

Key To Sections (adapted from Unesco 1973 and Driscoll et al. 1984)

1. Vegetation non-persistent (dies back every year and is evident only during certain portions of the life cycle) **and** occurs along rivers **or** in lakes (bodies of water greater than 8 hectares in size with a depth at low water greater than 2 meters) **Aquatic vegetation - beyond the scope of this classification.**

1. Vegetation persistent **or** occurs in upland depressions less than 8 hectares in size with a depth at low water less than 2 meters.

2. Surface subject to at least periodic or seasonal flooding, or ground is saturated to within 6-18 inches of the surface during the growing season at least periodically. Vegetation at least partially hydromorphic.

3. Trees over 5m high dominate the community.

4. Canopy closed or nearly closed, majority of crowns overlapping, with between 60% and 100% tree cover..... **Palustrine Forests page 16**

4. Tree cover sparse, usually between 10% and 60% cover. Shrubs may be present, but do not dominate the community, herbs and non-vascular plant cover may be present at any cover value..... **Palustrine Woodlands page 29**

3. Trees over 5m high not present, or if present do not dominate the community, usually less than 25% total cover.

4. Shrubs and small trees dominant. Herbaceous and non-vascular plants may be present at any cover value, trees may be present but do not dominate the community, usually less than 25% cover..... **Palustrine Shrublands page 38**

4. Community dominated by herbaceous plants.

5. Vegetation robust, evident throughout the year **Persistent Emergent Wetlands page 50**

5. Vegetation dies back each year and is evident only during certain portions of the lifecycle..... **Non-Persistent Emergent Wetlands page 56**

2. Surface not subject to flooding or periods of prolonged saturation during the growing season, vegetation not predominantly hydromorphic.

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