

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