





# **Species Modeling Report**

# **Brown Thrasher**

Toxostoma rufum

Taxa: Avian

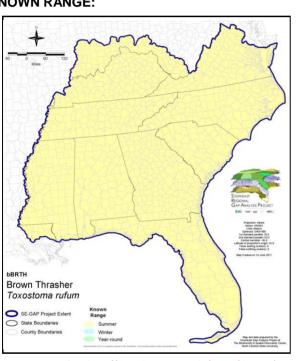
Order: Passeriformes

Family: Mimidae

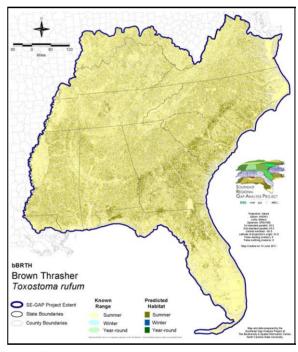
SE-GAP Spp Code: **bBRTH** ITIS Species Code: 178627

NatureServe Element Code: ABPBK06010

#### **KNOWN RANGE:**



## PREDICTED HABITAT:



Range Map Link: http://www.basic.ncsu.edu/segap/datazip/maps/SE Range bBRTH.pdf

Predicted Habitat Map Link: http://www.basic.ncsu.edu/segap/datazip/maps/SE\_Dist\_bBRTH.pdf

GAP Online Tool Link: http://www.gapserve.ncsu.edu/segap/segap/index2.php?species=bBRTH

Data Download: http://www.basic.ncsu.edu/segap/datazip/region/vert/bBRTH\_se00.zip

#### **PROTECTION STATUS:**

Reported on March 14, 2011

Federal Status: ---

State Status: CT (SC), CT (SC), ID (P), KY (N), KY (N), ME (SC), NJ (SC/S), NV (YES), NY (PB), RI (Not Listed), UT (None), WI (SC/M), WI (SC/M), BC (8 (2005)), QC (Non suivie)

NS Global Rank: G5

NS State Rank: AK (SNA), AL (S5), AR (S4), AZ (S1N), CA (SNA), CO (S4), CT (S5B), CT (S5B), DC (S3B,S3N), DE (S4B), FL (SNR), GA (S5), IA (S5B,S5N), ID (SNA), IL (S5), IN (S4B), IN (S4B), KS (S5B), KY (S4S5B), KY (S4S5B), LA (S5), MA (S4), MD (S5B,S2N), ME (S4B), MI (S5), MN (SNRB), MN (SNRB), MO (SNRB,SNRN), MS (S5B,S5N), MT (S5B), MT (S5B), NC (S5B,S5N), ND (SNRB), NE (S5), NH (S3), NJ (S3B,S4N), NM (S4N), NV (SNA), NY (S3S4), OH (S5), OK (S5), OR (SNA), PA (S4B), RI (S4B), SC (SNR), SD (S5B), TN (S5), TX (S4B), UT (S2S3N), VA (S5), VT (S5B), VT (S5B), WA (SNA), WI (S4B), WI (S4B), WV (S3N,S5B), WY (S5B), WY (S5B), AB (S5), BC (SNA), LB (SNA), MB (S3S4B), MB (S3S4B), NB (S2B), NF (SNA), NS (S1?B), ON (S4B), PE (SNA), QC (S4B), SK (S5B), SK (S5B)

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

Status 1	ha		US Forest Service		Tenn. Valley A		US DOD/ACOE	
Status 1	IIu	%	ha	%	ha	%	ha	%
	14,150.8	< 1	2,827.3	< 1	0.0	0	0.0	0
Status 2	36,616.4	< 1	39,950.6	< 1	0.0	0	1,161.0	< 1
Status 3	454.0	< 1	431,113.1	2	25,472.4	< 1	347,315.0	1
Status 4	26.7	< 1	0.0	0	0.0	0	22.7	< 1
Total	51,247.9	<1	473,891.0	2	25,472.4	< 1	348,498.7	1
	US Dept. of Energy		US Nat. Park Service		NOAA		Other Federal Lands	
	ha	%	ha	%	ha	%	ha	%
Status 1	0.0	0	21,648.4	< 1	33.3	< 1	5,907.2	< 1
Status 2	0.0	0	4,899.5	< 1	3,904.3	< 1	9.8	< 1
Status 3	34,578.4	< 1	45,222.8	< 1	0.0	0	792.8	< 1
Status 4	0.0	0	0.0	2	0.0	0	0.0	0
Total	34,578.4	< 1	71,771.2	< 1	3,937.6	< 1	6,709.9	< 1
· 	Native Am. Reserv.		State Park/Hist. Park		State WMA/Gameland		State Forest	
	ha	%	ha	%	ha	%	ha	%
Status 1	0.0	0	339.7	< 1	11.6	< 1	0.0	0
Status 2	0.0	0	1,519.4	< 1	148,386.2	< 1	102.1	< 1
Status 3	4,316.8	< 1	115,293.8	< 1	56,329.3	< 1	153,187.6	< 1
Status 4	0.0	0	0.0	0	33,419.8	< 1	30.0	< 1
Total	4,316.8	<1	117,152.8	< 1	238,146.8	<1	153,319.6	< 1
1	State Coastal R	Reserve	ST Nat.Area/Pr	eserve	Other State	e Lands	Private Cons. E	asemt.
	ha	%	ha	%	ha	%	ha	%
Status 1	0.0	0	2,168.0	< 1	0.0	0	0.0	0
Status 2	1,527.8	< 1	14,418.9	< 1	1.5	< 1	807.8	< 1
Status 3	0.0	0	6,567.7	< 1	18,334.6	< 1	31,688.6	< 1
Status 4	0.0	0	0.0	0	1,256.4	< 1	0.0	0
Total	1,527.8	<1	23,154.6	< 1	19,592.6	< 1	32,496.5	< 1
i I	Private Land - N	No Res.		Water		,	Overa	ıll Total
	ha	%	ha	%			ha	rotai %
Status 1	0.0	0	0.0	0			47,086.3	< 1
Status 2	0.0	0	0.0	7			253,305.5	< 1
Status 3	259.7	< 1	< 0.1	< 1			1,270,926.6	7
Status 4	23,547,331.3	92	16,300.7	<1			23,631,781.1	92
Total	23,547,591.0	92	16,301.0	< 1			25,203,099.5	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.

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### PREDICTED HABITAT MODEL(S):

#### **Summer Model:**

Habitat Description: Brown thrashers occur in areas of dense low growth, often in overgrown fields, woodland margins, thickets, open woods, hedgerows, and residential neighborhoods with shrubs and hedges (Hamel 1992, Harrison 1975, Potter et al 1980). Usually found in drier habitat than Gray catbirds (Hamel 1992, Potter et al 1980). Foraging for the most part occurs within 10 m of the ground (Hamel 1992). The nest height averages 2 to 7 ft. (Harrison 1975) and can be in a small tree, shrub, or on the ground in dense vegetation (Kaufman 1996). Searching for insects, thrashers forage primarily on the ground, using their bill to dig in soil or move fallen leaves (Kaufman 1996). Also perches in trees and shrubs to eat berries and fruit (Kaufman 1996) and nuts (Ehrlich et al 1988).

Quoted from N.Carolina habitat notes – K. Cook –5/9/05

#### Additional information:

Cavitt and Haas (2000 IN: BNA) state that Thrashers are not found to breed in woodlots of <0.8 ha and are uncommon in woodlots of <4 ha in NJ (Forman et al. 1976). They do breed in the Okeefenokee Swamp of Georgia (Burleigh 1958). They occasionally breed in urban settings (Bent 1948).

Cavitt and Haas (2000 IN: BNA) also report that brown thrashers "breed at high densities in regularly burned habitat dominated by pitch pine (Pinus rigida) and scrub oaks (bear [Quercus ilicifolia] and black jack oak [Q. marilandica]) but absent or rare in areas where fire sup-pression allows canopy oaks (scarlet [Q. coccinea] or white [Q. alba] oaks) to dominate (Kerlinger and Doremus 1981). " K. Cook -5/9/05

Elevation Mask: < 1676m

Mask of Forest/Open Ecotone: Include within 60m of ecotone edge.

Mask of Woodlands and Shrublands: Include all woodland and shrubland interiors and 60m buffer from them.

Functional Group	Map Unit Name				
Anthropogenic	Deciduous Plantations				
Anthropogenic	Evergreen Plantations				
Anthropogenic	Low Intensity Developed				
Anthropogenic	Successional Grassland/Herbaceous				
Anthropogenic	Successional Grassland/Herbaceous (Other)				
Anthropogenic	Successional Grassland/Herbaceous (Utility Swath)				
Anthropogenic	Successional Shrub/Scrub (Clear Cut)				
Anthropogenic	Successional Shrub/Scrub (Other)				
Anthropogenic	Successional Shrub/Scrub (Utility Swath)				
Bald	Central Appalachian Montane Rocky Bald - Herbaceous Modifier				
Bald	Central Appalachian Montane Rocky Bald - Shrub Modifier				
Bald	Southern Appalachian Grass and Shrub Bald - Herbaceous Modifier				
Bald	Southern Appalachian Grass and Shrub Bald - Shrub Modifier				
Coastal Dune & Freshwater Wetland	Atlantic Coastal Plain Northern Dune and Maritime Grassland				
Coastal Dune & Freshwater Wetland	Atlantic Coastal Plain Southern Dune and Maritime Grassland				
Coastal Dune & Freshwater Wetland	East Gulf Coastal Plain Dune and Coastal Grassland				
Coastal Dune & Freshwater Wetland	Southwest Florida Dune and Coastal Grassland				
Forest/Woodland	Alabama Ketona Glade and Woodland				
Forest/Woodland	Allegheny-Cumberland Dry Oak Forest and Woodland				
Forest/Woodland	Allegheny-Cumberland Dry Oak Forest and Woodland - Hardwood Modifier				
Forest/Woodland	Allegheny-Cumberland Dry Oak Forest and Woodland - Pine Modifier				
Forest/Woodland	Appalachian Hemlock-Hardwood Forest				
Forest/Woodland	Appalachian Serpentine Woodland				
Forest/Woodland	Appalachian Shale Barrens				
Forest/Woodland	Atlantic Coastal Plain Central Maritime Forest				
Forest/Woodland	Atlantic Coastal Plain Dry and Dry-Mesic Oak Forest				
Forest/Woodland	Atlantic Coastal Plain Fall-Line Sandhills Longleaf Pine Woodland - Loblolly Modifier				

**bBRTH** Page 3 of 6 Forest/Woodland Atlantic Coastal Plain Fall-line Sandhills Longleaf Pine Woodland - Offsite Hardwood Modifier

Forest/Woodland Atlantic Coastal Plain Fall-line Sandhills Longleaf Pine Woodland - Open Understory Modifier

Forest/Woodland Atlantic Coastal Plain Fall-line Sandhills Longleaf Pine Woodland - Scrub/Shrub Understory Modifier

Forest/Woodland Atlantic Coastal Plain Mesic Hardwood and Mixed Forest

Forest/Woodland Atlantic Coastal Plain Northern Maritime Forest

Forest/Woodland Atlantic Coastal Plain Northern Mixed Oak-Heath Forest

Forest/Woodland Atlantic Coastal Plain Southern Maritime Forest

Forest/Woodland Atlantic Coastal Plain Upland Longleaf Pine Woodland

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 Alkaline Glade and Woodland

Forest/Woodland Central Appalachian Oak and Pine Forest
Forest/Woodland Central Appalachian Pine-Oak Rocky Woodland

Forest/Woodland Central Interior Highlands Calcareous Glade and Barrens
Forest/Woodland Central Interior Highlands Dry Acidic Glade and Barrens

Forest/Woodland Cumberland Sandstone Glade and Barrens

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 Shortleaf Pine-Oak Forest - Pine Modifier

Forest/Woodland East Gulf Coastal Plain Interior Upland Longleaf Pine Woodland - Loblolly Modifier

Forest/Woodland East Gulf Coastal Plain Interior Upland Longleaf Pine Woodland - Offsite Hardwood Modifier
Forest/Woodland East Gulf Coastal Plain Interior Upland Longleaf Pine Woodland - Open Understory Modifier
Forest/Woodland East Gulf Coastal Plain Interior Upland Longleaf Pine Woodland - Scrub/Shrub Modifier

Forest/Woodland East Gulf Coastal Plain Limestone Forest
Forest/Woodland East Gulf Coastal Plain Maritime Forest

Forest/Woodland East Gulf Coastal Plain Northern Dry Upland Hardwood Forest

Forest/Woodland East Gulf Coastal Plain Northern Dry Upland Hardwood Forest - Offsite Pine Modifier

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 Loess Plain Oak-Hickory Upland - Juniper 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 Florida Longleaf Pine Sandhill - Open Understory Modifier

Forest/Woodland Florida Longleaf Pine Sandhill - Scrub/Shrub Understory Modifier

Forest/Woodland Florida Peninsula Inland Scrub
Forest/Woodland Mississippi Delta Maritime Forest
Forest/Woodland Nashville Basin Limestone Glade

Forest/Woodland Northeastern Interior Dry Oak Forest - Mixed Modifier

Forest/Woodland Northeastern Interior Dry Oak Forest - Virginia/Pitch Pine Modifier

Forest/Woodland Northeastern Interior Dry Oak Forest-Hardwood Modifier
Forest/Woodland Northern Atlantic Coastal Plain Dry Hardwood Forest

Forest/Woodland Ridge and Valley Calcareous Valley Bottom Glade and Woodland

Forest/Woodland South Florida Pine Rockland

Forest/Woodland South-Central Interior Mesophytic Forest

Forest/Woodland Southeast Florida Coastal Strand and Maritime Hammock

Forest/Woodland Southeastern Interior Longleaf Pine Woodland Forest/Woodland Southern and Central Appalachian Cove Forest

Forest/Woodland Southern and Central Appalachian Mafic Glade and Barrens

Forest/Woodland Southern and Central Appalachian Oak Forest
Forest/Woodland Southern and Central Appalachian Oak Forest - Xeric
Forest/Woodland Southern Appalachian Low Mountain Pine Forest

Forest/Woodland Southern Appalachian Montane Pine Forest and Woodland Forest/Woodland Southern Coastal Plain Dry Upland Hardwood Forest

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Forest/Woodland Southern Coastal Plain Oak Dome and Hammock
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 Glade and Barrens
Forest/Woodland Southern Piedmont Mafic Hardpan Woodland

Forest/Woodland Southern Piedmont Mesic Forest

Forest/Woodland Southern Piedmont Northern Triassic Basin Dry Forest
Forest/Woodland Southern Ridge and Valley Dry Calcareous Forest

Forest/Woodland Southern Ridge and Valley Dry Calcareous Forest - Hardwood Modifier
Forest/Woodland Southern Ridge and Valley Dry Calcareous Forest - Pine Modifier
Forest/Woodland Southwest Florida Coastal Strand and Maritime Hammock

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 Eastern Highland Rim Prairie and Barrens

Prairie Eastern Highland Rim Prairie and Barrens - Dry Modifier

Prairie Florida Dry Prairie

Prairie Panhandle Florida Limestone Glade Prairie Pennyroyal Karst Plain Prairie and Barrens Prairie Southern Ridge and Valley Patch Prairie Prairie Western Highland Rim Prairie and Barrens **Rock Outcrop** Central Interior Acidic Cliff and Talus **Rock Outcrop** Central Interior Calcareous Cliff and Talus **Rock Outcrop** North-Central Appalachian Acidic Cliff and Talus North-Central Appalachian Circumneutral Cliff and Talus **Rock Outcrop** 

Rock Outcrop Southern Piedmont Granite Flatrock

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