



Wildlife use on this woodlot is influenced by conditions on the surrounding landscape and by the age and composition of the forest cover. The focus species for the woodlot are: spotted salamander, ruffed grouse, and wood thrush.

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About SWOAM...

Small Woodland Owners Association of Maine was established in 1975 as a nonprofit. Our mission is to promote sound forest management and strengthen long-term woodland stewardship.

Our land trust program employs the principles of sustainable forestry, habitat enhancement, and environmental protection. The program promotes long-term management to benefit rural economies and reduce forest fragmentation. We pay local taxes on our properties.

Woodlots that SWOAM owns are open to pedestrian use. However, vehicular and ATV use is by permission only. We ask users to help protect the property by not littering or damaging soils or vegetation.

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MEMORIAL FOREST

Located on Whitney Road
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Welcome to the Whitney Memorial Forest

The Forest is a 34-acre woodlot that has produced farm and forest products for centuries.



White pine
Pinus Strobus

It is located in the oak-pine forest type of southern Maine. The well-drained soils support a mixture of white pine, red oak, and hemlock with birch, poplar, and beech. The wet soils support red maple and hemlock with ash, spruce, and yellow birch. The inventory found one cedar and a patch of black gum.



Red Oak
Quercus rubra

The management guides for oak-pine forests recommend maintaining specific stocking densities for optimum growth of established trees and the creation of gaps in the canopy to regenerate new trees. Larger openings have been created to encourage aspen regeneration for ruffed grouse habitat near Whitney Road and hardwood regeneration for habitat diversity in the red maple wetland.

Points of Interest

Land use history is most apparent near the paved road. The evidence of past farm use can be seen in invasive species such as multiflora rose, an old building, stone walls, and fruit trees.

The vernal pool nearest the access road is used by spotted and four-toed salamanders.

The pine stand is growing on an old cornfield that was plowed until 1940. It demonstrates the importance of thinning young pine. Crowded pine may become weakened due to small crowns.

Most of the woodlot is a mixed stand of softwoods and hardwoods. This is more typical of the oak-pine type. Forest management can influence the composition of the stand by thinning to favor certain species and using regeneration methods that encourage the desired species such as pine and oak.

Red maple swamps add wildlife variety to this woodlot. Red maple is used by a large number of species and the associated yellow birch benefits birds. Yellow birch drops seeds during the winter where they are available on top of the snow.

Map of Whitney Land Trust

