



“All Wildlife” Conservation in Missouri

Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy

A comprehensive wildlife conservation strategy should address wildlife conservation in the broadest sense.....



..... birds

..... bats





..... and bugs



..... fish





..... frogs

..... ferns



..... and flowering plants







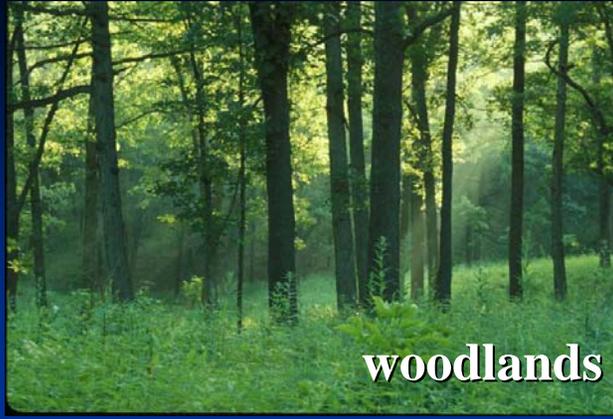
Images and insights from
Missouri Conservationist's
longtime nature photographer

A photograph of a white-tailed kite perched on a single strand of barbed wire. The bird is shown in profile, facing right, with its long tail feathers extending downwards. The background is a soft, golden-brown color, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The lighting highlights the bird's white feathers and the texture of the wire.

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forests



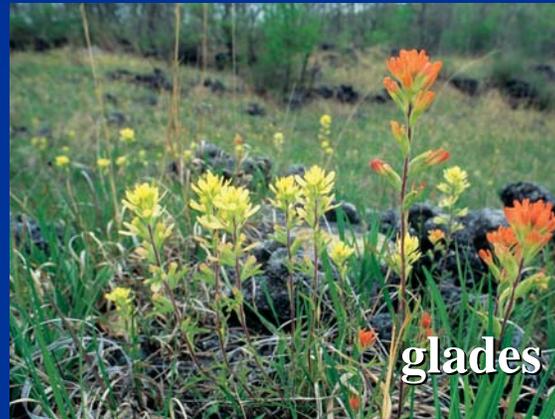
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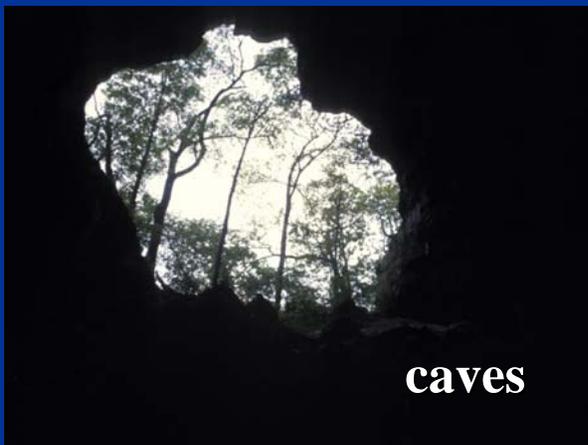
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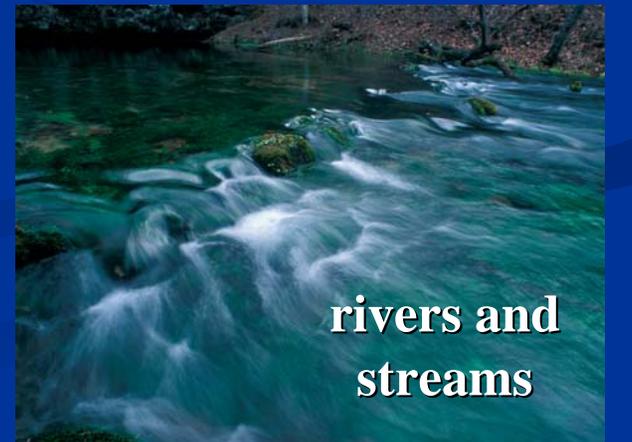


wetlands



caves

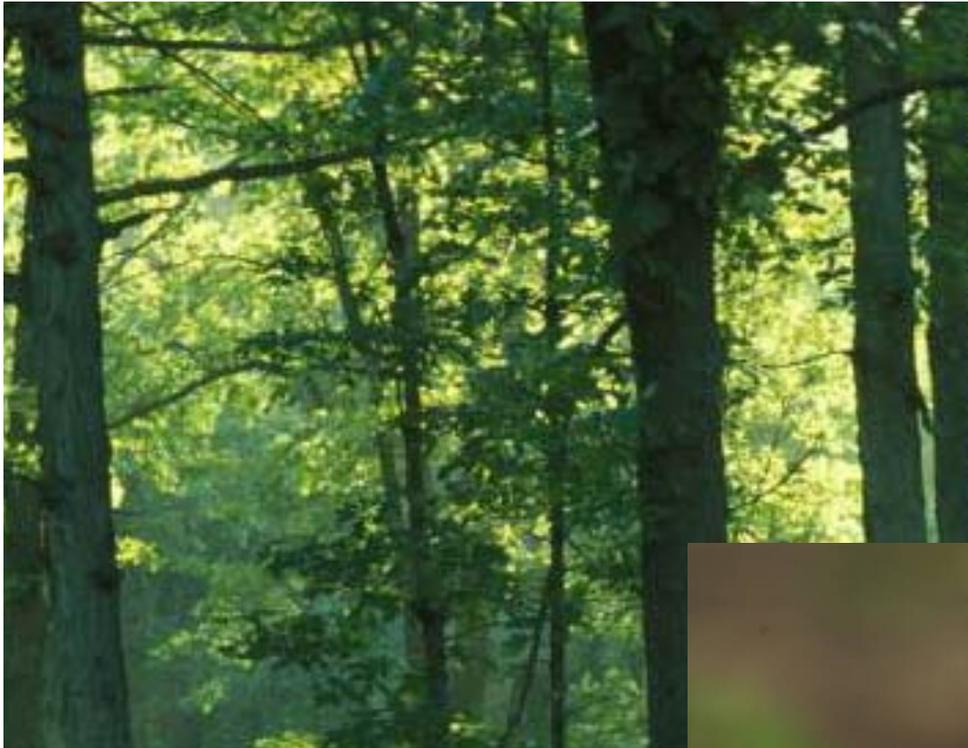
Habitats of Missouri



**rivers and
streams**



forests



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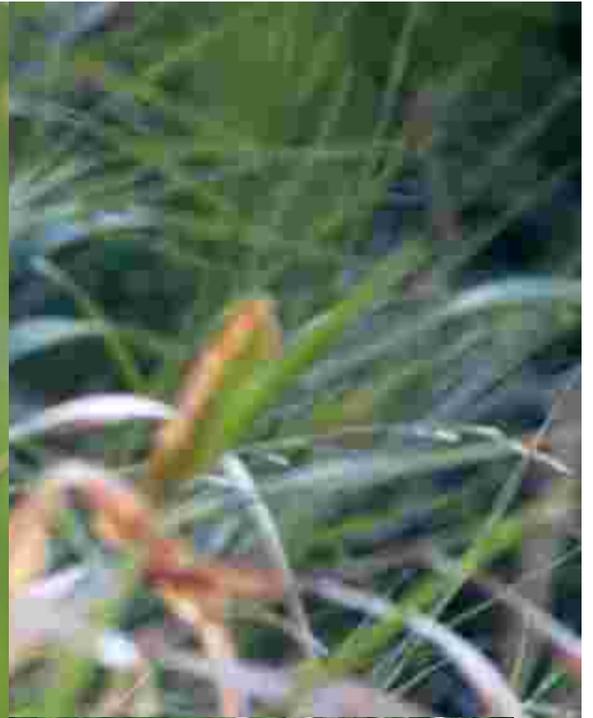
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Our present conservation program will not adequately conserve all of our wildlife heritage.

What do we need to do in the long term to conserve wildlife diversity?

.....we're gonna need a strategy

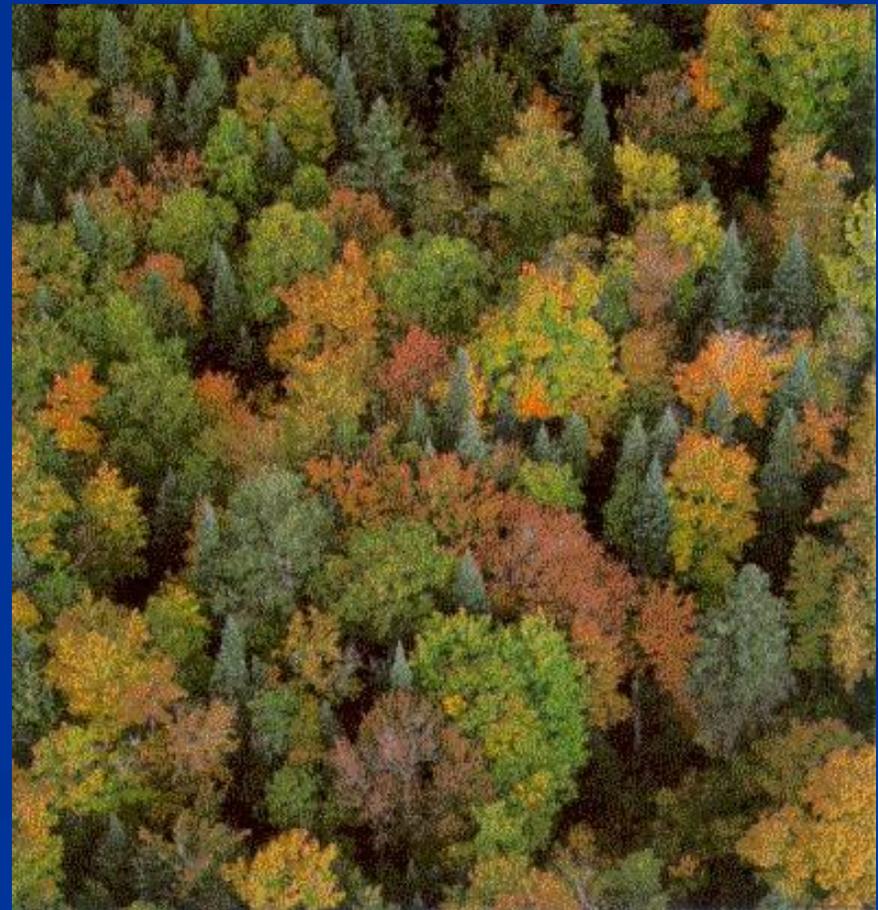
“Make the Plan-Strategy an effective long-lasting blueprint for conservation that provides a broad vision and priorities, so a broad array of organizations, including other government agencies and NGOs, can help realize the vision.”

-- From *“Guiding Principles for States to Consider in Developing Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Plans and Wildlife Conservation Strategies”*

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Since we won't be able to conserve every species of animal and plant one by one, the emphasis of our CWCS is on

restored habitats,
natural communities,
and healthy
landscapes.



The Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy (CWCS) for Missouri is an approach to conservation planning and implementation that uses ecologically-based assessments and existing plans to integrate conservation action for all wildlife.

We decided early on that a big plan is not the same thing as **a strategy**.

No, our CWCS is not a big plan, nor a plan to consolidate plans or even a comprehensive compilation of “do items” by species or habitat. The end result would be too big and probably not very useful.

Our strategy is built from the ground up by assessments that describe the best places to go to work.....

= Conservation Opportunity Areas