine; emergent; narrow-leaved persistent; and scrub/shrub, broad-leaved deciduous	Type 2: Inland fresh meadow	Dioecious sedge, Beaked spikerush, Needle beakrush, Shrubby cinquefoil
Open Bog	Palustrine; moss/lichen; and scrub/shrub; broad-leaved evergreen	Type 8: Bog	Bog moss, Leatherleaf, Bog rosemary, Cranberry
Coniferous Bog	Palustrine; forested; needle-leaved evergreen and deciduous	Type 8: Bog	Tamarack, Black spruce, Cotton grass, Leatherleaf
Shrub-Carr	Palustrine; scrub/shrub; broad-leaved deciduous	Type 6: Shrub swamp	Meadow willow, Pussy willow, Uptight Sedge, Canada blue-joint grass
Alder Thicket	Palustrine; scrub/shrub; broad-leaved deciduous	Type 6: Shrub swamp	Speckled Alder, American elder, Narrowleaf meadowsweet, Cinnamon fern
Hardwood Swamp	Palustrine; forested; broad-leaved deciduous	Type 7: Wooded swamp	Black ash, Lake sedge, Ostrich fern, Marsh marigold
Coniferous Swamp	Palustrine; forested; needle-leaved deciduous and evergreen	Type 7: Wooded swamp	Northern white cedar, Cinnamon fern, Yellow birch
Floodplain Forest	Palustrine; forested; broad-leaved deciduous	Type 1: Seasonally flooded basin or flat	Silver maple, Canada wood-nettle, Canada hornwort, Green ash
Seasonally Flooded Basin	Palustrine; flat; emergent; persistent and non-persistent	Type 1: Seasonally flooded basin or flat	Willow-weed, Pennsylvania smartweed, Barnyard grass, White goosefoot