# **Trifolium eriocephalum** (Woolly-head Clover) Predicted Suitable Habitat Modeling

**Distribution Status: Present** 

State Rank: <u>S2</u> (Species of Concern)

Global Rank: <u>G5</u>

### **Modeling Overview**

Data Source Last Updated: April 20, 2018 Model Produced On: September 17, 2021



# **Deductive Modeling**

#### **Modeling Process, Outputs, and Suggested Uses**

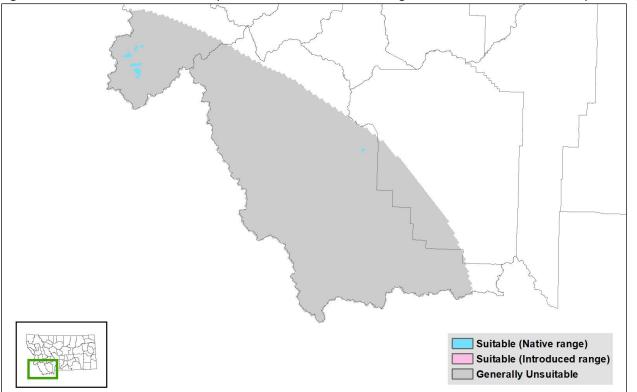
This is a simple rule-based model using species occurrences delineated for vascular and non-vascular plant species. These species could not be modeled with inductive methods, either due to limited observations or spatial extent or because an inductive model had poor performance. Species occurrences are 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: <a href="http://fieldguide.mt.gov/speciesDetail.aspx?elcode=PDFAB400V0">http://fieldguide.mt.gov/speciesDetail.aspx?elcode=PDFAB400V0</a>

# **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 <a href="http://ecos.fws.gov/ipac/">http://ecos.fws.gov/ipac/</a> 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 our website for updates.

#### Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

Fish Species	Zachary Shattuck zshattuck@mt.gov (406) 444-1231			
	or			
	Eric Roberts eroberts@mt.gov (406) 444-5334			
American Bison				
Black-footed Ferret				
Black-tailed Prairie Dog				
Bald Eagle				
Golden Eagle	Lauri Hanauska-Brown <u>LHanauska-Brown@mt.gov</u> (406) 444-5209			
Common Loon				
Least Tern				
Piping Plover				
Whooping Crane				
Grizzly Bear				
Greater Sage Grouse	John Vore <u>jvore@mt.gov</u> (406) 444-5209			
Trumpeter Swan				
Big Game				
Upland Game Birds				
Furbearers				
Managed Terrestrial Game and	Smith Wells – MFWP Data Analyst smith.wells@mt.gov (406) 444-3759			
Nongame Animal Data				
Fisheries Data	Ryan Alger – MFWP Data Analyst <u>ryan.alger@mt.gov</u> (406) 444-5365			
Wildlife and Fisheries Scientific	http://fwp.mt.gov/doingBusiness/licenses/scientificWildlife/			
Collector's Permits	Cammi McClain for Wildlife Kammi.McClain@mt.gov (406) 444-2612			
	Kim Wedde for Fisheries kim.wedde@mt.gov (406) 444-5594			
Fish and Wildlife Recommendations	Renee Lemon RLemon@mt.gov (406) 444-3738			
for Subdivision Development	See also:			
·	$\underline{http://fwp.mt.gov/fishAndWildlife/livingWithWildlife/buildingWithWildlife/subdivisionRecommendations/}$			
Regional Contacts	Region 1 (Kalispell) (406) 752-5501			
1 4 6 7	Region 2 (Missoula) (406) 542-5500			
	Region 3 (Bozeman) (406) 994-4042			
	Region 5 (Billings) (406) 247-2940			
	Region 6 (Glasgow) (406) 228-3700			
	Region 7 (Miles City) (406) 234-0900			
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#### **United States Fish and Wildlife Service**

Information Planning and Conservation (IPAC) website: <a href="http://ecos.fws.gov/ipac/">http://ecos.fws.gov/ipac/</a>

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

#### **United States Forest Service**

Regional Office – Missoula, Montana Contacts				
Wildlife Program Leader	Tammy Fletcher	tammyfletcher@fs.fed.us	(406) 329-3588	
Wildlife Ecologist	Cara Staab	cstaab@fs.fed.us	(406) 329-3677	
Fish Program Leader	Scott Spaulding	scottspaulding@fs.fed.us	(406) 329-3287	
Fish Ecologist	Cameron Thomas	cathomas@fs.fed.us	(406) 329-3087	
TES Program	Lydia Allen	Irallen@fs.fed.us	(406) 329-3558	
Interagency Grizzly Bear Coordinator	Scott Jackson	sjackson03@fs.fed.us	(406) 329-3664	
Regional Botanist	Steve Shelly	sshelly@fs.fed.us	(406) 329-3041	
Invasive Species Program Manager	Michelle Cox	michelle.cox2@usda.gov	(406) 329-3669	

#### **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

**Crow Tribe – Crow Reservation** 

<u>Little Shell Chippewa Tribe</u>

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**