



## National Wetlands Inventory

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) as of 2006 has accepted the administrative responsibility for the National Wetland Plant List from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS). In early 2009 the FWS removed the published 1988 and 1996 wetland plant lists from their National Wetland Inventory (NWI) web site. The web pages and associated files were then provided to the Corps. The web pages, wetland plant lists, and associated downloadable files hosted here by the Corps are exactly the same as those provided by the FWS except that FWS logos have been removed.

### 1996 National List of Vascular Plant Species that Occur in Wetlands

The Fish and Wildlife Service has prepared a National List of Vascular Plant Species That Occur in Wetlands: 1996 National Summary (1996 National List). The 1996 National List is a draft revision of the National List of Plant Species That Occur in Wetlands: 1988 National Summary. The 1996 National List is provided to encourage additional public review and comments on the draft regional wetland indicator assignments. For more information, please read the [Introduction to the 1996 National List](#) that references [Regional and Sub-regional](#) subdivisions. See the suggested [Review Procedure](#) for guidelines on the development of review submissions.

The Introduction, **1996 National Summary** and the **1996 Synonymy** are available for viewing / downloading. These files are available in Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF), for publishing on the World Wide Web.

The **1996 National Summary** and the **1996 Synonymy** are also available in ASCII TEXT format for easier viewing on any World Wide Web browser that supports the HTML 2.0 standard. Both [Netscape](#), version 2.0 or higher, and [MS Internet Explorer \(free\)](#), version 2.0 or higher, support it. To view these files, you do not need a PDF viewer (Adobe(r) Acrobat Reader). Please note that printing from these files will not reproduce the same format delivered with the original document. Both files (text version) are also available in compressed **ZIP** format.

The Fish and Wildlife Service has prepared a National List of Vascular Plant Species That Occur in Wetlands: 1998 National List. This revision is currently undergoing administrative review by the Fish and Wildlife Service. When it is approved for official release, the Service will make it available here in both readable document form and export files suitable for downloading.

<i>File / Format</i>	<i>Introduction</i>	<i>1996 National Summary</i>	<i>1996 Synonymy</i>
Adobe PDF		<a href="#">national.pdf</a> (1MB)	<a href="#">synonymy.pdf</a> (1.3MB)
ASCII Text/ HTML	<a href="#">l96_intro.pdf</a>	<a href="#">national.txt</a> (1.5MB)	<a href="#">synonymy.txt</a> (1.9MB)
Compressed ZIP		<a href="#">national.zip</a> (170KB)	<a href="#">synonymy.zip</a> (210KB)

- [Errata](#) to 1996 National List of Vascular Plant Species That Occur in Wetlands.
- [Acknowledgments](#) recognizes the many people that have contributed to the 1996 National List.
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## **BACKGROUND**

In 1977, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service began the development of a national list of vascular plant species that occur in wetlands as an appendix to the Classification of Wetlands and Deepwater Habitats of the United States (Cowardin et al. 1979).

Development of the National List became a cooperative federal endeavor in 1983, with the participation of the Army Corps of Engineers, Environmental Protection Agency, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service in National and Regional Interagency Review Panels.

In 1986, the Service published the first National and Regional Lists of Plant Species That Occur in Wetlands and produced in 1988 a revised version in National, Regional, and State List formats.

The 1988 National List is used primarily to identify and delineate the vegetative component for jurisdictional wetlands delineation conducted under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and the Food Security Act of 1985, as amended.

The revised 1998 National List is based on a 1994 checklist of the national flora (Kartesz 1994) and incorporates numerous changes from the 1988 National List resulting from new taxonomic, geographic, and ecological information.

The revised 1998 National List incorporates for the first time wetland indicator assignments in 13 sub-regional units based upon a hierarchical system of the Natural Resources Conservation Service. This has enabled the more precise assignment of wetland indicators for 211 taxa to more locally defined areas.

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