Ranking Scale

5. Normal **zonation**. Some species may have migrated inward one **zone**, but they are not in enough numbers and/or right along the **zone** edge. **Adaptive species** in the **transition zone** are not considered abnormal if they are not in high numbers and distribution.

4. Species have moved in one **zone** in enough numbers and distribution to be of concern, and/or species with an **adaptive** classification are in high numbers and distribution in the **transition zone**.

3. Species have moved in one **zone** in high numbers and distribution, and/or species have moved in two **zones** in enough numbers and distribution to be of concern.

2. Species have moved in two **zones** in high numbers and distribution, and/or some species with an **upland** classification have moved into the **deep zone** in enough numbers and distribution to be of concern.

1. Species with an **upland** classification have moved into the **deep zone** in high numbers and distribution.

NA. Not enough **cover** to make evaluation (< 5 percent for groundcover, and < 2 individuals for "shrubs and small trees" and "trees")

Guidance:

For **groundcover**:

a. "Enough numbers" generally means greater than 5 percent **cover** for all species.
b. "High numbers" generally means greater than 25 percent **cover**.
c. "Enough distribution" generally means located beyond a few feet of the appropriate **zone**.
d. "High distribution" generally means located throughout much of the **zone**.

For **shrubs and small trees**, and **trees:**

a. "Enough numbers" generally means 2 or 3 specimens.
b. "High numbers" generally means greater than 5 specimens.
c. "Enough distribution" generally means located beyond a few feet of the appropriate **zone**.
d. "High distribution" generally means located throughout much of the **zone**.

If there are not enough specimens to justify one score, choose the one higher. For example, if all you have is one T shrub well into the deep zone (two zone move), a "3" is not justified (less than 2 to 3 specimens). Choose a "4".

Note: For scoring purposes, AD species are treated the same as T species when they are found in the Outer Deep and Deep zones.