

Special Areas

The following seven areas have been selected as Special Areas within the county:

Banshee Reeks Nature Preserve (Leesburg)

Dulles Wetlands (Leesburg)

Blue Ridge Center for Environmental Stewardship (Neersville)

Horsepen Preserve (Sterling)

Algonkian Regional Park (Sterling)

Claude Moore Park (Sterling)

Bles Park (Ashburn)

We want to determine which species are found within these areas, regardless of the blocks that often divide them. If your block includes a portion or all of a Special Area, you will receive notification in your participant packet and have no additional responsibilities (other than surveying the area contained within the borders of your block). Use a new field card when surveying the Special Area to prevent data mix-ups. When entering your data online, there will be an option to indicate that you surveyed a Special Area within your block. Data entered for Special Areas will be used for both the Special Area and the block. Once data collection for the atlas is complete, we will generate a new and improved species list for each Special Area.