

Potential Rare Species Richness

LEGEND

▭ Planning District boundaries

▭ County / City boundaries

Potential Rare Species Richness

▭ Low

▭ Medium

▭ High

The Potential Rare Species Richness data layer represents the relative number of Virginia's threatened, endangered, and/or rare plant and animal species likely to occur across the Commonwealth, by summarizing predictions of suitable habitat within three-mile diameter hexagons. The layer is derived from the collection of current Predicted Suitable Habitat (PSH) maps; each individual PSH map indicates where suitable habitat for a particular species is expected to exist. These maps are developed and maintained by the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation - Division of Natural Heritage (DCR-DNH) to assist in protection and inventory of rare species in Virginia.

Number of species included: 179

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For more information, visit the Virginia ConservationVision website:
<https://www.dcr.virginia.gov/natural-heritage/vaconvision>

