SPF - Northern Sedge Poor Fen

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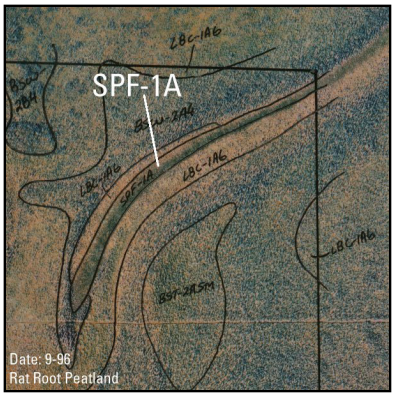
The Northern Sedge Poor Fen Map Unit (SPF) represents the Northern Sedge Poor Fen Association. This association occurs in and around water tracks of the Rat Root Peatland. The substrate is deep, fibric Sphagnum peat. 80 - 100% cover of *Carex lasiocarpa* dominates the Northern Sedge Poor Fen. Short, stunted tamarack trees, usually less than 2 meters tall, are present above the herbaceous layer. This association is very similar to the Tamarack Scrub Poor Fen Association (TF), except for the percent cover of tamarack. In the Northern Sedge Poor Fen Association, the tamarack is <25% cover.

SPF-1A appears as dark olive-green. The polygon follows a watercourse within a large peatland. The sedges form a continuous, evenly dispersed cover. The photo was taken in September 1996.



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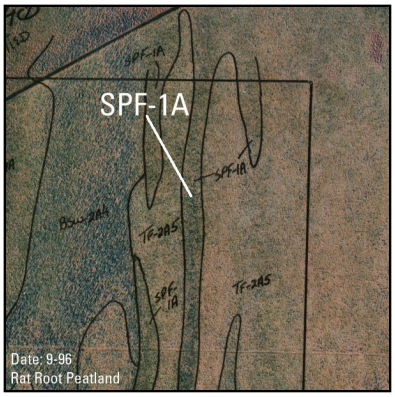

SPF-1A appears as dark olive-green. Similar to the example above, the polygon follows a watercourse in a large peatland. In this photo, SPF and TF grade into one another.

Area Report for SPF Map Unit
Polygons: 8
Hectares: 65
Acres: 161
Average Size: 8 hectares, 20 acres

Accuracy Assessment Results for SPF Map Unit
The Northern Sedge Poor Fen Map Unit was assessed at 100% producers' accuracy (confidence interval 94-106%) and 100% users' accuracy (94-106%).