Boechera languida (Daggett Rockcress) Predicted Suitable Habitat Modeling

Distribution Status: Present

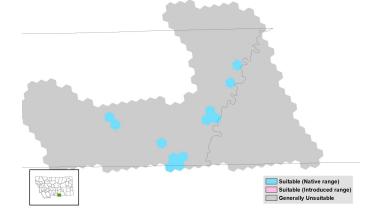
State Rank: <a>S1S3 (Species of Concern)

Global Rank: <u>G4</u>

Modeling Overview

Data Source Last Updated: September 6, 2017

Model Produced On: June 11, 2021



Deductive Modeling

Modeling Process, Outputs, and Suggested Uses

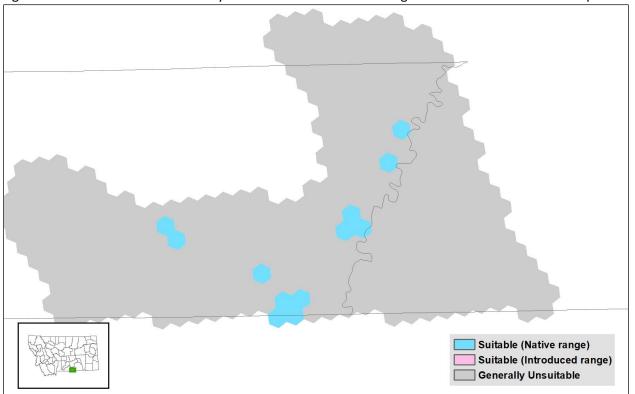
This is a simple rule-based model using species occurrences delineated for vascular and non-vascular plant species. These species could not be modeled with inductive methods, either due to limited observations or spatial extent or because an inductive model had poor performance. Species occurrences are discretely mapped polygons where the species has been documented. Plant species occurrence polygons are delineated by the MTNHP Botanist, and can be generated in two ways: 1) Polygons are hand-mapped and scaled to aggregate neighboring observation points and their adjacent habitat, while trying to exclude barriers, reduce known unoccupied habitat, and ignore management boundaries, or 2) Circular polygons are automatically generated by buffering the single observation point by its location uncertainty distance. For compatibility with other predictive distribution models the Montana Natural Heritage Program produces, we have intersected these species occurrences with a uniform grid of hexagons that have been used for planning efforts across the western United States (e.g. Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies - Crucial Habitat Assessment Tool). Each hexagon is one square mile in area and approximately one kilometer in length on each side. Any hexagon that intersected a species occurrence was classified as suitable habitat. Model outputs are not evaluated and we suggest they be used to generate potential lists of species that may occupy lands within each hexagon for the purposes of landscape-level planning. Model outputs should not be used in place of on-the-ground surveys for species and wildlife and land management agency biologists should be consulted about the value of using model output to guide habitat management decisions for regional planning efforts or local projects. See Suggested Contacts for State and Federal Natural Resource Agencies attached to this document.

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Montana Field Guide Species Account: http://fieldguide.mt.gov/speciesDetail.aspx?elcode=PDBRA060E2

Deductive Model Map Output

Figure 1. Deductive habitat suitability model summarized into hexagons at a scale of 259 hectares per hexagon.



Suggested Contacts for Natural Resource Agencies

As required by Montana statute (MCA 90-15), the Montana Natural Heritage Program works with state, federal, tribal, nongovernmental organizations, and private partners to ensure that the latest animal and plant distribution and status information is incorporated into our databases so that it can be used to inform a variety of planning processes and management decisions. In addition to the information you receive from us, we encourage you to contact state, federal, and tribal resource management agencies in the area where your project is located. They may have additional data or management guidelines relevant to your efforts. In particular, we encourage you to contact the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks for the latest data and management information regarding hunted and high profile management species and to use the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Information Planning and Conservation (IPAC) website http://ecos.fws.gov/ipac/regarding U.S. Endangered Species Act listed Threatened, Endangered, or Candidate species.

For your convenience, we have compiled a list of relevant agency contacts and links below; check <u>our website</u> for updates.

Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

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See also: http://fwp.mt.gov/fishAndWildlife/livingWithWildlife/buildingWithWildlife/subdivisionRecommendations/			
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United States Fish and Wildlife Service

Information Planning and Conservation (IPAC) website: http://ecos.fws.gov/ipac/

Montana Ecological Services Field Office: http://www.fws.gov/montanafieldoffice/ (406) 449-5225

USFWS Information on Species Listed under the Endangered Species Act in Montana https://www.fws.gov/montanafieldoffice/Endangered Species/Species information.html

Bureau of Land Management



Billings: (406) 896-5013 Butte: (406) 533-7600 Dillon: (406) 683-8000 Glasgow: (406) 228-3750 Havre: (406) 262-2820 Lewistown: (406) 538-1900 Malta: (406) 654-5100 Miles City: (406) 233-2800 Missoula: (406) 329-3914

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Regional Botanist	Steve Shelly	sshelly@fs.fed.us	(406) 329-3041
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Tribal Nations



Assiniboine & Gros Ventre Tribes – Fort Belknap Reservation

<u>Assiniboine & Sioux Tribes – Fort Peck Reservation</u>

Blackfeet Tribe - Blackfeet Reservation

Chippewa Creek Tribe - Rocky Boy's Reservation

<u>Crow Tribe – Crow Reservation</u>

Little Shell Chippewa Tribe

Northern Cheyenne Tribe – Northern Cheyenne Reservation

Salish & Kootenai Tribes - Flathead Reservation

Natural Heritage Programs and Conservation Data Centres in Surrounding States and Provinces

Alberta Conservation Information Management System

British Columbia Conservation Data Centre

Idaho Natural Heritage Program

North Dakota Natural Heritage Program

Saskatchewan Conservation Data Centre

South Dakota Natural Heritage Program

Wyoming Natural Diversity Database

Invasive Species Management Contacts and Information

Aquatic Invasive Species

Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks Aquatic Invasive Species staff

Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation's Aquatic Invasive Species Grant Program

Montana Invasive Species Council (MISC)

Upper Columbia Conservation Commission (UC3)

Noxious Weeds

Montana Weed Control Association Contacts Webpage

Montana Biological Weed Control Coordination Project

Montana Department of Agriculture - Noxious Weeds

Montana Weed Control Association

Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks - Noxious Weeds

Montana State University Integrated Pest Management Extension

Integrated Noxious Weed Management after Wildfires