SIR - Small Island with Rock

The Small Island with Rock Map Unit (SIR) represents small upland islands that are dominated nonvascular lichens and mosses over exposed bedrock. These islands are >0.1 h in size, but less than the standard minimum mapping unit of 0.5 h. Trees, shrubs, and herbaceous vegetation may be present, but at low cover (<25%). These islands are typically located within large open lakes where exposures to harsh environments limit the growth of vascular vegetation. Occasionally, they are located within herbaceous wetlands. They are identified on the photos by the pale bluish-white color that is reflectance from the exposed bedrock surface.

SIR appears as a pale bluish-white with a smooth texture. A small red dot is located in the middle of the polygon (just under the pointer), which is a small clump of vegetation.

Area Report for SIR Map Unit
Polygons: 58
Hectares: 6
Acres: 14
Average size: 0.1 hectares, 0.2 acres