

**COVER CATEGORIES RANKING SCALE**

Wetland ID \_\_\_\_\_

Personnel \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Check the **ONE** box that applies for **each Cover category**. Each Cover category can have **only 1 Rank Score**, e.g.: Rank 2, GC; Rank 4, Tr; Rank 4, S; that best describes the most degraded condition for each cover category. **TWO different Rank Scores can never be assigned to a cover category. DO NOT accumulate percentages or numbers between zones. Copy the ranking scales derived for each Cover category to the WAP Field Form**

**RANK  
SCORE**

**5 No Migration or Inward 1 Zone**

**Species distributed THROUGHOUT MUCH of the Zone or Species found ONLY along Zone Edge**

GC  < 5% cover for all species

S  < 2 specimens

Tr  < 2 specimens

GC  5% - 25% cover for all species

S  2 or 3 specimens

Tr  2 or 3 specimens

**AND/OR (Adaptive Species located a few feet into OD Zone)**

Transition Zone  < 25% GC and/or  < 5 specimens S and/or  < 5 specimens Tr

**4 Migration Inward 1 Zone – Species distributed BEYOND a few feet into a Zone**

GC  5% - 25% cover for all species

S  2 or 3 specimens

Tr  2 or 3 specimens

**AND/OR (Adaptive Species Only located THROUGHOUT MUCH of the Trans Zone)**

Transition Zone  > 25% GC and/or  > 5 specimens S and/or  > 5 specimens Tr

**3 Migration Inward 1 Zone – Species distributed THROUGHOUT MUCH of the Zone**

GC  >25% cover for all species

S  > 5 specimens

Tr  > 5 specimens

**AND/OR (Inward Migration into 2 Zones distributed BEYOND a few feet of a Zone)**

GC  5% - 25% cover for all species

S  2 or 3 specimens

Tr  2 or 3 specimens

**2 Migration Inward 2 Zones – Species distributed THROUGHOUT MUCH of the Zone**

GC  >25% cover for all species

S  > 5 specimens

Tr  > 5 specimens

**AND/OR (Upland species distributed BEYOND a few feet into the DEEP ZONE)**

GC  5% - 25% cover for all species

S  >2 or 3 specimens

Tr  >2 or 3 specimens

**1 Migration of Upland species distributed THROUGHOUT MUCH of the DEEP ZONE**

GC  >25% cover for all species

S  > 5 specimens

Tr  > 5 specimens

**N/A Not enough Cover to make an evaluation, <2 S or <5% GC (Please explain below)**

GC

S

Tr

**Notes: 1. AD species are treated the same as T species when they are found in the OD and D Zones  
2. If there are not enough species or #'s to justify one score, choose the higher score.**

*Legend*

GC = Ground Cover  
S = Shrub & Small Tree Cover

Tr = Tree Cover  
D = Deep Zone

T = Transitional  
OD = Outer Deep

AD = Adaptive