Using the NWCA Wetland Plant Explorer Tool

This guide will introduce you to the tool's interactive features and highlight its main functions.

Why use this tool?

Plants are important indicators of wetland condition as their presence, absence and abundance provide information on environmental conditions. The National Wetland Condition Assessment (NWCA) utilizes a number of metrics including plant trait information to gain insights into the status and condition of our nation's wetlands.

All the plant trait information from the NWCA is spread across multiple data files. This tool allows for the visualization and exploration of plant data across different datafiles and across survey years.

How to use this tool:

Basic navigation

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- Select the Species tab (default) to search individual plant species.
 - Select the **♥ Site** tab to search individual or multiple site data.



- 3. Select the **Info** button to display the popup information that appears upon opening the tool.
- 4. Toggle the tab view off and on.



Search and explore wetland plant species of interest [Species tab]

- 5. Type a plant species of interest using a scientific name.
- 6. Click the **Download Species Data** button to download the plant data.
 - Explore some common information of the queried plant. Use the <u>USDA</u> <u>Plants</u> hyperlink to find out more.
- 8. View the percentage of sites with the plant with different levels of physical disturbance.
- 9. View the distribution of plots with the plant across various wetland types.
- 10. Explore the map of species occurrences and toggle between survey years.
- 11. View the Wetland Indicator Status (WIS) by USACE region.
- 12. Click any of the **Help** buttons for more information.
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Search and download site data of interest [♥Site tab]

- 13. Select a filter for site selection. Sites can be filtered by individual site ID, state, or USACE region.
- 14. Once a filter is applied, search and select one or more sites, states, or regions of interest.
- 15. Click the **Download Data** button to download the filtered dataset.

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