



# Fish & Wildlife Service Catalog

## Natural Resource Program Center

The National Wildlife Refuge System, administered by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS), is the world's premier system of public lands and waters set aside to conserve America's fish, wildlife, and plants. The Refuge System includes 556 National Wildlife Refuges and 38 Wetland Management Districts.

#### **Background**

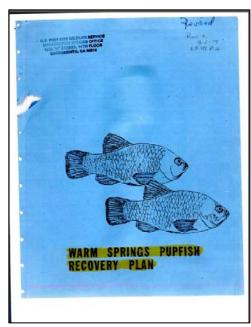
The National Wildlife Refuge System's (NWRS) Natural Resource Program Center is collaborating with the National Park Service's (NPS) Inventory and Monitoring Program to create a centralized repository for compiling, organizing and serving U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS) information. This repository will mirror the Data Store application within the NPS's Integration of Resource Management Applications (IRMA) portal. This partnership will integrate systems across government agencies, minimize duplication of effort and leverage initial NPS investment. This will ensure sound stewardship of public

### What it is

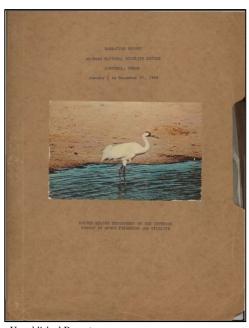
The Service Catalog (ServCat) is a centralized web application that compiles documents and organizes legacy datasets, such as reports, surveys, databases, geospatial data and images. This information about the Service or used by the Service will be housed here.

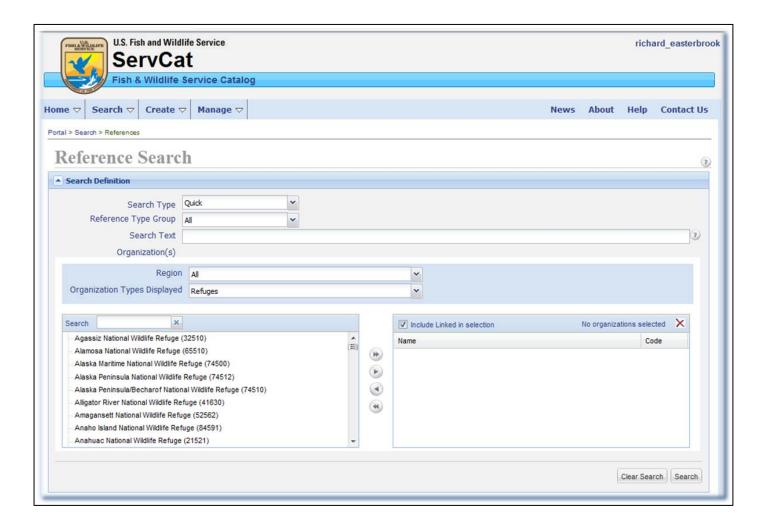
#### Where will it be

The Natural Resource Program Center is also partnering with FWS Ecological Services through their Environmental Conservation Online System (ECOS). ServCat will be an integral part of the ECOS suite of web applications and the ECOS Development Team will provide the central point of access and hosting support for ServCat.









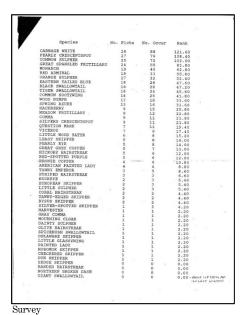
#### Why is it needed

Historically important and management relevant information that potentially could be lost will now be centrally archived on a secure system.

Additionally, this information will now be easily discoverable and retrievable in ServCat using text and geospatial search tools.

#### When it is available

Population of this database is happening now through a data mining pilot. The centralized web application will be deployed in early 2012.



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