

Level 4 Potential Conservation Area (PCA) Report

Name Cherry Creek

Site Code S.USCOHP*24931

IDENTIFIERS

Site ID 2136 Site Class PCA
Site Alias None

Network of Conservation Areas (NCA)

<u>NCA Site ID</u>	<u>NCA Site Code</u>	<u>NCA Site Name</u>
-		No Data

LOCATORS

Nation United States Latitude 372026N
State Colorado Longitude 1081048W

Quad Code Quad Name

37108-C1 Hesperus
37108-C2 Thompson Park

County

Montezuma (CO)
La Plata (CO)

Watershed Code Watershed Name

14080105 Middle San Juan
14080107 Mancos

SITE DESCRIPTION

Minimum Elevation	7,800.00 Feet	2,377.44 Meters
Maximum Elevation	8,600.00 Feet	2,621.28 Meters

Site Description

This site is within a ponderosa pine forest, north of Highway 160 in western La Plata County. Three tributaries of Cherry Creek run north to south through the site. There are several pipelines and trails. Singing male Grace's Warblers were observed in four areas with large mature pines and a thick, short Gambel oak understory.

Key Environmental Factors

No Data

Climate Description

No Data

Land Use History

No Data

Cultural Features

No Data

SITE DESIGN

Site Map Y - Yes Mapped Date 02/10/2004
Designer Lyon, M.J.

Boundary Justification

The boundary is drawn to encompass two occurrences of Grace's Warbler and the adjacent ponderosa pine forest as mapped by the 1998 Colorado Gap analysis land cover map. The site is bordered by aspen forest on the north, Gambel oak shrubland on the south and east, and irrigated agricultural land on the southwest.

Primary Area 3,608.20 Acres 1,460.19 Hectares

SITE SIGNIFICANCE

Biodiversity Significance Rank B5: General Biodiversity Interest

Biodiversity Significance Comments

The Cherry Creek site supports two extant occurrences of Graces's Warbler, and bird that is globally common (G5), but vulnerable (S3) in Colorado.

Other Values Rank No Data

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Other Values Comments

No Data

LAND MANAGEMENT ISSUES

Land Use Comments

No Data

Natural Hazard Comments

No Data

Exotics Comments

No Data

Offsite

No Data

Information Needs

No Data

ASSOCIATED ELEMENTS OF BIODIVERSITY

<u>Element</u>			<u>Global</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Driving</u>
<u>State ID</u>	<u>State Scientific Name</u>	<u>State Common Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Site Rank</u>
22571	<i>Dendroica graciae</i>	Grace's Warbler	G5	S3B	Yes
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REFERENCES

<u>Reference ID</u>	<u>Full Citation</u>
184581	Lyon, P. 2003. Colorado Natural Heritage Program La Plata County Biological Assessment.

ADDITIONAL TOPICS

Additional Topics

No Data

VERSION

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