

US Fish & Wildlife
2009 - 2010 Colusa NWR Hunt Area
Habitat Description and Safety Hazards
When Completely Flooded

(see flood up map for current conditions; conditions will fluctuate depending on weather i.e. rain storms)

Assigned Ponds

West Side of Ohm Road

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| Assigned Pond 4 | Watergrass unit with islands and cattail/tules |
| Assigned Pond 5 | Same as 4 above, but less cattail and tules |
| Assigned Pond 7 | Semi-permanent pond with tall cattails, water primrose and open water area in center. |
| Assigned Pond 8 | Seasonal marsh this year with good seed production. Tall cattails and large open area in center. A few islands near center. |
| Assigned Pond 9 | Shallower and more vegetated on west side, more open water with islands and cattail/tule clumps on east side |
| Assigned Pond 10 | Cattail and bulrush cover fairly thick on the west (shallow) side. The east half of the pond has a mix of tule/cattail patches and open water there are a few islands near the middle of the pond. |

East Side of Ohm Road

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| Pool 1 | Alkali bulrush, cattail and tule cover interspersed with open water; a few islands. Spot disking conducted in the north and east. |
| Pool 2 | Tule/cattail, cocklebur and smartweed, with some openings. One large open water area near middle; five islands. Spot disking on north and east side. |
| Pool 5 | Small area with heavy tule cover in north half and open shallow water in south half. |
| Tract 19.1 | Mix of cattail/tule patches and open water. Some islands available with sparse cover. |
| Tract 19.2 | Cattail/tules primarily on west and east sides. One island near center of pond. West edge of pond is deep. |
| Tract 19.3 | Cattail/tules primarily on west and east sides. One island near center of pond. West edge of pond is deep. |

Free Roam

West Side of Ohm Road

- Tract 18** Uplands along the west half. Mix of open water and tule/cattail clumps in the northeast portion of the tract. (some islands)
- Tract 20** Open water areas on west side; heavy tules with some openings in the middle; east 1/3 third (T20.3) deep water (up to 3 ½ feet). Some spot disking conducted.
- Tract 21** West one-third upland and east two-thirds marsh with heavy cattail cover
- Tract 22** Mix of tule cover and open water
- Tract 23** West three-fourths upland with native grass planting; east one-fourth is marsh. Marsh is due to be flooded in late November.
- Tract 24.1** Short-grass upland
- Tract 24.2** Permanent wetland with tall cattail/tules, water primrose and small open water areas.
- Tract 24.3** This is a watergrass unit with islands and tule clumps. Spot disking throughout.
- Tract 24.12** West half was de-leveled in 2008 to create vernal (rain-water) ponds. East half is open wetland with islands and a few cattail clumps.
- Tract 24.13** Mix of weedy/grass uplands with many small rain-water ponds and one large rain-water pond.
- Tract 25** Mix of rainwater ponds and uplands. Small area of managed wetland in middle/South. Dangerous “**Deep Soft Mud Area**” fenced. Do not enter this area for any reason, as you could lose your life. **It’s that bad!**

East Side of Ohm Road

- Pool 3** Tule/cattail cover with moderate openings in south half; open with tule clumps in north half.
- Pool 4** Heavy tule/cattail cover with potholes in north and south thirds; open water with a few islands in middle third.
- Pool 6** Moderate cover throughout with interspersed tule clumps and open water; some deep (3 ½ feet) water.

* All pools and ponds generally get deeper from west to east.

KEY

SFM - Seasonally Flooded Marsh

Shallow – 0-12”

**Mix – plants and water
evenly distributed**

SW - Summer Water

Moderate – 12-24”

WG - Watergrass

Deep - >24”

Description of plants above water:

	<u>Height</u>	<u>Stems</u>	<u>Leaves</u>	<u>Seed Head</u>	<u>Other names</u>
Cattail	4-8 ft.	few, stout, long as leaves	long, flat, sword-shaped	brown, cigar-shaped	water-torch, soft-flag, broad-leaved cattail
Tule	6-12 ft.	thick, round, pithy	none	brown, small loose clusters	roundstem bulrush, bull tule
Watergrass	2-4 ft.	stout, semi flat at base	long, narrow	yellow-green tinged purple, 4-8 in.	millet
Bulrush	2-4 ft.	triangular	long, slender, >1/4" wide	brown, loose clusters	tuberous bulrush
Bermuda Grass	3"-1 ft.	semi flat, purplish	flat, short	4 individual spikes	devil's grass, wire grass
Joint Grass	1-3 ft.	long, thin, round sprawling	flat, long	several individual spikes	beaver hay
Smartweed	1-5 ft.	stems swollen above nodes	long and narrow	white/red	Knotweed