



# SOUTHEAST GAP ANALYSIS PROJECT



## Species Modeling Report

### Eastern Newt

*Notophthalmus viridescens*

Taxa: Amphibian

Order: Caudata

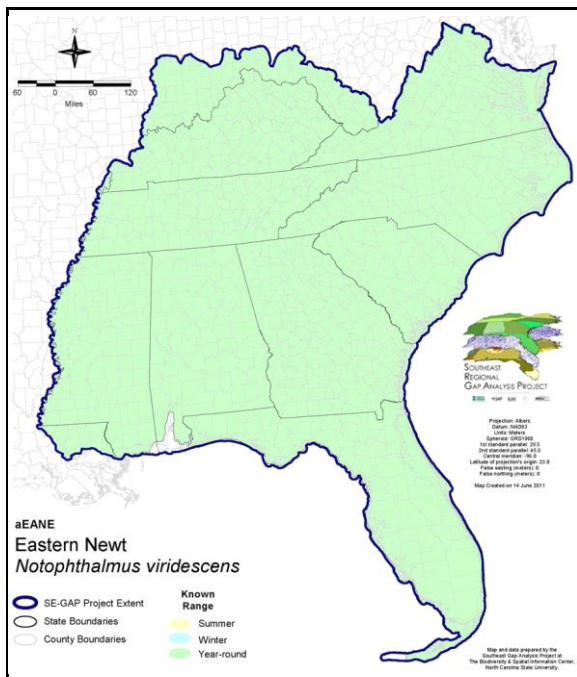
Family: Salamandridae

SE-GAP Spp Code: **aEANE**

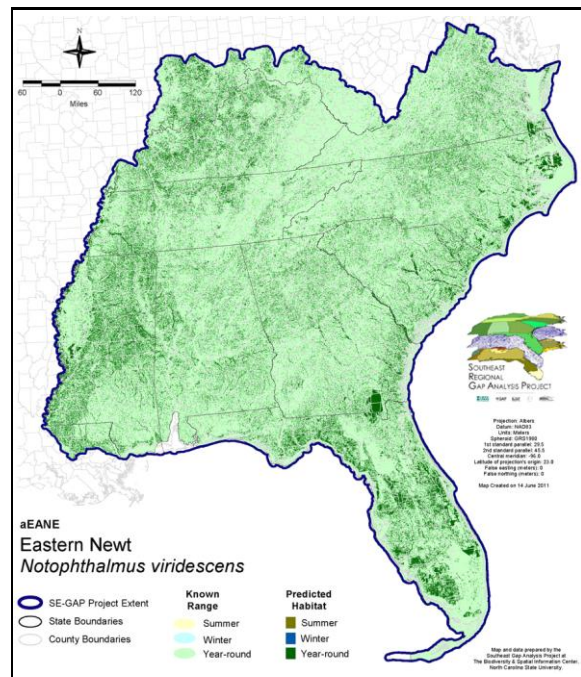
ITIS Species Code: 173615

NatureServe Element Code: AAAAF01030

#### KNOWN RANGE:



#### PREDICTED HABITAT:



Range Map Link: [http://www.basic.ncsu.edu/segap/datazip/maps/SE\\_Range\\_aEANE.pdf](http://www.basic.ncsu.edu/segap/datazip/maps/SE_Range_aEANE.pdf)

Predicted Habitat Map Link: [http://www.basic.ncsu.edu/segap/datazip/maps/SE\\_Dist\\_aEANE.pdf](http://www.basic.ncsu.edu/segap/datazip/maps/SE_Dist_aEANE.pdf)

GAP Online Tool Link: <http://www.gapservice.ncsu.edu/segap/segap/index2.php?species=aEANE>

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#### PROTECTION STATUS:

Reported on March 14, 2011

Federal Status: ---

State Status: IA (T), KS (T), KY (N), MS (Non-game species in need of management), NY (GN), RI (Not Listed), QC (Non suivie)

NS Global Rank: G5

NS State Rank: AL (S5), AR (S5), CT (S5), DC (S3), DE (S4), FL (SNR), GA (S5), IA (S2), IL (S3S4), IN (SNR), KS (S1), KY (S5), LA (S5), MA (S5), MD (S5), ME (S5), MI (S5), MN (SNR), MO (S5), MS (S5), NC (S5), NH (S5), NJ (SNR), NY (S5), OH (SNR), OK (S3), PA (S5), RI (S5), SC (SNR), TN (S5), TX (S5), VA (S5), VT (S5), WI (S4), WV (S5), NB (S5), NS (S5), ON (S5), PE (S5), QC (S5)

**SUMMARY OF PREDICTED HABITAT BY MANAGMENT AND GAP PROTECTION STATUS:**

	US FWS		US Forest Service		Tenn. Valley Author.		US DOD/ACOE	
	ha	%	ha	%	ha	%	ha	%
Status 1	241,725.6	1	6,340.9	< 1	0.0	0	0.0	0
Status 2	174,703.6	< 1	59,212.2	< 1	0.0	0	2,780.6	< 1
Status 3	2,218.7	< 1	480,378.2	2	33,614.9	< 1	168,527.3	< 1
Status 4	1,413.4	< 1	0.0	0	0.0	0	7.2	< 1
Total	420,061.2	2	545,931.2	3	33,614.9	< 1	171,315.2	< 1
	US Dept. of Energy		US Nat. Park Service		NOAA		Other Federal Lands	
	ha	%	ha	%	ha	%	ha	%
Status 1	0.0	0	39,188.3	< 1	10.4	< 1	6,267.5	< 1
Status 2	0.0	0	2,911.8	< 1	2,709.4	< 1	7.1	< 1
Status 3	17,236.1	< 1	170,377.4	< 1	0.0	0	1,709.3	< 1
Status 4	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Total	17,236.1	< 1	212,477.4	< 1	2,719.7	< 1	7,983.9	< 1
	Native Am. Reserv.		State Park/Hist. Park		State WMA/Gameland		State Forest	
	ha	%	ha	%	ha	%	ha	%
Status 1	0.0	0	241.9	< 1	39.2	< 1	0.0	0
Status 2	0.0	0	2,313.2	< 1	399,423.9	2	34.7	< 1
Status 3	5,578.6	< 1	421,853.0	2	104,559.0	< 1	163,552.1	< 1
Status 4	0.0	0	< 0.1	< 1	18,682.7	< 1	3.6	< 1
Total	5,578.6	< 1	424,408.2	2	522,704.9	2	163,590.3	< 1
	State Coastal Reserve		ST Nat.Area/Preserve		Other State Lands		Private Cons. Easemt.	
	ha	%	ha	%	ha	%	ha	%
Status 1	0.0	0	2,558.6	< 1	0.0	0	0.0	0
Status 2	10,661.8	< 1	44,991.0	< 1	4.0	< 1	1,830.5	< 1
Status 3	0.0	0	18,891.3	< 1	7,983.4	< 1	85,430.1	< 1
Status 4	0.0	0	0.2	< 1	1,572.7	< 1	0.0	0
Total	10,661.8	< 1	66,441.1	< 1	9,560.0	< 1	87,260.6	< 1
	Private Land - No Res.		Water		Overall Total			
	ha	%	ha	%	ha	%	ha	%
Status 1	0.0	0	0.0	0	296,372.3 1			
Status 2	389.8	< 1	0.0	0	701,973.4 3			
Status 3	1,476.6	< 1	0.9	< 1	1,683,386.7 10			
Status 4	18,093,560.2	85	30,221.4	< 1	18,162,730.8 85			
Total	18,095,426.6	85	30,222.3	< 1	20,844,463.2 100			

GAP Status 1: An area having permanent protection from conversion of natural land cover and a mandated management plan in operation to maintain a natural state within which disturbance events (of natural type, frequency, and intensity) are allowed to proceed without interference or are mimicked through management.

GAP Status 2: An area having permanent protection from conversion of natural land cover and a mandated management plan in operation to maintain a primarily natural state, but which may receive use or management practices that degrade the quality of existing natural communities.

GAP Status 3: An area having permanent protection from conversion of natural land cover for the majority of the area, but subject to extractive uses of either a broad, low-intensity type or localized intense type. It also confers protection to federally listed endangered and threatened species throughout the area.

GAP Status 4: Lack of irrevocable easement or mandate to prevent conversion of natural habitat types to anthropogenic habitat types. Allows for intensive use throughout the tract. Also includes those tracts for which the existence of such restrictions or sufficient information to establish a higher status is unknown.

## PREDICTED HABITAT MODEL(S):

### Year-round Model:

Habitat Description: Larval and adult eastern newts inhabit all sorts of permanent and semipermanent bodies of water that lie within or adjacent to forested areas, including farm ponds, natural lakes, reservoirs, swamps, marshes, ditches and sluggish streams (Petranka 1998). They are abundant in shallow water with dense aquatic vegetation (Mecham 1967) and also in areas with unvegetated rocky or sandy bottoms (Sousa). Individuals can be found in communities ranging from northern boreal forests to coastal pine savannas and subtropical forests. Eastern newts are notable for their terrestrial eft phase. Efts typically move from aquatic habitat into mesic or wet situations in hardwood, mixed or evergreen forest. Efts live on land for up to seven years (generally 4-6 years in western Maryland) before returning to water and beginning to breed. Neotony is common and efts are rare (Ashton 1988). They lay eggs singly attached to aquatic vegetation in late winter or early spring, sometimes in summer or fall. The larvae hatch in 3-8 weeks (usually 2-3 in West Virginia). They metamorphose to aquatic subadult or terrestrial efts in late summer or early fall. They may burrow into mud if pond dries. Adults are generally permanently aquatic in northeastern U.S., but may leave their ponds in summer or fall in some areas (e.g., montane Virginia).  
Stacy Smith, 3May05

### Hydrography Mask:

Freshwater Only

Slow Current Only

Utilizes open water features with buffers of 500m from and 60m into selected water features.

Utilizes wet vegetation features with buffer of unlimited into selected vegetation features.

### Selected Map Units:

Functional Group	Map Unit Name
Coastal Dune & Freshwater Wetland	Atlantic and Gulf Coastal Plain Interdunal Wetland
Forest/Woodland	Allegheny-Cumberland Dry Oak Forest and Woodland
Forest/Woodland	Allegheny-Cumberland Dry Oak Forest and Woodland - Hardwood Modifier
Forest/Woodland	Appalachian Hemlock-Hardwood Forest
Forest/Woodland	Atlantic Coastal Plain Dry and Dry-Mesic Oak Forest
Forest/Woodland	Atlantic Coastal Plain Mesic Hardwood and Mixed Forest
Forest/Woodland	Atlantic Coastal Plain Northern Mixed Oak-Heath Forest
Forest/Woodland	Central and Southern Appalachian Montane Oak Forest
Forest/Woodland	Central and Southern Appalachian Northern Hardwood Forest
Forest/Woodland	Central and Southern Appalachian Spruce-Fir Forest
Forest/Woodland	Central Appalachian Oak and Pine Forest
Forest/Woodland	East Gulf Coastal Plain Black Belt Calcareous Prairie and Woodland - Woodland Modifier
Forest/Woodland	East Gulf Coastal Plain Interior Shortleaf Pine-Oak Forest - Hardwood Modifier
Forest/Woodland	East Gulf Coastal Plain Interior Shortleaf Pine-Oak Forest - Mixed Modifier
Forest/Woodland	East Gulf Coastal Plain Interior Upland Longleaf Pine Woodland - Offsite Hardwood Modifier
Forest/Woodland	East Gulf Coastal Plain Limestone Forest
Forest/Woodland	East Gulf Coastal Plain Northern Dry Upland Hardwood Forest
Forest/Woodland	East Gulf Coastal Plain Northern Loess Bluff Forest
Forest/Woodland	East Gulf Coastal Plain Northern Loess Plain Oak-Hickory Upland - Hardwood Modifier
Forest/Woodland	East Gulf Coastal Plain Northern Mesic Hardwood Forest
Forest/Woodland	East Gulf Coastal Plain Southern Loess Bluff Forest
Forest/Woodland	East Gulf Coastal Plain Southern Mesic Slope Forest
Forest/Woodland	Northeastern Interior Dry Oak Forest - Mixed Modifier
Forest/Woodland	Northeastern Interior Dry Oak Forest-Hardwood Modifier
Forest/Woodland	Northern Atlantic Coastal Plain Dry Hardwood Forest
Forest/Woodland	South-Central Interior Mesophytic Forest
Forest/Woodland	Southeastern Interior Longleaf Pine Woodland
Forest/Woodland	Southern and Central Appalachian Cove Forest
Forest/Woodland	Southern and Central Appalachian Oak Forest
Forest/Woodland	Southern and Central Appalachian Oak Forest - Xeric
Forest/Woodland	Southern Appalachian Montane Pine Forest and Woodland

Forest/Woodland	Southern Coastal Plain Dry Upland Hardwood Forest
Forest/Woodland	Southern Interior Low Plateau Dry-Mesic Oak Forest
Forest/Woodland	Southern Interior Low Plateau Dry-Mesic Oak Forest - Evergreen Modifier
Forest/Woodland	Southern Piedmont Dry Oak-(Pine) Forest - Hardwood Modifier
Forest/Woodland	Southern Piedmont Dry Oak-(Pine) Forest - Loblolly Pine Modifier
Forest/Woodland	Southern Piedmont Dry Oak-(Pine) Forest - Mixed Modifier
Forest/Woodland	Southern Piedmont Dry Oak-Heath Forest - Hardwood Modifier
Forest/Woodland	Southern Piedmont Dry Oak-Heath Forest - Mixed Modifier
Forest/Woodland	Southern Piedmont Dry Oak-Heath Forest - Virginia/Pitch Pine Modifier
Forest/Woodland	Southern Piedmont Mesic Forest
Forest/Woodland	Southern Ridge and Valley Dry Calcareous Forest
Forest/Woodland	Southern Ridge and Valley Dry Calcareous Forest - Hardwood Modifier
Freshwater Tidal Marsh & Wetland	Atlantic Coastal Plain Central Fresh-Oligohaline Tidal Marsh
Freshwater Tidal Marsh & Wetland	Atlantic Coastal Plain Embayed Region Tidal Freshwater Marsh
Freshwater Tidal Marsh & Wetland	Atlantic Coastal Plain Northern Fresh and Oligohaline Tidal Marsh
Freshwater Tidal Marsh & Wetland	Florida Big Bend Fresh-Oligohaline Tidal Marsh
Prairie	Bluegrass Basin Savanna and Woodland
Prairie	East Gulf Coastal Plain Black Belt Calcareous Prairie and Woodland
Prairie	East Gulf Coastal Plain Black Belt Calcareous Prairie and Woodland - Herbaceous Modifier
Prairie	East Gulf Coastal Plain Jackson Plain Prairie and Barrens
Prairie	East Gulf Coastal Plain Jackson Prairie and Woodland
Prairie	Panhandle Florida Limestone Glade
Prairie	Southern Ridge and Valley Patch Prairie
Rock Outcrop	Southern Interior Calcareous Cliff
Water	Open Water (Fresh)
Wetlands	Atlantic Coastal Plain Blackwater Stream Floodplain Forest - Forest Modifier
Wetlands	Atlantic Coastal Plain Blackwater Stream Floodplain Forest - Herbaceous Modifier
Wetlands	Atlantic Coastal Plain Brownwater Stream Floodplain Forest
Wetlands	Atlantic Coastal Plain Clay-Based Carolina Bay Forested Wetland
Wetlands	Atlantic Coastal Plain Clay-Based Carolina Bay Herbaceous Wetland
Wetlands	Atlantic Coastal Plain Depression Pondshore
Wetlands	Atlantic Coastal Plain Nonriverine Swamp and Wet Hardwood Forest - Taxodium/Nyssa Modifier
Wetlands	Atlantic Coastal Plain Nonriverine Swamp and Wet Hardwood Forest - Oak Dominated Modifier
Wetlands	Atlantic Coastal Plain Northern Basin Peat Swamp
Wetlands	Atlantic Coastal Plain Northern Basin Swamp and Wet Hardwood Forest
Wetlands	Atlantic Coastal Plain Northern Pondshore
Wetlands	Atlantic Coastal Plain Northern Wet Longleaf Pine Savanna and Flatwoods
Wetlands	Atlantic Coastal Plain Peatland Pocosin
Wetlands	Atlantic Coastal Plain Small Blackwater River Floodplain Forest
Wetlands	Atlantic Coastal Plain Small Brownwater River Floodplain Forest
Wetlands	Atlantic Coastal Plain Southern Wet Pine Savanna and Flatwoods
Wetlands	Atlantic Coastal Plain Streamhead Seepage Swamp, Pocosin, and Baygall
Wetlands	Atlantic Coastal Plain Xeric River Dune
Wetlands	Central Appalachian Floodplain - Forest Modifier
Wetlands	Central Appalachian Floodplain - Herbaceous Modifier
Wetlands	Central Appalachian Riparian - Forest Modifier
Wetlands	Central Appalachian Riparian - Herbaceous Modifier
Wetlands	Central Florida Herbaceous Pondshore
Wetlands	Central Florida Herbaceous Seep
Wetlands	Central Florida Pine Flatwoods
Wetlands	Central Interior Highlands and Appalachian Sinkhole and Depression Pond
Wetlands	Cumberland Riverscour
Wetlands	East Gulf Coastal Plain Interior Shrub Bog
Wetlands	East Gulf Coastal Plain Jackson Plain Dry Flatwoods - Open Understory Modifier
Wetlands	East Gulf Coastal Plain Jackson Plain Dry Flatwoods - Scrub/Shrub Understory Modifier
Wetlands	East Gulf Coastal Plain Near-Coast Pine Flatwoods - Offsite Hardwood Modifier

Wetlands	East Gulf Coastal Plain Near-Coast Pine Flatwoods - Open Understory Modifier
Wetlands	East Gulf Coastal Plain Near-Coast Pine Flatwoods - Scrub/Shrub Understory Modifier
Wetlands	East Gulf Coastal Plain Northern Depression Pondshore
Wetlands	East Gulf Coastal Plain Northern Seepage Swamp
Wetlands	East Gulf Coastal Plain Small Stream and River Floodplain Forest
Wetlands	East Gulf Coastal Plain Southern Depression Pondshore
Wetlands	East Gulf Coastal Plain Southern Loblolly-Hardwood Flatwoods
Wetlands	East Gulf Coastal Plain Treeless Savanna and Wet Prairie
Wetlands	Floridian Highlands Freshwater Marsh
Wetlands	Lower Mississippi River Bottomland and Floodplain Forest
Wetlands	Lower Mississippi River Bottomland Depressions - Forest Modifier
Wetlands	Lower Mississippi River Bottomland Depressions - Herbaceous Modifier
Wetlands	Mississippi River Low Floodplain (Bottomland) Forest
Wetlands	Mississippi River Riparian Forest
Wetlands	North-Central Appalachian Acidic Swamp
Wetlands	North-Central Appalachian Seepage Fen
Wetlands	North-Central Interior and Appalachian Rich Swamp
Wetlands	South Florida Bayhead Swamp
Wetlands	South Florida Cypress Dome
Wetlands	South Florida Dwarf Cypress Savanna
Wetlands	South Florida Freshwater Slough and Gator Hole
Wetlands	South Florida Hardwood Hammock
Wetlands	South Florida Pine Flatwoods
Wetlands	South Florida Pond-Apple/Popash Slough
Wetlands	South Florida Wet Marl Prairie
Wetlands	South Florida Willow Head
Wetlands	South-Central Interior Small Stream and Riparian
Wetlands	South-Central Interior/Upper Coastal Plain Wet Flatwoods
Wetlands	Southern and Central Appalachian Bog and Fen
Wetlands	Southern Appalachian Seepage Wetland
Wetlands	Southern Coastal Plain Blackwater River Floodplain Forest
Wetlands	Southern Coastal Plain Herbaceous Seepage Bog
Wetlands	Southern Coastal Plain Hydric Hammock
Wetlands	Southern Coastal Plain Nonriverine Basin Swamp
Wetlands	Southern Coastal Plain Nonriverine Cypress Dome
Wetlands	Southern Coastal Plain Seepage Swamp and Baygall
Wetlands	Southern Coastal Plain Spring-run Stream Aquatic Vegetation
Wetlands	Southern Piedmont Seepage Wetland
Wetlands	Southern Piedmont Small Floodplain and Riparian Forest
Wetlands	Southern Piedmont/Ridge and Valley Upland Depression Swamp
Wetlands	Western Highland Rim Seepage Fen

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