

Acadia National Park Vegetation Map Class for Fen Complex

The map class "[Fen Complex](#)" is composed of the following vegetation associations, each described separately:

- [Northern Peatland Shrub Swamp](#)
- [Sweetgale Mixed Shrub Swamp](#)
- [Northern Dwarf-shrub Bog](#)
- [Maritime Crowberry Bog](#)
- [Leatherleaf Acidic Fen](#)
- [Eastern Tussock Sedge Meadow](#)
- [Seasonally Flooded Mixed Graminoid Meadow](#)
- [Slender Sedge Fen](#)
- [Few-seeded Sedge - Leatherleaf Fen](#)

The Fen Complex map class (FX) is a broad map class encompassing fens that occur along streams, in peatlands with drainage, and in peatlands with no inlet streams (closed fens). The fen communities were not mapped separately because they were either too similar in signature to one another or because they occur in a mosaic pattern that is too fine to discern individually on the aerial photographs. Included in this map class are other non-forested wetland types that may occur in patches such as alder, sweetgale, and mixed graminoid meadows. These types are often found mixed in with the fen communities. (These types were also mapped individually when they could be confidently recognized on the photos.) Wetland tall shrubs of alder or sweetgale, dwarf shrubs such as leatherleaf, sheep laurel, black crowberry, and dwarf huckleberry and a mix of graminoid and dwarf shrub species may be present in any polygon of FX.