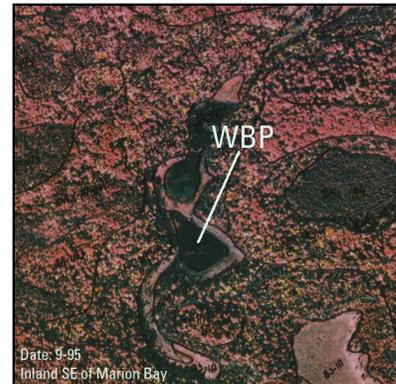


## WBP - Water-Beaver Pond

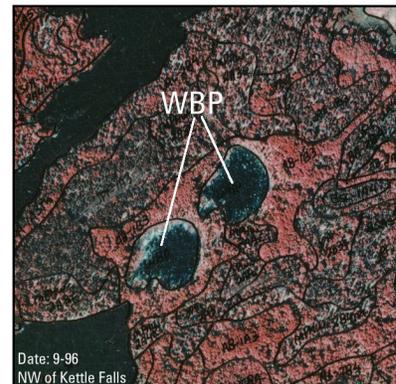
The Water-Beaver Pond Map Unit (WBP) represents small ponds created by beaver activity. WBP is used only for ponds (or portions of ponds) that are <10% vegetated. Beaver ponds (or portions of) that are >10% vegetated are described with map units that represent the type of vegetation present. Thus, WBP does not map all beaver ponds, or even whole beaver ponds. Most WBP polygons are only parts of larger beaver complexes that include several other polygons of herbaceous and shrubland vegetation types. WBP was created to map these ponds separate from other small ponds that *are not* affected by beaver activity (see discussion for WNP). Standing dead trees are common within WBP.

Because of limitations in seeing submergent vegetation with CIR aerial photographs, some of these small ponds may indeed have >10% vegetation. In such cases, these polygons would best be described within the Midwest Pondweed Submerged Aquatic Wetland Association of the USNVC.

WBP appears as black with a smooth, flat texture. Aquatic plants visible are not visible at the surface. This WBP polygon is bordered by a polygon mapped as SMX, all within the same beaver impoundment. This impoundment is just one in a series of beaver impoundments.



WBP appears as black and bluish-white with a smooth and mottled texture. The bluish-white along the edge is standing dead trees due to flooding. There is no evidence of aquatic plants visible at the surface.



### Area Report for WBP Map Unit

# Polygons: 52

# Hectares: 70

# Acres: 173

Average size: 1 hectares, 3 acres