

Ponds

The site also contains a beaver pond and a newly constructed duck pond. These areas make up the largest amount of year-long standing water. The beaver pond is full of aquatic vegetation, dead trees, and snags that provide good habitat for waterfowl, reptiles, amphibians, and some fishes. The dead snags are especially important as they provide perching and nesting sites for many birds such as woodpeckers, hawks, owls, bald eagles, waterfowl (wood ducks), and many songbirds (Carolina chickadees, tufted titmice, Carolina wrens, eastern bluebirds, great crested flycatchers, brown-headed nuthatches, and many others).

The newly constructed duck pond is surrounded by more open areas and mixed pine/hardwood stands. This pond makes a great watering hole for many wildlife species and should be utilized as a wildlife viewing area.



Figure 1. Beaver pond



Figure 2. Newly constructed duck pond