

# UPLAND PLANT COMMUNITY: RUDERAL

## A. DESCRIPTION:

Abandoned fields, roadsides, and other disturbed areas recolonized by pioneer native plant species.

## B. FUNCTION:

✓ WILDLIFE HABITAT  
✓ BIOTIC DIVERSITY  
STABILIZATION  
ENERGY CONSERVATION

UNIQUE FEATURE  
LANDSCAPE  
RECREATION  
AESTHETICS

FLOOD PROTECTION  
✓ WATER QUALITY  
WATER QUANTITY  
CLIMATE MODIFIER

## C. SPECIAL CONCERNS:

ENDANGERED FLORA  
ENDANGERED FAUNA  
SYSTEM DESTRUCTION

LIMITED RESOURCE  
REGIONAL RESOURCE  
UNIQUE FEATURE

JURISDICTIONAL  
SEASONAL FLOOD

## D. COMMENTS:

## E. TYPICAL DOMINANT PLANTS:

### TREES (UPPER STORY)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

### SHRUBS (MIDDLE STORY)

1. Groundsel (*Baccharis halimifolia*)
2. Wax myrtle (*Myrica carifera*)
3. Primrose willow (*Ludwigia peruviana*) - wetlands
4. Ragweed (*Ambrosia spp*)
5. Dogfennel (*Eupatorium spp*)

### GROUND COVER (UNDER STORY)

1. Goldenrod (*Solidago spp*)
2. Broomsedge (*Andropogon spp*)
3. Begger tick (*Bidens spp*)
4. Pepper grass (*Lepidium virginicum*)
5. Common nightshade (*Solanum spp*)