



A Prioritization Tool for the Conservation of Coastal Douglas-fir Forest and Savannah Habitats of the Georgia Basin

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PREFACE

This document is a tutorial and introduction to an online Marxan-based planning tool that employs integer linear programming to return optimal solutions to user-defined problems in area prioritization for biodiversity conservation in coastal Douglas-fir and oak savannah habitats of the Georgia Basin region. This tool is in ‘beta-release’ and will benefit from the input of users and, especially, the inclusion of additional biodiversity data and layers to more fully represent the distributions of particular focal species or communities. We thank users in advance for input on the tool, its component layers and output. Instructions for accessing the tool are included in this document. Please direct correspondence to Peter.Arcese@ubc.ca or:

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1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1.0 THE COASTAL DOUGLAS-FIR CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP

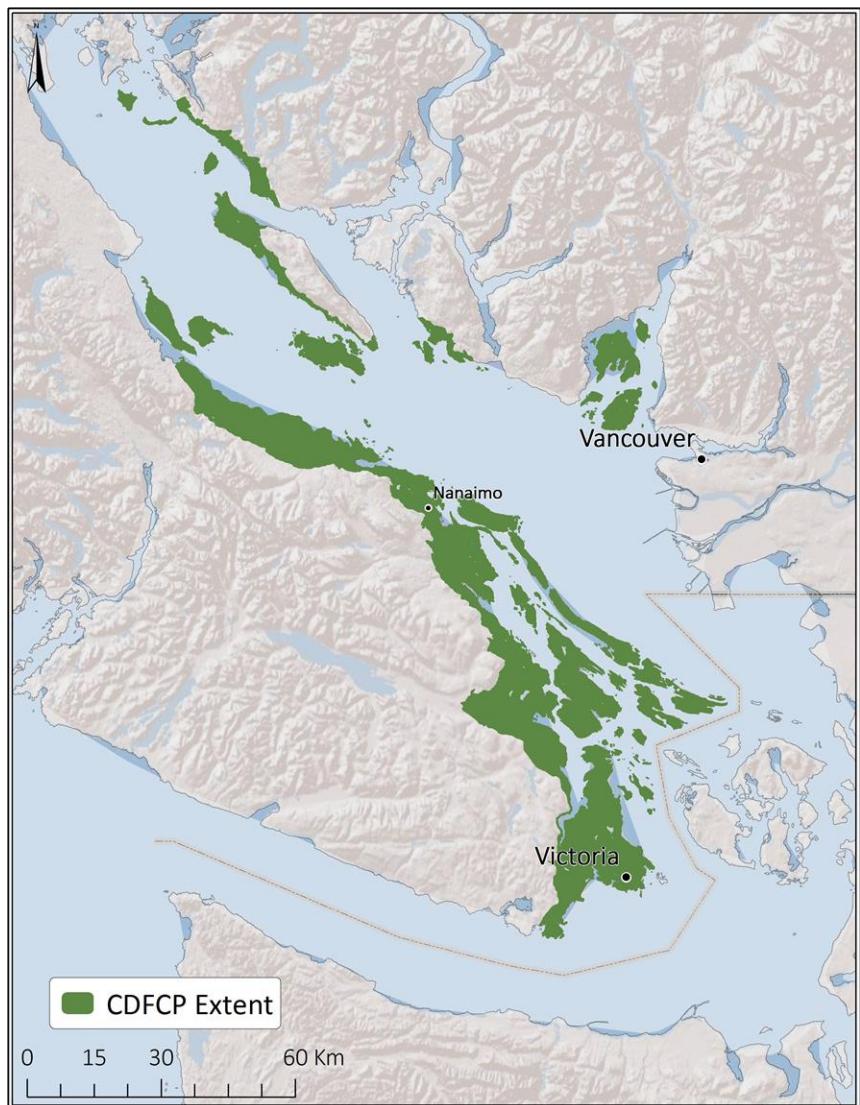


Figure 1: The extent of the Coastal Douglas-fir Conservation Partnership and the region established for the Georgia Basin conservation prioritization project

habitats now critically-threatened due to land conversion, exotic species invasion and altered disturbance regimes. Known broadly as the Georgia Depression-Puget Lowlands, this region includes threatened Coastal Douglas-fir forest and Oak-Savannah habitats, also referred to as Garry oak ecosystem. We refer to this region as the Georgia Basin, but note that the project area includes all ecoregions falling within the climate envelope of the Coastal Douglas-fir biogeoclimatic zone (courtesy Dr. Tong Li Wang, Climate BC/WNA) (Figure 1). Our overall objective is to deliver a Marxan-based, GIS tool to prioritize land acquisition and conservation investment throughout the Georgia Basin and facilitate scenario development around alternate land use plans likely to maximize the integrity and persistence of focal communities in future.

The Coastal Douglas-fir Conservation Partnership (CDFCP) is a partnership of government agencies, non-government organizations, First Nations, and universities. The overarching goal of the cooperative is to inform landscape-level conservation and sustainable resource management for terrestrial ecosystems in the Georgia Basin.

1.0.1 THE GEORGIA BASIN

The planning tool described in this manual focuses on the Strait of Georgia ecoregions in British Columbia. For the larger North Pacific Land Conservation Cooperative region, which extends into Washington and Oregon, please refer to the NPLCC Tutorial ([link](#)). The CDFCP area supports a very diverse and globally unique mix of dry forest and savannah

1.1 WHY USE CONSERVATION OPTIMIZATION TOOLS?

Conservation optimization tools are increasingly employed to help inform decisions on landscape-scale conservation planning. As part of the systematic planning process, optimization tools such as Marxan can contribute to a transparent, inclusive and defensible decision making process.

Historically, conservation decision-making has often evaluated parcels opportunistically as they became available for purchase, donation or subject to threat. Such decisions may not maximize the long-term persistence of target species or communities, or the biodiversity returns on dollars invested, in the absence of a landscape-level understanding of the distribution of target species and communities.

Optimization tools like the one introduced here are meant to help planners simulate alternative reserve designs over a host of biodiversity and management targets to help prioritize parcels and conservation actions. Such tools allow you to specify biodiversity targets such as focal or indicator species richness and ecosystem representation, while minimizing overall costs of land acquisition measured in various ways. In this tutorial we introduce a tool specific to planning in the Georgia Basin (Figure 1), which we refer to as the CDFCP tool. This tutorial will show you how to use the tool to identify (1) existing gaps in biodiversity protection, (2) candidate areas to include in a growing reserve system, and to (3) provide decision support based on repeatable conservation targets represented as more and less desirable bird and plant communities.

1.2 WHAT IS THE CDFCP TOOL?

The CDFCP tool is a web-based, graphical user interface that follows the same principles as Marxan planning software to find near-optimal solutions to problems in conservation prioritization (Ball et al. 2009). Marxan is a computer application that runs an algorithm on a user-defined data set, and returns a solution as a table of land parcels (or planning units) ranked by how well they meet user-defined biodiversity targets, while minimizing the costs of land acquisition or other, user-controlled costs (also known as the *objective function*, see section 1.3.1). Prior versions of this tool used “**simulated annealing**” as the solution algorithm, to produce a number of ‘near optimal’ solutions for consideration by users over the CDFCP area of ~290 000 planning units.



Figure 2: Example of a typical optimization output. Selected properties on Salt Spring Island, British Columbia, are shown in green.

In contrast, the current versions of the tool use “**integer linear programming**” (**ILP**) to return a single optimal solution. ILP represents the state-of-the-art approach to optimization problems, being faster and more efficient than simulated annealing, but only recently becoming available with the advent of fast computer algorithms (Beyer et al. 2016). The ILP algorithm employed here is capable of analyzing large, complex datasets to find an optimal solution to user-defined biodiversity goals, subject to user-defined costs, both explained in detail below. For additional information see section 1.3. Please note that the algorithms employed in this tool are proprietary, and made available for research use only (Gurobi Optimization Inc., 2016). As a consequence, all users are asked to provide a short project description and a brief summary of experience as ‘beta users’, working to improve tool use and application. An open (not password-protected) version of the tool will be made available with beta-user feedback incorporated.

Overall, this tool allows you to set parameters and view results directly from the web interface, and to save results in a spatially-linked solution file that you can download to a desktop GIS application (see Section 2 for instructions). The goal of this tutorial is to introduce you to the CDFCP tool, explain how to manipulate key variables, and explore how to inspect and apply output files in support of your planning decisions. It is not essential that you understand how the algorithm works to use the tool, but those wishing to gain a better technical understanding should consult resources provided in Section 4.

1.3 HOW DOES IT WORK?

Before a conservation optimization tool can run, it needs to know the project objectives and project area under consideration. While this information is typically provided by the user, the CDFCP interface described in this tutorial already contains numerous cost and biodiversity layers that were developed following stakeholder consultation at meetings and workshops in British Columbia with local, regional and federal land managers. The following list provides an overview of typical input requirements for a standard optimization tool, and the options included in the CDFCP tool are described in detail below and accompanying appendices:

1. The project area and a list of all of the planning units contained within it

Examples of planning units within a project area include a map of planning unit boundaries (a ‘cadastral layer’), delineated watersheds, or a user-defined grid placed over the project area.

2. The cost associated with each planning unit

Because minimizing the costs of conservation is generally a goal of stakeholders, each planning unit must have an associated cost. Types of costs vary with the goals of each project and are ultimately limited by the cost metrics available for planning and thus by those included in the optimization tool. Some examples of cost metrics include: 1) the total land area included in the solution (ha), 2) the estimated costs of managing or restoring acquired parcels, 3) the opportunity costs of displaced commercial activity, industry, tourism, or recreational access, and 4) the costs of acquiring land.

3. A list of biodiversity features

'Biodiversity features' may refer to bird and plant communities, specific habitat types, or special elements identified and mapped within the planning area of interest. These data are organized as tables within the planning software, wherein each planning unit is associated with an index of abundance, a probability of occurrence, or the presence/absence of a particular biodiversity feature of interest.

4. A user-defined target for the amount and quality of habitat to be conserved

'Targets' are simply user-defined values (often proportions) of a given biodiversity feature that must be represented in the final solution. For example, if a user wanted to identify the optimal reserve configuration that protects 30% of remaining old forest in the Georgia Basin, one would set a target of 30% of that layer (or a sub-set of that layer if e.g., only 'high quality' habitat were of interest). By design, targets are always met in the current CDFCP tool. However, the costs of meeting those goals may rise exponentially as the targets for particular targets become more challenging to meet (e.g., reserving 90% of existing old forest habitat).

Overall, because each planning unit in the CDFCP tool has an associated cost and a biodiversity value associated with it, based on the data layers currently available, users can set targets with minimal technical expertise. However, we do recommend that users attempt to gain a thorough understanding of the potential limits of the predictive mapping layers used in the CDFCP tool before attempting to apply particular scenarios obtained.

For several practical reasons, the Georgia Basin CDFCP project area was divided into 1-hectare grid cells, each representing one planning unit. However, the solutions produced by the CDFCP tool group these 1ha planning units by property boundaries (the cadastral layer) so that users can make realistic decisions about land acquisition strategies based on parcel size, location, biodiversity value and tax-assessed value (2014 BC Land Assessment).

More details of the cost and biodiversity layers available to users are provided in Section 2, and the methods regarding their development are provided in supplementary appendices and peer-reviewed papers cited therein. If you decide to build additional layers for use in the tool, it will be important to understand how to organize your data into input files so they can be added efficiently to our existing platforms as a feature or cost layer. Information on how to organize input data can be found in the linked resources highlighted in Section 4 of this tutorial.

1.3.1 THE OBJECTIVE FUNCTION

After you specify targets for biodiversity features of interest, and run the tool, a configuration of selected planning units is saved to a file for downloading by the user. This configuration represents the “solution” that best satisfies the **objective function**, which seeks to minimize costs while simultaneously meeting biodiversity targets. The objective function has the additional constraint that the selection of planning units must be binary – i.e. you cannot choose a portion of a planning unit. The objective function can be expressed mathematically as:

$$\text{Minimize } \sum Cost_{\text{selected planning units}} ;$$

Given that $\sum Biodiversity\ features_{\text{selected units}} \geq user\ defined\ targets$;

and $\text{selected planning units} = (0,1)$

This function itself is conceptually straightforward, but its solution becomes exponentially more complex in areas like the Georgia Basin, where over 3 million parcels are available for selection, and users are able to define targets for several biodiversity features. Given the complexity of such problems, sophisticated algorithms such as integer linear programming provide the ability to find an optimal solution.

1.3.2 INTEGER LINEAR PROGRAMMING IN A NUTSHELL

The integer linear programming algorithm works by initially calculating an “unconstrained solution”, which is the best possible solution to the objective function if the condition of binary selection was not required (i.e. partial planning units could be selected). This represents the lowest possible summed cost that still meets the targets. The binary condition is then reintroduced one planning unit at a time and the summed cost of the unconstrained solution is used as a baseline to compare against. This essentially looks like a decision tree, where each node represents a planning unit that is either selected (1) or not selected (0), until every planning unit in the area is assigned a binary value. Each endpoint of the tree represents a configuration of planning units with a specific summed cost. As you can probably imagine, this tree becomes impossibly large when you consider millions of planning units. However, the power of the ILP algorithm is that it is able to exclude large sections of the tree before it fully explores them, because it anticipates that these sections will have a higher summed cost than the unconstrained solution. Because ILP uses several additional techniques to trim down the sample space (not all discussed here), the incorporation of ILP into the CDFCP tool means that an optimal solution can be found in as little as 1-2 minutes, as opposed to several hours to days using simulated annealing. Please note however, that the CDFCP tool uses an ILP platform developed in large part by Gurobi, an online optimization engine (Gurobi Optimization Inc., 2016). This proprietary routine is available for research use as we elicit input from Beta users before removing password protection to the tool.

2. USING THE INTERFACE

2.1 GETTING STARTED

To use the CDFCP tool you will need an internet connection. Solutions are viewable directly in the web-interface, though we urge patience as it can take up to several minutes to view solutions on-line. GIS software such as ArcMap or QGis will be necessary to examine property features in detail after downloading scenario output.

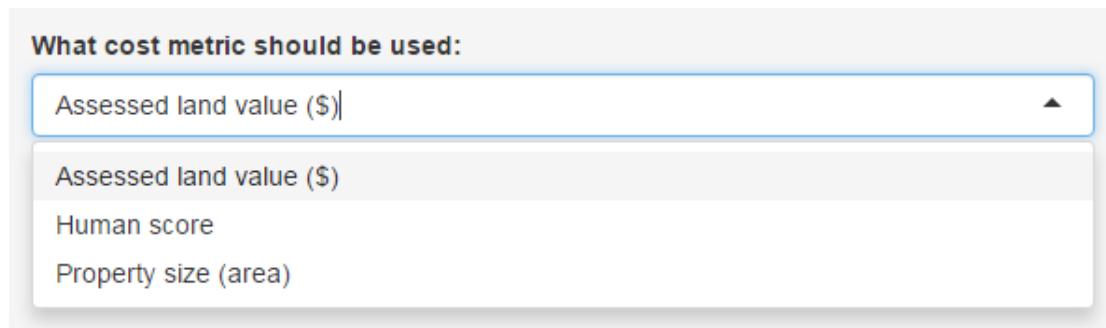
The interface we have provided to users is linked to an external server that contains all of the input layers for the Georgia Basin region within the Coastal Douglas-fir Conservation Partnership planning area (CDFCP). These include costs, existing parks, and biodiversity indexes such as old forest birds, human commensal birds, and native vegetation under current climatic conditions To connect to the server, go to <http://arcese.forestry.ubc.ca/marxan-tool/> in your Internet browser. To obtain a password to access the tool, please send an e-mail to Peter.Arcese@ubc.ca to: 1) identify your host organization; 2) your intended use of the tool and its outputs; and 3) to confirm that you will only use the tool and its products for research and planning purposes, rather than for commercial consultations or products.

2.2 MANIPULATING KEY VARIABLES

Once you've accessed the CDFCP tool following instructions in section 2.1, you're ready to manipulate the parameters that the tool uses to produce solutions. These manipulations are made in the grey sidebar on the left hand side of the screen, and in each cell of the 'Percent' column of the table displayed under the 'Edit Target' tab in the middle of the page. Each user-defined parameter provides the prioritization algorithm with basic instructions on how it will run (see section 1.3). Information for each user-defined parameter is explained below.

2.2.1 GLOBAL PARAMETERS

The parameters detailed below are found in the grey sidebar under the 'Global parameters' heading.



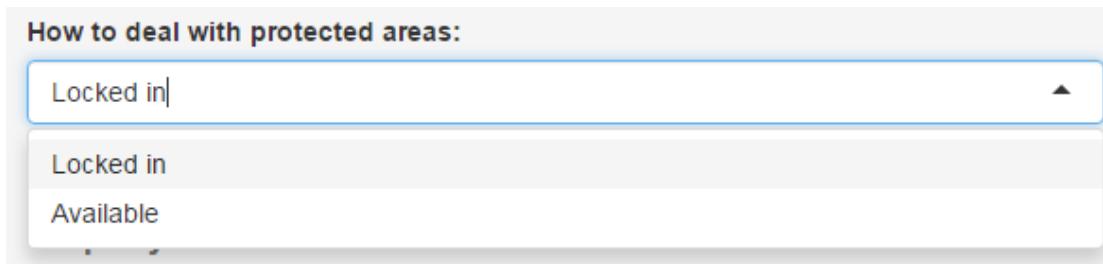
This feature allows users to select the cost metric that best suits the goals of their project. For example, those working on a fixed budget for acquisitions may wish to use assessed value as the cost, or assessed value plus estimated management costs to restore the parcel to a condition of high native plant species cover. In contrast, users interested in minimizing the total area reserved may wish to use property size (indicating total reserve area). Last, some users may wish to minimize the likelihood of human commensal species presence in planning units. Each of these cost layers are described briefly below, and in more detail in appendices.

Assessed land value is generated using a combination of cadastral data and 2014 land value assessments (BC Assessment 2014). This metric is most easily translated into acquisition costs and useful for projects with constrained budgets.

Human score is based on an expert-elicited weighting of bird species distribution models by expert scores for urban and rural areas. As this metric identifies human impact rather than monetary value, only select if you wish to focus on biodiversity value regardless of acquisition cost. When this metric is selected, the solution cost (ie. Cost_out; see Table 2) will be the total area associated with human commensal birds. One might consider this cost metric when trying to prioritize acquisition of areas with the lowest human scores, and thus areas with potentially higher biodiversity and furthest from threats represented by human use.

Property size uses land area (in ha's) as a proxy for cost and is useful if you are interested in biodiversity values regardless of monetary property cost (note: each planning unit is 1ha). Using the area cost metric attempts to minimize total hectares included in the solution. Note that if you choose to use area as your cost surface, you should not set "Area" as a target.

We emphasize to users that these costs are primitive as applied here, but intended to provide a clearer sense of the potential long-term costs of scenario outputs.



This slider allows you to specify whether or not you want the CDFCP tool to 'force' all existing protected areas and parks into the optimal solution. The two options on the dropdown menu are "Locked In" and "Available" (see above). By choosing "Locked In", solutions will include all planning units currently protected within state, provincial and federal parks (but not municipal parks, which often include ball fields and other amenities of uncertain biodiversity value). Locking in parks is useful if you wish to identify areas to add to an existing reserve system (e.g., if your objective were to increase the area protected in parks from 6% to 17%). However, because the optimization algorithm used in the CDFCP tool always meets specified biodiversity targets (see section 1.3.2), and existing protected areas may be located in areas of relatively low conservation value, selecting 'locked-in' may result in solutions with higher overall costs than un-constrained solutions (i.e., selecting 'available'). This is because the solution will have to compensate for protected areas of low biodiversity (i.e. conservation) value by increasing the total area included in the solution in order to meet targets, which is likely to also increase costs. We recommend that all users employ both options when comparing scenarios so that they become fully aware of the value of existing reserves and the potential for enhancing conservation outcomes under alternative models.

2.2.2 PROPERTY EXCLUSIONS

Property exclusions:

If you don't want to exclude properties simply leave values at 0

Road density (km/km²). Marxan will only select properties with road densities smaller than cutoff.



Parcel size (ha). Marxan will only select properties bigger than cutoff.



Agriculture density (km²/km²). Marxan will only select properties with agricultural densities smaller than cutoff.



This section allows you to specify features of the planning units you want included in the solution. Leaving any of the sliders at 0 causes the tool to consider all planning units, regardless of their proximity to roads or agricultural land.

ROAD DENSITY

This parameter is measured as kilometers of road per square kilometer (km/km^2) and calculated for each 1ha planning unit using OpenStreetMaps data (Geofabrik GmbH Karlsruhe 2014; see Appendix C). As an example, empirical data from 700 locations across the Coastal Douglas-fir region in British Columbia, Canada, indicate that the probability of encountering the old forest bird community begins to decline at road densities over $1 \text{ km}/\text{km}^2$ (Figure 4; Schuster & Arcese 2013 and *unpublished results*). Substantial variation in this relationship may be partly explained by the fact that rural roads can act as gaps in the forest canopy, thus promoting the abundance and diversity of old-forest species that rely on understory plants (Figure 2). After this point, however, fragmentation due to roads may decrease biodiversity (Heilman et al. 2002). Excluding properties with high road density (e.g. $>1-3\text{km}/\text{km}^2$) may help fine-tune your solution away from roaded areas, but may also dramatically constrain your solution in human-dominated landscapes. **NOTE:** the negative relationship between

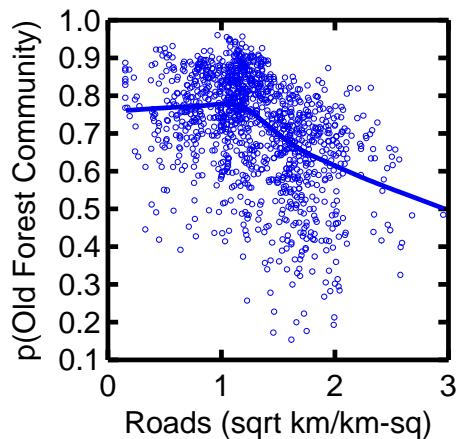


Figure 4. An empirical relationship showing the effect of road density on the occurrence of the old-forest bird community in forest stands ≥ 80 years of age. The y-axis is an estimate of the probability of old-forest bird community occurrence ($n = 1248$ old-forest stands; Schuster & Arcese 2013; and *unpublished results*).

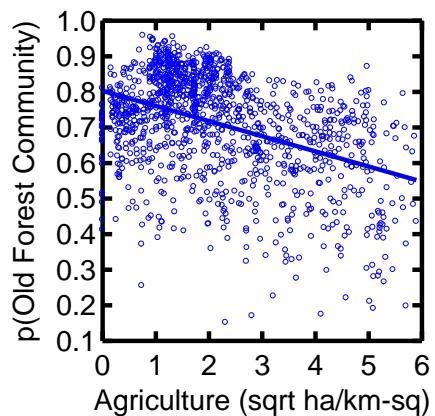
road density and many native bird and plant communities is also indicative of the predictive species maps used to identify target communities (e.g. Old-forest and Savannah birds; see Appendix A). Thus, by setting protection targets for native birds and plants, you are effectively putting constraints on road density, to the extent that those species become less common as roadedness increases. We therefore suggest that you explore the utility of this parameter by running the tool with and without road density values included to compare results. We find that setting higher targets for planning units with a high probability of including old forest or savannah birds and native meadow plants tends to return solutions with relatively low road density and agricultural land use.

PARCEL SIZE

The CDFCP tool will consider all land parcels in a solution unless you chose to exclude them. However, small habitats patches do not always represent viable acquisition targets, so you can also choose to exclude parcels smaller than a given size using the slider. Many beta-users of this tool have excluded parcels smaller than 2 hectares from CDFCP solutions, based on various assumptions about conservation values and acquisition and stewardship costs in future.

AGRICULTURE DENSITY

Agriculture may include cultivated fields, orchards, vineyards, golf courses, and greenhouses, and is measured as the square kilometers of agriculture per square kilometer of land. Agricultural area was estimated from Terrestrial Ecosystem Mapping (Province of British Columbia 2015) and National Land Cover Database 2011 data (MRLC 2015; see Appendix C). As an example, empirical data from 700 locations across the Coastal Douglas-fir region in British Columbia, Canada, suggest that the probability of encountering old-forest bird communities declines by ~50% in areas comprised of >3 ha of agriculture per km² (Figure 5; Arcese & Schuster, *unpublished results*). Excluding parcels with a lot of agricultural land may enhance the value of your designs for forest bird species, but may de-emphasize your focus on savannah species. This is because many savannah birds in the Georgia Basin now rely on agricultural habitats in the absence of native savannah. Overall, however, your final parameterization should reflect your conservation goals.



*Figure 5. An empirical relationship showing the effect of agricultural area on the occurrence of the old-forest bird community in forest stands ≥80 years of age. The y-axis is an estimate of the probability of old-forest bird community occurrence ($n = 1248$ old-forest stands; Arcese & Schuster, *unpublished results*).*

2.2.3 PROTECTION TARGETS

Protection targets are specified in the table under the ‘Edit Target’ tab in the CDFCP tool interface. You can specify your overall objectives by changing the percent value next to each of the biodiversity features (e.g. Wetland, Old-Forest, etc., detailed in Table 1). As an example, one might want to protect 17% of remaining old-forest in the entire Georgia Basin, following Target 11 from the Aichi Biodiversity Targets established at the Convention on Biological Diversity (2010).

In the ‘Input Layers’ tab next to the ‘Edit Target’ tab, you can view the probability of occurrence maps for three commonly used biodiversity feature layers: Old-forest (OF), Savannah (SAV), and Human commensals (HUM; see Table 2). You have the option of selecting/deselecting each feature layer against your basemap of choice (OSM, Aerial, or Terrain). The scale used for each biodiversity layer is a measure of ‘probability of occurrence’ of that biodiversity feature being found in areas of the Georgia Basin. Higher values indicate higher probabilities of occurrence. Use this feature to conceptualize how the CDFCP tool uses biodiversity feature layers to generate solutions, as well as to generally view the probable occurrence of these feature layers in the Georgia Basin planning area.

Edit Target		Input Layers	Resu
	id	Percent	name
1	1	0	OF
2	2	0	SAV
3	3	0	BETA
4	4	0	WET
5	5	0	SHR
6	6	0	HUM
7	7	0	neg_HUM
8	8	0	StC
9	9	0	SeqC
10	10	0	EO
11	11	0	SEI_CB
12	12	0	SEI_HT
13	13	0	SEI_OF
14	14	0	SEI_RI
15	15	0	SEI_SG
16	16	0	SEI_SV
17	17	0	SEI_WD
18	18	0	SEI_WN
19	19	0	Nat_PI_Rch
20	20	0	FISH
21	21	0	HERP
22	22	0	CButCp
23	23	0	CpePrRs
24	24	0	CfLup
25	25	0	DsPrRs
26	26	0	FthISdg
27	27	0	FrstSnail
28	28	0	MedFoam
29	29	0	Meconella
30	30	0	Microseris
31	31	0	MMurlet
32	32	0	PopFlower
33	33	0	svMoth
34	34	0	Area

Table 1. Descriptions of the biodiversity feature layers included in the CDFCP tool. Target values for each of these layers can be specified in the table found under the 'Edit Target' tab in the CDFCP tool interface.

Old Forest Birds (OF)	A composite distribution map based on probability of occurrence of birds associated with old forest habitat (Schuster and Arcese 2014). See Appendix A.
Savannah Birds (SAV)	A composite distribution map based on probability of occurrence of birds associated with savannah habitat (Schuster and Arcese 2014). See Appendix A.
Shrub Birds (SHR)	A composite distribution map based on the probability of occurrence of birds associated with shrub habitat. See Appendix A.
Wetland Birds (WET)	A composite distribution map based on probability of occurrence of birds associated with wetland and riparian habitats (Schuster and Arcese, unpublished). See Appendix A.
Human Commensal Birds (HUM)	A composite distribution map based on probability of occurrence of birds associated with urban and rural human landscapes (Schuster and Arcese, unpublished). When targets are set for this feature, the tool will seek planning units least likely to host commensal species. See Appendix A.
Neg_HUM	A composite distribution map based on probability of occurrence of birds that typically avoid urban and rural human landscapes
Exotic Plants (EXO1)	A composite distribution map based on probability of occurrence for the most common exotic plants of Garry Oak/Maritime Meadow ecosystems (Bennett 2014). When targets are set for this feature, the tool will seek planning units least likely to host exotic plants. See Appendix A.
Standing Carbon (StC)	Total standing carbon per hectare (Seely 2012)
Sequestered Carbon (SeqC)	Predicted carbon sequestration per hectare in the next 20 years (Seely 2012)
TEM Element Occurrence (EO)	Element occurrence of the Terrestrial Ecosystem Mapping (TEM) class 'Douglas-fir-Salal'
Sensitive Ecosystem Inventory (SEI) Layers (Province of BC 2011)	
Coastal bluff (SEI_CB)	Sensitive Ecosystem Inventory - Coastal Bluff
Herbaceous (SEI_HT)	Sensitive Ecosystem Inventory - Herbaceous
Older forest (SEI_OF)	Sensitive Ecosystem Inventory – Older Forest
Riparian (SEI_RI)	Sensitive Ecosystem Inventory - Riparian
Second growth forest (SEI_SG)	Sensitive Ecosystem Inventory – Second growth Forest
	Sensitive Ecosystem Inventory – Sparsely vegetated

Sparingly vegetated (SEI_SV)	Sensitive Ecosystem Inventory – Woodland
Woodland (SEI_WD)	Sensitive Ecosystem Inventory – Wetland
Wetland (SEI_WN)	
Native Plants (NAT_PI_Rch)	A composite distribution map based on probability of occurrence for the 20 most common native plants of Garry Oak/Maritime Meadow ecosystems (Bennett 2014). See Appendices A & B.
Fish (FISH)	A composite species occurrence map of anadromous and freshwater fish based on averaged values of occurrence from ecological niche models (Palen et al. 2015)
Herptiles (HERP)	A composite species occurrence map of frog and salamander species based on averaged values of occurrence from ecological niche models (Palen et al. 2015)
Critical Habitat for SARA-listed Species	
California Buttercup (CButCp)	California Buttercup (<i>Ranunculus californicus</i>)
Contorted-pod Evening Primrose (CpePrRs)	Contorted-pod Evening-primrose (<i>Camissonia contorta</i>)
Dense flowered Lupine (CfLup)	Dense-flowered Lupine (<i>Lupinus densiflorus</i>)
Dense Spike-primrose (DsPrRs)	Dense Spike-primrose (<i>Epilobium densiflorum</i>)
Foothill Sedge (FthISdg)	Foothill Sedge (<i>Carex tumulicola</i>)
Oregon Forestsnail (FrstSnail)	Oregon Forestsnail (<i>Allogona townsendiana</i>)
Macoun's Meadowfoam (MedFoam)	Macoun's Meadowfoam (<i>Limnanthes macounii</i>)
White Meconella (Meconella)	White Meconella (<i>Meconella oregana</i>)
Coast Microseris (Microseris)	Coast Microseris (<i>Microseris bigelovii</i>)
Marbled Murrelet (MMurrlet)	Marbled Murrelet (<i>Brachyramphus marmoratus</i>)
Fragrant Popcorn Flower (PopFlower)	Fragrant Popcorn Flower (<i>Plagiobothrys figuratus</i>)
Sand-verbena Moth (svMoth)	Sand-verbena Moth (<i>Copablepharon fuscum</i>)

2.2.4 RUNNING MULTIPLE SCENARIOS

Many CDFCP tool users will want to run several optimizations with a range of parameter values, or ‘scenarios’, to compare outputs. In multi-stakeholder planning session, such runs may be used to identify the parcels consistently selected in all scenarios, and thus acceptable to all parties. Fortunately, there are two ways you can do this using the current CDFCP tool interface.

First, click the check box next to ‘Run Multiple Scenarios’ in the grey sidebar of the interface. Then select among the options described below.

Option 1 is described in the grey sidebar after clicking the box. This option allows you to upload a .csv file specifying the parameters of each scenario by row. The headings that must be included in the uploaded .csv file are given by example in the table to the right of the grey sidebar. The possible values that can be entered for each header column are provided in Table 1. Blank cells or those with anything but the terms allowed (Table 2) will prevent the optimization from running (an error message will populate saying “application unexpectedly exited”). After you upload your .csv file, it should populate under the ‘Scenario List’ tab, replacing the example table that was originally there, and confirming that you have successfully uploaded your .csv file.

Option 2 involves building your scenarios directly in the tool interface. To the right of the grey sidebar you will see a table with 1 row populated called ‘template’. This is simply an example row, so you can change the parameters specified in this row to suit your own user-defined scenario. You can name each scenario as you like. For the ‘time’, ‘cost’, and ‘protected’ columns, you can double-click the cells to select allowable values. To add another scenario, right click on any cell in the first row and select ‘Insert Row Below’ from the dialogue box that appears. You should now see a new row where each cell is specified as “NA”. Change each “NA” to a value that defines your 2nd scenario. Repeat this step for as many scenarios as you like. **NOTE:** if you are encountering inexplicable error messages, try refreshing the website and starting again.

Table 2. Summary of values that can be specified for each scenario when running multiple scenarios

Field	Definition	Acceptable values
Scenario	Name of the scenario	Any name you specify
Cost	Which cost layer to use	“dollar”, “area”, or “human”
Protected	Whether parks are locked in or available	“locked”, or “avail”
maxRoadDns	Maximum road density (km/km ²) – cutoff value	Any value between 0 - 100
minPropSz	Minimum property size (ha) – cutoff value	Any value between 0 - 10
maxAgrDns	Maximum agricultural density (km ² /km ²)	Any value between 0 - 1
OF, SAV, SHR, WET, HUM, etc...	Percentage of each biodiversity layer to be targetted	Any value between 0 - 100

AN IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT SCALE:

Currently, the CDFCP tool provides solutions for the entire Georgia Basin within the CDFCP planning area defined (Figure 1). Future versions will allow users to subset areas of this region so that planning decisions can be made at smaller spatial scales (e.g., within municipal districts or counties). However, *it must be noted* that the spatial scale selected is likely to have a large effect on the solutions produced by the tool. For example, a small planning area (eg. Galiano Island) will include fewer planning units (PU’s), more limited opportunities to meet targets, and thus may force the tool to consider PU’s with lower conservation value in order to meet user-

specified targets. Expanding the planning area (e.g., Southern Gulf Islands) should increase the availability of high quality PU's, but may take the focus of conservation investments away from your particular area of interest. As user demand develops for this or later versions of the CDFCP tool, we would recommend running scenarios using the same parameter sets at different spatial scales, to identify those parcels which are selected consistently, and therefore likely to be of enduring regional and local value.

2.3 RUNNING THE CDFCP TOOL AND INTERPRETING RESULTS

Run Optimization

Once all of the parameters have been defined for 1 or more scenarios, click on the ‘Run Optimization’ button at the top of the grey sidebar. Please be patient as results will take 1 – 3 minutes to produce. In most browsers, a status bar will appear at the top of the page to give you an idea of progress. A text box will also appear at the top right of the page saying “Calculation in Process”, which will then change to “Post Processing”, and will then disappear when the optimization is complete. **NOTE:** CDFCP tool users are not limited by computational capacity on their own computer in running optimizations because calculations are done on an external, virtual server hosted at the University of British Columbia by Prof. Peter Arcese, FRBC Chair in Applied Conservation Biology ([Arcese lab](#)). Scenario results are populated in the ‘Results + Download’ and the ‘Result Map’ tabs. Detailed explanations of how to download, view, and interpret results are provided below.

2.3.1 SUMMARY TABLES

After the optimization has finished running, you will find a summary table of the optimal solution(s) in the ‘Results + Download’ tab. The Result Summary Table will display the optimal solution for each scenario by row (if you only ran one scenario, there will only be one row in the table). **NOTE:** you will have to scroll right to see the entire table. You can also download the Result Summary Table as a .csv file by clicking the ‘Results download’ button. Explanations for all the Result Summary Table column headers are provided in Table 3.

2.3.2 VIEWING RESULTS

You can view a map of each optimal solution in 2 ways:

Option 1: Click on the ‘Result Map’ tab after your optimization has finished running. Here you will see a standard basemap of the Georgia Basin with an overlay of your solution(s). You can change the basemap shown by selecting StreetMap, Aerial, or Terrain on the legend provided. The legend associated with your solution(s) is called ‘selected’, where selected planning units are displayed in blue (1), and unselected units in red (0). If you ran more than one scenario, each named scenario will populate in the legend box so you can select/deselect each one for comparison.

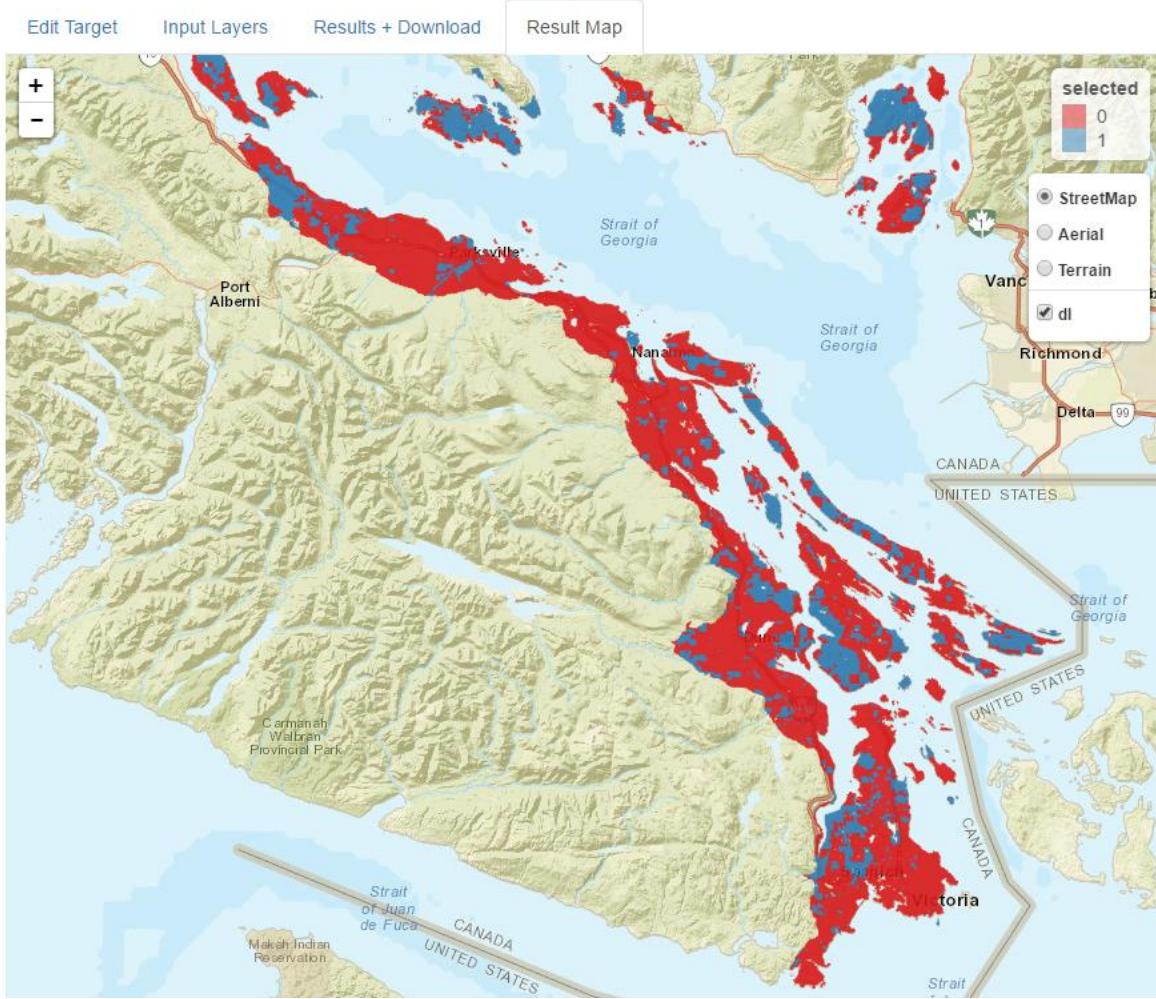


Figure 6: Example result map as viewed from the CDFCP tool interface. Selected planning units coloured in blue, unselected units in red.

Option 2: Download the “Cadastral fabric” under the “Results + Download” tab. This will initiate the download of a zip file containing the cadastral layer (property boundaries for the CDFCP) in .shp shapefile format. Unzip the folder onto your local harddrive. Also download the “property selection” file, a .csv table containing the parcel ID and whether the parcel was selected (1) or not (0) for each scenario. To display outputs correctly, you will have to load the cadastral fabric and then join the result table to that layer. This step can be a bit tricky, because you are joining a .csv file to the cadastral shapefile. If you have ArcGIS, it is necessary to put the files in a “File Geodatabase” together to prevent runtime crashes while joining. Open ArcMap and use the Catalog sidebar to create a 'File Geodatabase' (you can also do this in ArcCatalog). You can do this by browsing to your desired folder location in the Catalog sidebar, right clicking and selecting New → File Geodatabase. Next, browse to the downloaded property selection .csv table using the Catalog sidebar. Right click on that and select Export → To Geodatabase (single). A ‘Table to Table’ tool interface will pop up. For the ‘Output Location’ select the recently created ‘File Geodatabase’. Follow the same steps to put the cadastral shapefile in the same geodatabase so that both files are together.

Use the Catalog sidebar to drag the .csv file and cadastral shapefile from their location in the geodatabase into the viewing pane. The cadaster should display properly when viewed in a blank map template. The scenario results will not be visible on the map until they are joined to

the cadaster shapefile. To do this, right click the cadastral layer and select Joins and Relates → ‘Join...’. In the first drop down menu, select ‘Join attributes from a table’. In the following list of numbered items choose:

1. id
2. Browse to the output table in the Geodatabase
3. id

Finally in the ‘Join Options’ select ‘Keep only matching records’. Click OK and the Marxan results will be joined to the cadastral fabric. To save this join right click the ‘cadastral fabric’ again and select Data → ‘Export Data...’. Choose file name and location, press OK and after the export is finished select to ‘Add layer...’. On this new layer right click and select properties. In the ‘Symbology’ tab select ‘Quantities’. In the ‘Value’ drop down menu select the scenario name of your choice and change colours for display.

If you wish to add additional layers but do not have any, we recommend adding a default basemap available from ESRI. Click on the Add Data pulldown menu and click “Add Basemap”. This will open a dialog box where you can choose a basemap.



Table 3: Result summary table headers and explanations.

Scen	The name of each scenario. Can be user-specified when running multiple scenarios, or defaults. Default names are populated using 1-letter abbreviations for the time, cost, protected areas, and high quality features cutoff. E.g. ‘chl66’ = [time = c urrent] + [cost = h uman] + [protected areas = l ocked-in] + [HQP cutoff = 66]
Cost	The cost metric specified. Options are: ‘dollar’, ‘area’, ‘human’, and ‘management’.
Protected	Corresponds to how you dealt with protected areas in the optimization. Options are: ‘locked’ or ‘avail’, which correspond to ‘Locked in’ and ‘Available’, respectively.
maxRoadDns minPropSz maxAgrDns	Corresponds to the cutoff value specified for roads, property size, and agricultural density, respectively. If no cutoffs were specified, these will be 0.
Status	This lets the user know whether the optimal solution was found. If so, the status will be “OPTIMAL”.
Runtime	Time (in seconds) that it took to run the optimization.
Cost_out	The resultant cost of the scenario specified. Units depend on the cost metric selected (see Cost above): acquisition and management costs are in dollars (\$); human score assesses cost as the amount of commensal habitat included in the solution (see section 2.2.1 for details); setting cost to area attempts to minimize total hectares reserved.

Area	Area of the solution (ha).
OF, SAV, SHR, WET, HUM, etc...	The amount of each biodiversity feature (%) included in the optimal solution. User-defined targets are always met in the optimal solution, whereas undefined targets will vary based on their representation in the optimal solution.
OF_Tar, SAV_Tar, BETA_Tar, SHR_Tar, WET_Tar, HUM_Tar, etc..	User defined targets for each biodiversity feature layer.

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2. Marxan Good Practices Handbook:

Ardron, J. H.P. Possingham and C.J. Klein (Eds.), Version 2, 2010. Marxan good practices handbook. University of Queensland, St. Lucia, Queensland, Australia, and Pacific Marine Analysis and Research Association, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

3. Simulated annealing in greater detail:

<http://www.uq.edu.au/marxan/tutorial/toc.html>

4. A basic overview of Integer Linear Programming on the Gurobi website:

<http://www.gurobi.com/resources/getting-started/mip-basics>

5. Marxan Tutorial for the NPLCC Study Area

http://peter-arceese-lab.sites.olt.ubc.ca/files/2015/03/NPLCC-Douglas-fir-Savannah-Prioritization-Tutorial_v1.1.pdf

5. APPENDICES

APPENDIX A. GENERAL METHODS FOR CREATING COMPOSITE DISTRIBUTION MAPS OF BIODIVERSITY FEATURES

Each biodiversity feature used in the CDFCP tool is a map of the probability of that feature occurring within the study region. We refer to these as ‘composite distribution’ maps because they were created using a combination of (1) presence/absence data for plant and bird species, and (2) associated landscape and/or climate features to predict species occurrence. Data sources and general methods are provided for each biodiversity feature below.

BIRD COMMUNITY MAPS

Old Forest (OF), Savannah (SAV), Wetland (WET), Shrub (SHR), and Human (HUM) biodiversity features were created following Schuster & Arcese (2013) to map bird species distribution for 73 species, using presence-absence data from ebird (<http://ebird.org/content/ebird/about/>; Sullivan et al. 2009). Briefly, bird species were determined to be members of specific communities that represented each biodiversity feature using expert elicitation (Schuster & Arcese 2013). A total of 11 professional ornithologists were consulted to associate the relative ‘reliance’ of each bird species being found in the habitats described (in pictures and words). Species maps were developed using a suite of landscape covariates known to influence bird species occurrence (e.g., road density, stand age, tree species presence, proximity to other land uses; Schuster & Arcese 2013), and the results of these ‘occupancy models’ were used to predict species occurrence across the entire study region for 73 bird species using over 90,000 observations of species presence/absence provided from ebird (Sullivan et al. 2009). Occurrence probabilities for individual species were then compiled into composite maps representing target communities using the weightings assigned by experts (Schuster & Arcese 2013).

PLANT COMMUNITY MAPS

The Native (NAT) biodiversity features were created using similar methods as above (bird community maps). However, plant species occurrence data were drawn from several sources (Boag 2014; Dr. E Gonzales; Dr. Joe Bennet; E-Flora BC 2013). We used data for the 20 most abundant native plant species identified by Bennett (2014) to map the NAT communities (see Appendix B for species list).

APPENDIX B: PLANTS USED IN THE NAT BIODIVERSITY FEATURE LAYER

	Latin Name	Common Name
Native Species		
	<i>Camassia leichtlinii</i>	Great camas
	<i>Festuca rubra</i>	Red fescue
	<i>Brodiaea coronaria</i>	Crown brodiaea
	<i>Galium aparine</i>	Cleavers/stickyweed
	<i>Camassia esculenta</i>	Common camas
	<i>Brodiaea hyacinthina</i>	Fool's onion
	<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	Yarrow
	<i>Sanicula crassicaulis</i>	Pacific blacksnakeroot
	<i>Plectritis congesta</i>	Seablush
	<i>Elymus glaucus</i>	Blue wild rye
	<i>Collomia parviflora</i>	Maiden blue-eyed Mary
	<i>Polypodium glycyrrhiza</i>	Licorice fern
	<i>Luzula multiflora</i>	Common woodrush
	<i>Cerastium arvense</i>	Field mouse-ear/chickweed
	<i>Lotus micranthus</i>	Desert deervetch
	<i>Ranunculus occidentalis</i>	Western buttercup
	<i>Dianthos californica</i>	California oatgrass
	<i>Carex inops</i>	Long-stolon sedge
	<i>Trifolium willdenowii</i>	Tomcat clover
	<i>Lomatium utriculatum</i>	Common lomatium/spring gold

APPENDIX C: ROAD DENSITY AND AGRICULTURAL AREA CALCULATIONS

Road and agricultural densities were calculated per 1ha planning unit using feature types from several data sources detailed in the table below.

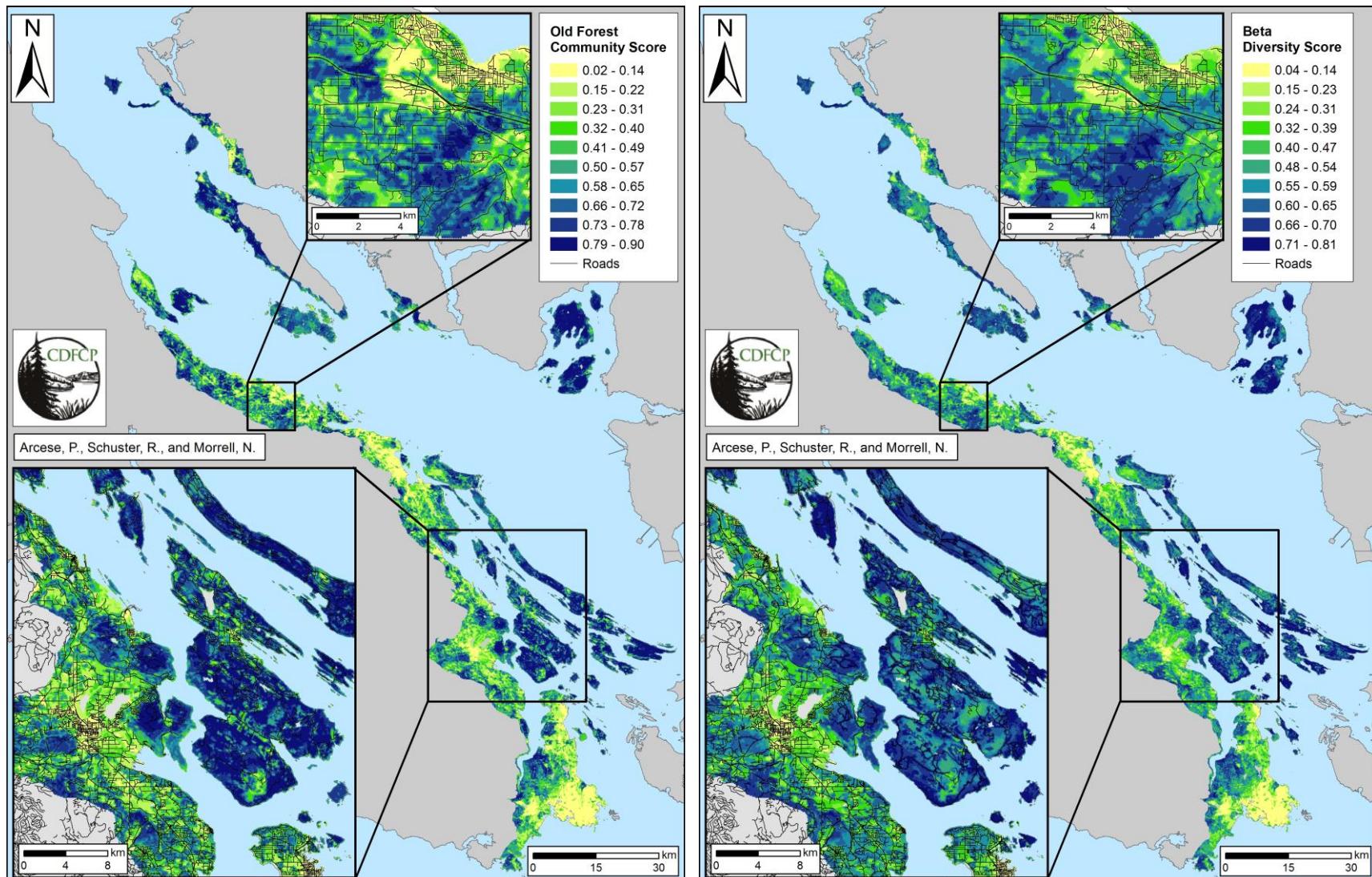
Parameter	Source
Road Density	OpenStreetMaps ¹ features: bridge, bus_stop, construction, living_street, motorway, motorway_link, primary, primary_link, residential, secondary, secondary_link, service, tertiary, tertiary_link, trunk, trunk_link, abandoned, bridleway, cycleway, footway, path, pedestrian, road, social_path, steps, track, trail, unclassified
Agriculture Density	TEM ² : Cultivated Field, Cultivated Orchard, Cultivated Vineyard

¹ OpenStreetMap data extracts, <http://download.geofabrik.de> (accessed 2015-09-17)

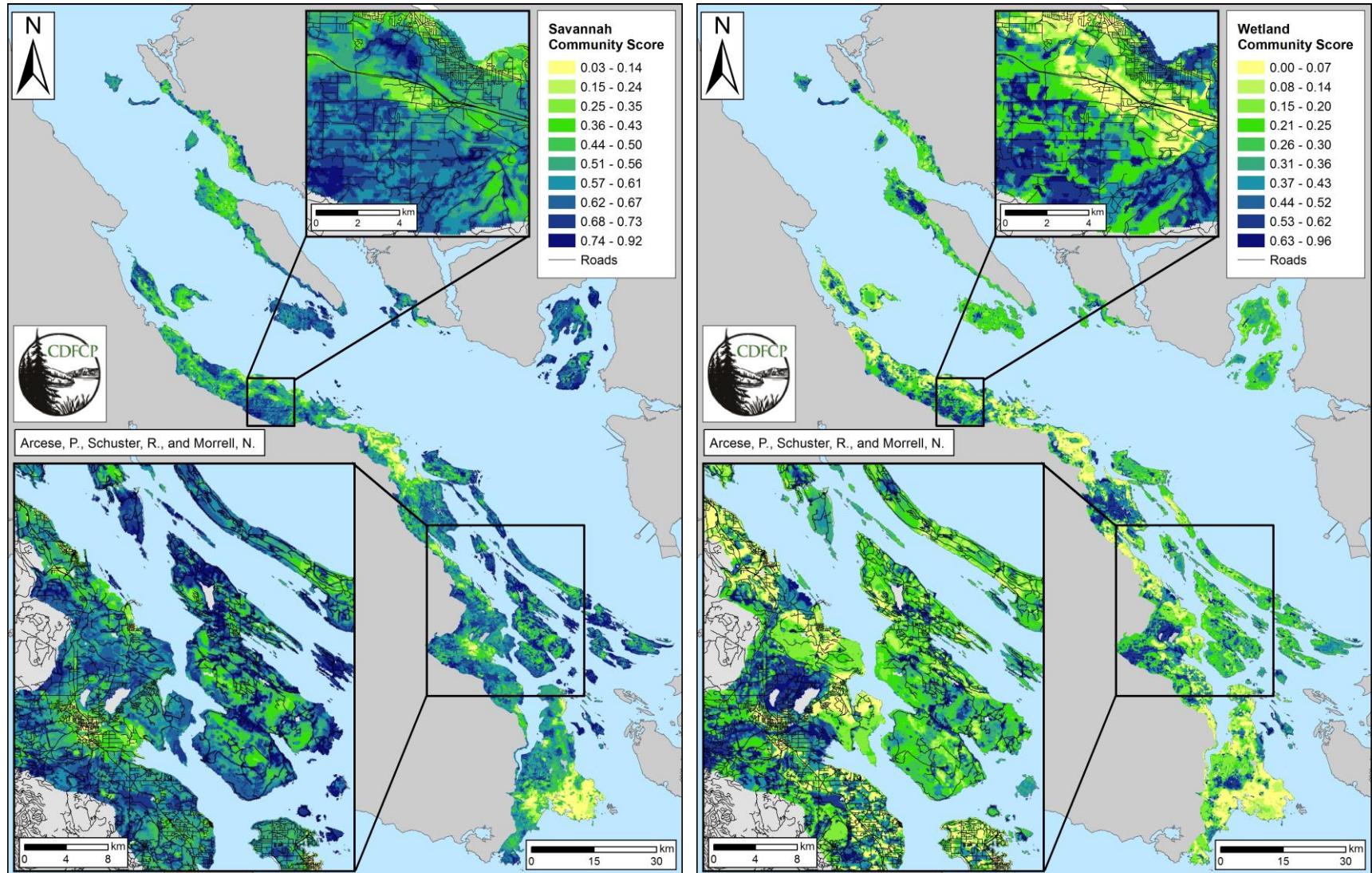
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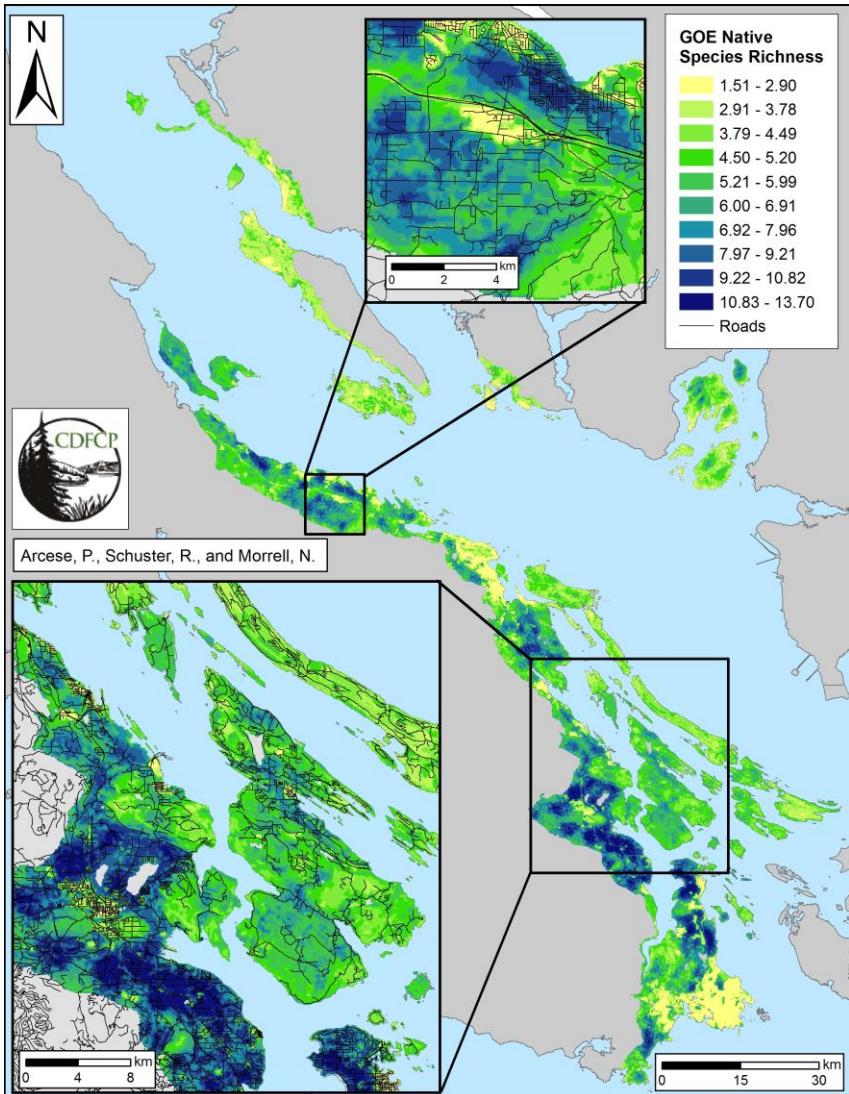
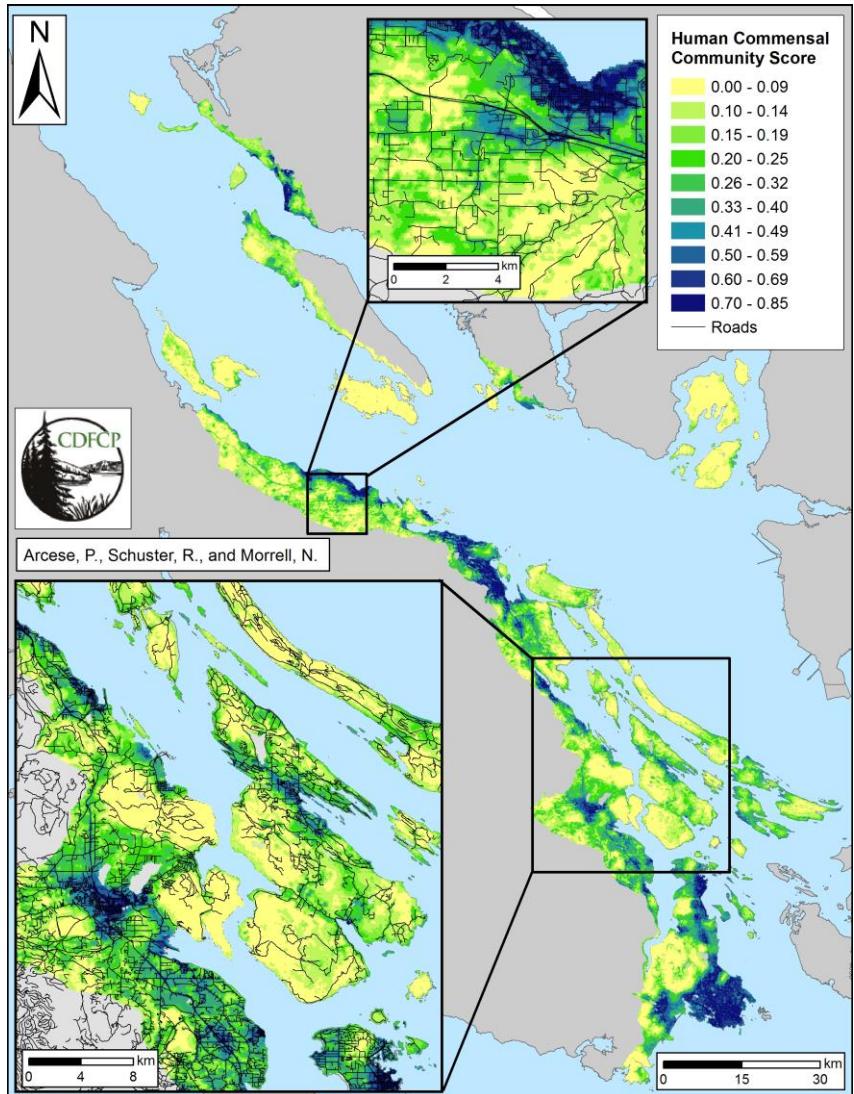
APPENDIX D: BIODIVERSITY FEATURE COMPOSITE DISTRIBUTION MAPS



Predictive distribution maps for old forest bird communities and beta-diversity bird communities



Predictive distribution maps for savannah bird communities and wetland bird communities



Predictive distribution maps for human commensal bird communities and Garry oak native plant communities

Bird species and habitat association scores. Habitat type description can be found in Appendix A. Composite bird communities maps are based on species distribution, weighted habitat association scores >0 (see Appendix A).

Bird	Common name	Herbacous	Shrub	Pole	Young forest	Mature forest	Old forest	Rural	Urban	Woodland	Wetland
BUSH	American bushtit	-1	0.6	-1	-1	-0.8	-0.8	0.6	0.4	0.6	0
CROW	Crow (American + Northern)	-0.18	-0.55	-0.73	-0.45	-0.73	-0.9	0.91	0.82	0.18	-0.55
AMGO	American goldfinch	-0.18	0.64	-0.73	-0.82	-0.82	-0.82	0.45	-0.82	0.45	-0.82
AMRO	American robin	-0.45	0.73	-0.18	0	-0.27	-0.5	0.73	0	0.73	-0.64
ANHU	Anna's hummingbird	0	0.4	-1	-1	-0.6	-0.6	0.6	0.4	0.6	0
BAEA	Bald eagle	-1	-1	-0.91	-0.82	0.18	0.55	-0.36	-1	-0.45	0.2
BTPI	Band-tailed pigeon	0	0	-1	-1	0.4	0.6	0.2	-0.4	0.6	0.2
BARS	Barn swallow	0	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0.91	-0.36	-0.45	0.82
BDOW	Barred owl	-0.6	-0.6	-1	-1	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.2	0.8	-0.4
BEKI	Belted kingfisher	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1
BEWR	Bewick's wren	-0.91	0.82	-0.55	-0.73	-0.82	-0.82	-0.09	-0.45	0.64	-0.45

BHGR	Black-headed grosbeak	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0.4	-0.2	0.6	0
BRBL	Brewer's blackbird	0.2	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0.8	-0.2	0.2	-0.6
BRCR	Brown creeper	-1	-1	-0.45	0.09	0.91	0.82	-0.91	-1	0	-1
BHCO	Brown-headed cowbird	0	0.91	-0.45	-0.64	-0.91	-0.91	0.82	-0.2	0.55	0
CAGO	Canada goose	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1	-0.4	-1	0.8
CEDW	Cedar waxwing	-0.2	0.6	-1	-1	0	0.2	0.6	-0.4	0.6	0.2
CBCH	Chestnut-backed chickadee	-1	-0.36	-0.18	0.18	0.64	0.64	-0.64	-0.55	0.55	-0.91
CHSP	Chipping sparrow	0	0.36	-0.82	-0.91	-1	-1	0.36	-0.91	0.45	-0.91
CORA	Common raven	-0.91	-1	-0.91	-0.27	0.55	0.55	0.18	-0.91	-0.27	-0.73
COHA	Cooper's Hawk	0	0.2	-0.8	-0.6	0	0.2	0.4	-0.2	0.8	0
UDEJ	Dark-eyed junco	-0.09	0.55	0	0.09	-0.09	-0.3	-0.09	-0.64	0.64	-0.91
DOWO	Downy woodpecker	-0.4	0	0	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.2	0	0.8	0.2

ECDO	Eurasian collared dove	-0.8	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	0.4	0.8	-0.8	-0.8
EUST	European starling	-0.18	-0.36	-0.73	-0.82	-1	-1	1	0.91	-0.18	-0.82
EVGR	Evening grosbeak	-0.4	0	-1	-1	0	0	0	0	0.8	-0.4
FOSP	Fox sparrow	-0.82	0.73	-0.8	-0.78	-0.89	-0.89	-0.7	-0.9	-0.22	-0.8
GCKI	Golden-crowned kinglet	-0.91	-0.64	-0.64	0	0.73	0.82	-0.91	-1	-0.36	-0.91
HAWO	Hairy woodpecker	-1	-1	-0.73	0	0.73	0.82	-1	-1	-0.18	-0.91
HOFI	House finch	-0.64	0.09	-0.6	-0.82	-1	-1	0.91	0.82	0.4	-0.91
HOSP	House sparrow	-0.64	-0.55	-1	-1	-1	-1	0.64	1	-0.82	-1
HOWR	House wren	-0.91	0.27	-0.45	-0.55	-0.55	-0.8	0.27	-0.5	0.9	-0.91
MAWR	MacGillivray's Warbler	-0.82	0.91	-0.45	-0.55	-0.55	-0.5	-0.91	-1	0.09	-0.45
HUVI	Hutton's vireo	-0.2	0.2	0	0	0.4	0.4	0.2	-0.8	0.6	0
AMKE	Kestrel	0.2	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0.2	-1	0.4	-0.4
MAWR	Marsh wren	-1	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0	-0.8	-0.8	1

MODO	Mourning dove	0.4	0.2	-1	-0.8	-0.8	-0.8	0.4	-0.2	0.6	0
FLIN	Northern flicker	-0.45	-0.73	-0.73	0.18	0.55	0.36	-0.18	-0.55	0.64	-0.73
NOHA	Northern Harrier	0.4	-0.8	-1	-1	-1	-1	0.2	-0.8	0	0.8
OSFL	Olive-sided flycatcher	-1	-0.64	-0.64	-0.18	0.36	0.27	-0.91	-1	0.18	-0.36
OCWA	Orange-crowned warbler	-0.91	0.91	-0.27	-0.55	-0.45	-0.6	-0.55	-1	0.55	-0.09
OSPR	Osprey	-1	-1	-1	-1	-0.8	-0.8	-0.6	-1	0	0.8
PSFL	Pacific slope flycatcher	-1	-0.64	-0.36	0.36	0.91	0.8	-0.82	-1	0.09	-0.55
PAWR	Pacific wren	-1	-0.45	-0.64	0.09	0.82	0.91	-1	-1	-0.45	-0.73
PISI	Pine siskin	-0.82	-0.64	-0.36	0.09	0.64	0.45	-0.64	-0.91	0.18	-0.64
PIWO	Pileated woodpecker	-1	-1	-1	-0.55	0.91	1	-1	-1	-0.18	-0.91
PUFI	Purple finch	-1	0.18	-0.55	0.09	-0.09	-0.2	-0.18	-0.73	0.45	-0.82
PUMA	Purple martin	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1

RECR	Red crossbill	-1	-1	-0.8	-0.4	0.8	0.8	-0.8	-0.8	0.2	-0.2
RBNU	Red-breasted nuthatch	-1	-0.91	-0.36	0.36	0.91	0.82	-0.73	-0.73	0.45	-1
RBSA	Red-breasted sapsucker	-1	0	-0.4	0.2	0.6	0.6	-0.6	-1	0.6	0
RTHA	Red-tailed hawk	0.6	0.2	-1	-1	-0.4	-0.2	0.8	-0.2	0.4	0
RWBL	Red-winged blackbird	-0.91	-0.27	-1	-1	-1	-1	0.36	-1	-0.73	1
RODO	Rock dove	-0.4	-0.8	-1	-1	-1	-1	0.6	1	-0.8	-0.8
RUHU	Rufous humingbird	-0.18	0.91	-0.45	-0.36	-0.18	-0.27	-0.18	-0.55	0.64	-0.36
SAVS	Savanna sparrow	0.55	-0.36	-1	-1	-1	-1	0.82	-0.91	-0.27	-0.73
SOSP	Song sparrow	-0.45	0.91	-0.55	-0.45	-0.45	-0.55	0.18	-0.36	0.18	0.55
SORA	Sora	-0.8	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	1
SPTO	Spotted towhee	-0.64	1	-0.45	-0.27	-0.45	-0.6	-0.09	-0.36	0.55	-0.55
STJA	Stellar's jay	-0.6	-0.2	-0.8	-0.2	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.2	0.6	0
SWTH	Swainson's thrush	-0.91	0.09	-0.45	-0.09	0.36	0.36	-0.91	-1	0	-0.45

TOWA	Townsend's warbler	-1	-0.73	-0.73	0.09	0.73	0.73	-1	-1	-0.27	-1
TRES	Tree swallow	-0.45	-0.36	-0.91	-0.82	-0.82	-0.9	0.55	-0.82	-0.27	0.91
VATH	Varied thrush	-0.91	-0.91	-0.82	-0.09	0.7	0.8	-1	-1	-0.55	-1
VGSW	Violet-green swallow	-0.36	-0.45	-0.8	-0.73	-0.82	-0.9	0.82	-0.36	0.09	0.82
WAVI	Warbling vireo	-1	0	-0.36	0.18	-0.55	-0.5	-0.55	-1	0.36	-0.45
WETA	Western tanager	-1	-0.73	-0.55	0	0.64	0.55	-0.73	-1	0.18	-0.82
WCSP	White-crowned sparrow	0.09	0.82	-0.82	-0.91	-1	-0.91	0.55	-0.09	0.27	-0.91
WISN	Wilson's snipe	0.2	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	0.2	-1	0.2	0.6
WIWA	Wilson's warbler	-1	0.82	-0.36	-0.36	-0.27	-0.5	-0.73	-1	-0.09	0.2
WODU	Wood duck	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-0.8	-1	-0.8	1
YEWA	Yellow warbler	-1	0.55	-0.73	-0.73	-1	-1	-0.64	-1	-0.18	0.55

UYRW	Yellow-rumped warbler	-1	-0.36	0	0.27	0.18	0.1	-0.55	-1	0.09	-0.45
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Bird species community scores. Community association scores for each species were calculated by summing a species' rank in each habitat as described in Appendix A. All birds with positive community association scores were considered to be members of a community map. To standardize individual species weights between 0 and 1, we summed positive community association scores across all species and divided by the number of species included. Bird species community scores can be thought of as an index of the probability that none versus all members of the focal community are present, weighted by their reliance on the focal habitat type.

Bird	Common Name	Old Forest (OF)	Savannah (SAV)	Human (HUM)	Shrub (SHR)	Wetland (WET)
BUSH	American bushtit	-0.14	-0.04	0.47	0.6	0
CROW	Crow (American + Northern)	-0.21	-0.11	0.85	-0.55	-0.55
AMGO	American goldfinch	-0.4	0.24	-0.4	0.64	-0.82
AMRO	American robin	-0.14	0.26	0.24	0.73	-0.64
ANHU	Anna's hummingbird	-0.31	0.32	0.47	0.4	0
BAEA	Bald eagle	0.62	-0.78	-0.79	-1	0.2
BTPI	Band-tailed pigeon	0.23	0.24	-0.2	0	0.2
BARS	Barn swallow	-0.43	-0.18	0.06	0	0.82
BDOW	Barred owl	0.4	-0.04	0.33	-0.6	-0.4
BEKI	Belted kingfisher	0	-1	-1	-1	1
BEWR	Bewick's wren	-0.22	0.06	-0.33	0.82	-0.45
BHGR	Black-headed grosbeak	0.07	0.24	0	0	0

BRBL	Brewer's blackbird	-0.49	0.16	0.13	0	-0.6
BRCR	Brown creeper	0.83	-0.6	-0.97	-1	-1
BHCO	Brown-headed cowbird	-0.53	0.4	0.14	0.91	0
CAGO	Canada goose	-0.29	-0.6	0.07	-1	0.8
CEDW	Cedar waxwing	0.03	0.28	-0.07	0.6	0.2
CBCH	Chestnut-backed chickadee	0.64	-0.25	-0.58	-0.36	-0.91
CHSP	Chipping sparrow	-0.49	0.25	-0.49	0.36	-0.91
CORA	Common raven	0.68	-0.67	-0.55	-1	-0.73
COHA	Cooper's Hawk	0.04	0.36	0	0.2	0
UDEJ	Dark-eyed junco	-0.15	0.33	-0.46	0.55	-0.91
DOWO	Downy woodpecker	0.3	0.16	0.07	0	0.2
ECDO	Eurasian collared dove	-0.06	-0.84	0.67	-1	-0.8
EUST	European starling	-0.33	-0.22	0.94	-0.36	-0.82
EVGR	Evening grosbeak	0.11	0.16	0	0	-0.4
FOSP	Fox sparrow	-0.25	-0.27	-0.83	0.73	-0.8
GCKI	Golden-crowned kinglet	0.74	-0.64	-0.97	-0.64	-0.91
HAWO	Hairy woodpecker	0.82	-0.67	-1	-1	-0.91

HOFI	House finch	-0.27	-0.08	0.85	0.09	-0.91
HOSP	House sparrow	-0.17	-0.69	0.88	-0.55	-1
HOWR	House wren	-0.09	0.05	-0.24	0.27	-0.91
MGWA	MacGillivray's Warbler	-0.12	-0.11	-0.97	0.91	-0.45
HUVI	Hutton's vireo	0.2	0.2	-0.47	0.2	0
AMKE	American Kestrel	-0.49	0.24	-0.6	0	-0.4
MAWR	Marsh wren	-0.14	-0.72	-0.53	0	1
MODO	Mourning dove	-0.47	0.44	0	0.2	0
FLIN	Northern flicker	0.48	-0.07	-0.43	-0.73	-0.73
NOHA	Northern Harrier	-0.43	0	-0.47	-0.8	0.8
OSFL	Olive-sided flycatcher	0.54	-0.46	-0.97	-0.64	-0.36
OCWA	Orange-crowned warbler	-0.13	0.04	-0.85	0.91	-0.09
OSPR	Osprey	0.09	-0.6	-0.87	-1	0.8
PSFL	Pacific slope flycatcher	0.79	-0.49	-0.94	-0.64	-0.55
PAWR	Pacific wren	0.78	-0.67	-1	-0.45	-0.73
PISI	Pine siskin	0.58	-0.38	-0.82	-0.64	-0.64
PIWO	Pileated woodpecker	0.88	-0.67	-1	-1	-0.91

PUFI	Purple finch	0.24	-0.18	-0.55	0.18	-0.82
PUMA	Purple martin	0	-1	-1	-1	1
RECR	Red crossbill	0.8	-0.52	-0.8	-1	-0.2
RBNU	Red-breasted nuthatch	0.83	-0.4	-0.73	-0.91	-1
RBSA	Red-breasted sapsucker	0.59	-0.16	-0.87	0	0
RTHA	Red-tailed hawk	-0.31	0.44	0.13	0.2	0
RWBL	Red-winged blackbird	-0.13	-0.71	-0.55	-0.27	1
RODO	Rock dove	-0.2	-0.64	0.87	-0.8	-0.8
RUHU	Rufous hummingbird	-0.18	0.37	-0.43	0.91	-0.36
SAVS	Savannah sparrow	-0.53	0.04	-0.33	-0.36	-0.73
SOSP	Song sparrow	-0.22	0.07	-0.18	0.91	0.55
SORA	Sora	-0.06	-0.92	-1	-1	1
SPTO	Spotted towhee	-0.18	0.16	-0.27	1	-0.55
STJA	Stellar's jay	0.5	-0.04	0.27	-0.2	0
SWTH	Swainson's thrush	0.43	-0.35	-0.97	0.09	-0.45
TOWA	Townsend's warbler	0.76	-0.65	-1	-0.73	-1
TRES	Tree swallow	-0.19	-0.36	-0.36	-0.36	0.91

VATH	Varied thrush	0.77	-0.77	-1	-0.91	-1
VGSW	Violet-green swallow	-0.2	-0.2	0.03	-0.45	0.82
WAVI	Warbling vireo	0.1	-0.26	-0.85	0	-0.45
WETA	Western tanager	0.68	-0.47	-0.91	-0.73	-0.82
WCSP	White-crowned sparrow	-0.55	0.31	0.12	0.82	-0.91
WISN	Wilson's snipe	-0.49	0.16	-0.6	0	0.6
WIWA	Wilson's warbler	-0.01	-0.27	-0.91	0.82	0.2
WODU	Wood duck	0	-0.92	-0.93	-1	1
YEWA	Yellow warbler	-0.22	-0.36	-0.88	0.55	0.55
UYRW	Yellow-rumped warbler	0.41	-0.44	-0.85	-0.36	-0.45

