

Our Mission

To provide the scientific basis for effective conservation action.

The NatureServe network collects and analyzes data about the plants, animals, and ecological communities of the Western Hemisphere. The 82 member organizations, known as natural heritage programs or conservation data centers (CDCs), operate throughout the United States, Canada, and Latin America and the Caribbean.

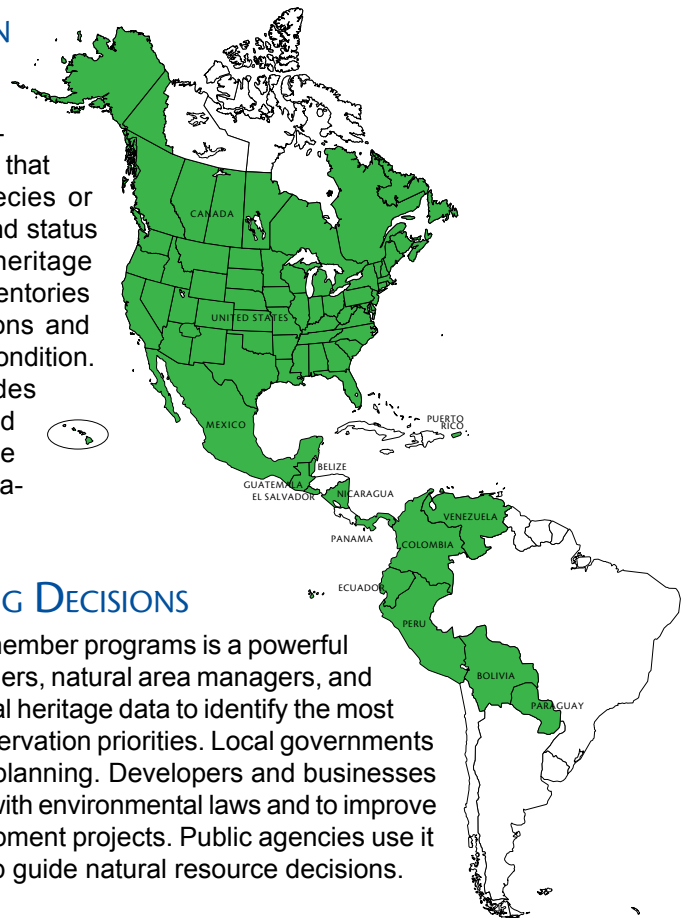
NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAMS AND CONSERVATION DATA CENTERS

Natural heritage programs are the leading source of information on the precise locations and conditions of at-risk species and threatened ecosystems. Consistent standards for collecting and managing data allow information from different programs to be shared and combined regionally, nationally, and internationally. The staff from across the network are experts in their fields, and include some of the most knowledgeable field biologists and conservation planners in their regions.

The NatureServe network carries on a legacy of conservation work that began when The Nature Conservancy helped to establish the first state natural heritage program in 1974. Over the next two decades, The Nature Conservancy and a collection of public and private partners built a network of biological inventories covering most of the Western Hemisphere. Today, most natural heritage programs are state/provincial government agencies; while others are housed in universities. The NatureServe network represents more than 800 dedicated scientists with a collective annual budget of almost \$50 million.

BIODIVERSITY INFORMATION DATABASES

Each program maintains and continuously updates a sophisticated database that tracks the relative rarity of each species or community and the precise location and status of each known population. Natural heritage biologists conduct extensive field inventories to locate and verify species populations and to assess their current conservation condition. Representing more than three decades of continuous ecological inventory and database development, these are the most complete and up-to-date conservation databases available.



SCIENTIFIC DATA INFORMING DECISIONS

The information compiled by network member programs is a powerful conservation tool for planners, landowners, natural area managers, and others. Conservation groups use natural heritage data to identify the most important natural areas and to set conservation priorities. Local governments use the information to aid in land-use planning. Developers and businesses rely on natural heritage data to comply with environmental laws and to improve the environmental sensitivity of development projects. Public agencies use it to manage public lands better and help guide natural resource decisions.

CANADA

Alberta Natural Heritage Information Centre
Edmonton, AB | 780.427.6639
www.cd.gov.ab.ca/preserving/parks/anhic/flashindex.asp

Atlantic Canada CDC
Sackville, NB | 506.364.2661
www.accdc.com

British Columbia CDC
Victoria, BC | 250.356.0928
www.env.gov.bc.ca/cdc

Manitoba CDC
Winnipeg, MB | 204.945.7743
web2.gov.mb.ca/conservation/cdc

Environment Yukon
Whitehorse, YT | 867.667.3684
www.environmentyukon.gov.yk.ca/wildlifebiodiversity

Ontario Natural Heritage Information Centre
Peterborough, ON | 705.755.2159
http://nhic.mnr.gov.on.ca/nhic_cfm

Centre de Données sur le Patrimoine Naturel du Québec
Québec, QC
Flore/Flora: 418.521.3907x7023
Faune/Fauna: 418.627.8694x7450
www.cdpnq.gouv.qc.ca

Saskatchewan CDC
Regina, SK | 306.787.9038
www.biodiversity.sk.ca

UNITED STATES

Alabama Natural Heritage Program
Montgomery, AL | 334.834.4519
www.alnhp.org

Alaska Natural Heritage Program
Anchorage, AK | 907.257.2780
<http://aknhp.uaa.alaska.edu>

Arizona Heritage Data Management System
Phoenix, AZ | 623.236.7618
www.azgfd.gov/hdms

Arkansas Natural Heritage Program
Little Rock, AR | 501.324.9619
www.naturalheritage.org

California Natural Diversity Database
Sacramento, CA | 916.324.3812
www.dfg.ca.gov/whdab/html/cnddb.html

Colorado Natural Heritage Program
Fort Collins, CO | 970.491.1309
www.cnhp.colostate.edu

Connecticut Natural Diversity Database
Hartford, CT | 860.424.3540
dep.state.ct.us/cgnhs/nddb/nddb2.htm

Delaware Natural Heritage Program
Smyrna, DE | 302.653.2880
www.dnrec.state.de.us/nhp

District of Columbia Fisheries & Wildlife
Washington, DC | 202.671.5000
doh.dc.gov/doh/cwp/view,a,1374,Q,584468,dohNAV_GID,1810,asp

Florida Natural Areas Inventory
Tallahassee, FL | 850.224.8207
www.fnai.org

Georgia Nongame Conservation Section
Social Circle, GA | 770.918.6411
georgiawildlife.dnr.state.ga.us/content/displaycontent.asp?txtDocument=87

Hawaii Natural Heritage Program
Honolulu, HI | 808.587.8600
www.hbmp.hawaii.edu

Idaho Natural Heritage Program
Boise, ID | 208.334.3402
fishandgame.idaho.gov/cdc

Illinois Natural Heritage Database Program
Springfield, IL | 217.782.2685
dnr.state.il.us/conservation/naturalheritage

Indiana Natural Heritage Data Center
Indianapolis, IN | 317.232.4078
www.in.gov/dnr/naturepr

Iowa Natural Areas Inventory
Des Moines, IA | 515.281.8524
www.iowadnr.com/other/inventory.html

Kansas Natural Heritage Inventory
Lawrence, KS | 785.864.3453
www.ksnhi.ku.edu/research/current.htm

Kentucky Natural Heritage Program
Frankfort, KY | 502.573.2886
www.naturepreserves.ky.gov

Louisiana Natural Heritage Program
Baton Rouge, LA | 225.765.2821
www.wlf.louisiana.gov/experience/naturalheritage

Maine Natural Areas Program
Augusta, ME | 207.287.8044
www.maineaturalareas.org

Maryland Natural Heritage Program
Annapolis, MD | 410.260.8540
www.dnr.state.md.us/wildlife

Massachusetts Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program
Westborough, MA | 508.792.7270x162
www.mass.gov/dfwefe/dfw/nhesp/nhesp.htm

Michigan Natural Features Inventory
Lansing, MI | 517.373.1552
www.msue.msu.edu/mnfi

Minnesota Natural Heritage & Nongame Research
St. Paul, MN | 651.296.2835
www.dnr.state.mn.us/ecological_services/nhrnp

Mississippi Natural Heritage Program
Jackson, MS | 601.354.7303
<http://museum.mdfwp.com/science/nhp.html>

Missouri Natural Heritage Program
Jefferson City, MO | 573.522.4115
www.mdc.mo.gov/nathis/heritage

Montana Natural Heritage Program
Helena, MT | 406.444.5354
nhp.nris.state.mt.us

Navajo Natural Heritage Program
Window Rock, AZ | 928.871.7068
<http://nnhp.nndfw.org>

Nebraska Natural Heritage Program
Lincoln, NE | 402.471.5500
www.ngpc.state.ne.us/wildlife/programs/nongame/nongame.asp

Nevada Natural Heritage Program
Carson City, NV | 775.684.2900
<http://heritage.nv.gov>

New Hampshire Natural Heritage Bureau
Concord, NH | 603.271.3623
www.dred.state.nh.us/divisions/forestandlands/bureaus/naturalheritage

New Jersey Natural Heritage Program
Trenton, NJ | 609.984.1339
www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/natural/heritage

Natural Heritage New Mexico
Albuquerque, NM | 505.277.3822
nmnhp.unm.edu

New York Natural Heritage Program
Albany, NY | 518.402.8935
www.nynhp.org

North Carolina Natural Heritage Program
Raleigh, NC | 919.733.4181
www.ncnhp.org

North Dakota Natural Heritage Inventory
Bismarck, ND | 701.328.5370
www.ndparks.com/Nature/Preserves.htm

Ohio Natural Heritage Database
Columbus, OH | 614.265.6453
www.ohiodnr.com/Home/Heritage/NaturalHeritage/tabid/2010/Default.aspx

Oklahoma Natural Heritage Inventory
Norman, OK | 405.325.1985
www.oknaturalheritage.ou.edu

Oregon Natural Heritage Information Center
Portland, OR | 503.731.3070
<http://oregonstate.edu/ornhic>

Pennsylvania Natural Heritage Program
Harrisburg, PA | 717.787.3444
www.naturalheritage.state.pa.us

Rhode Island Natural Heritage Program
Kingston, RI | 401.874.5800
www.dem.ri.gov/programs/bpoladm/plandev/heritage

South Carolina Heritage Trust
Columbia, SC | 803.734.3912
www.dnr.sc.gov/

South Dakota Natural Heritage Data Base
Pierre, SD | 605.773.4227
www.sdgifp.info/wildlife/diversity

Tennessee Division of Natural Areas
Nashville, TN | 615.532.0431
www.tennessee.gov/environment/na

Texas Natural History Survey
San Antonio, TX | 210.224.8774
www.nature.org/wherewework/northamerica/states/texas/science/art60609.html

Texas Wildlife Diversity Program
Austin, TX | 512.912.7011
www.tpwd.state.tx.us

TVA Regional Natural Heritage
Norris, TN | 865.632.1661
www.tva.com/environment/land/habitat.htm

Utah Natural Heritage Program
Salt Lake City, UT | 801.538.4759
dwrdoc.nr.utah.gov/ucdc

Vermont Nongame & Natural Heritage Program
Barre, VT | 802.476.0127
www.vtfishandwildlife.com/wildlife_nongame.cfm

Virginia Division of Natural Heritage
Richmond, VA | 804.786.7951
www.dcr.state.va.us/dnh

Washington Natural Heritage Program
Olympia, WA | 360.902.1661
www.dnr.wa.gov/ResearchScience/Topics/NaturalHeritage/Pages/amp_nh.aspx

West Virginia Natural Heritage Program
Elkins, WV | 304.637.0245
www.wvdnr.gov/wildlife/wdpintro.shtm

Wisconsin Natural Heritage Program
Madison, WI | 608.266.7012
www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/land/er/nhi

Wyoming Natural Diversity Database
Laramie, WY | 307.766.3023
www.uwyo.edu/wyddd

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Biodiversity and Environmental Resource Data System for Belize
Belmopan, Cayo District, Belize | 501.820.4017
www.biodiversity.bz

Centro de Biodiversidad y Genética
Cochabamba, Bolivia | 591.4.454.0364
www.fcyt.umss.edu.bo/investigacion/biodiversidad

Centro de Investigación y Preservación de la Amazonia
Cobija, Bolivia | 591.3.842.2193

Corporación Autónoma Regional del Valle del Cauca
Cali, Colombia | 57.2.331.0100
www.cvc.gov.co/vsm38cvc

Alianza Jatun Sacha/CDC – Ecuador
Quito, Ecuador | 593.2.243.2173
www.jatunsacha.org

SalvaNATURA
San Salvador, El Salvador | 503.2279.1515
www.salvanatura.org/

Centro de Datos para la Conservación de Guatemala
Ciudad de Guatemala, Guatemala | 502.2361.5450
www.natureserve.org/nhp/lacarb/guate

Centro de Datos para la Conservación de Sonora
Hermosillo, Sonora, México | 52.662.213.9534
www.cedes.gob.mx

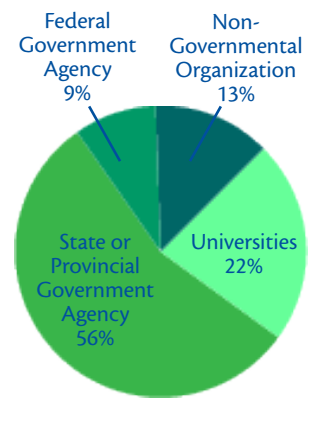
Pronatura Noreste A.C.
Monterrey, Nueva Leon, México | 52.81.8345.1045
www.pronaturane.org

Pronatura Sur A.C.
Chiapas, México | 52.967.678.5000
www.pronatura-chiapas.org

Pronatura Veracruz A.C.
Xalapa, Veracruz, México | 52.228.816.979
www.pronaturaveracruz.org

Pronatura Península de Yucatán A.C.
Mérida, Yucatán, México | 52.999.988.4436
www.pronatura-ppy.org.mx

Institutional Affiliation of Member Programs



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Ensenada, Baja California, México | 52.646.175.3461x111
www.pronatura-nmc.org

Pronatura México (Centro Occidente)
México D.F., México | 55.5635.5054x118
www.pronatura.org.mx/centro_occidente

Sistema Nacional de Información Ambiental
Managua, Nicaragua | 505.233.1112
www.sinia.net.ni

Centro de Datos para la Conservación de Panamá
Panamá, Panamá | 50.7.314.0060
www.ancon.org

Centro de Datos para la Conservación de Paraguay
Asunción, Paraguay | 595.21.615.804x414
www.seam.gov.py

Centro de Datos para la Conservación del Perú
Lima, Perú | 52.1.349.6102
<http://cdc.lamolina.edu.pe>

Programa de Patrimonio Natural
San Juan, Puerto Rico | 787.999.2200
www.drna.gobierno.pr

Centro Internacional de Ecología Tropical
Caracas, Venezuela | 58.212.504.1617
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