

# 2012 Wildlife Species & Vegetative Assessment

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## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

King & MacGregor Environmental Inc. (KME) was contracted by Rio Tinto Eagle Mine to collect ecological information within the Eagle Project Site (Study Area) located in northern Marquette County, Michigan (Figure 1-1). KME conducted ecological surveys during 2006, 2007, 2008, 2011, and 2012 for birds, small mammals, large mammals, and frogs and toads. In addition, wetland monitoring and upland vegetative surveys were conducted during 2007, 2008, 2011, and 2012. This report is intended to describe the findings of the surveys conducted during 2012 and should be considered a supplement to the *Wildlife Species Assessment*, dated April 5, 2007 (KME 2007), which describes the results of the 2006 surveys, the *2007 Wildlife Species & Vegetative Assessment*, dated March 28, 2008 (KME 2008), which describes the results of the 2007 surveys, the *2008 Wildlife Species & Vegetative Assessment*, dated December 19, 2009 (KME 2009), which describes the results of the 2008 surveys, and the 2011 Wildlife Species & Vegetative Assessment, dated January 2012 (KME 2012), which describes the results of the 2011 surveys.

### **1.1 Study Area**

The Study Area is located in Sections 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, and 12, Michigamme Township (T50N, R29W), Marquette County, Michigan (Figure 1-2).

### **1.2 Project Purpose**

The purpose of this evaluation is to continue baseline ecological investigation of birds, small mammals, large mammals, frogs and toads, wetland vegetation, and upland vegetation within the Study Area. Sampling points are shown on Figure 1-3.

## **2.0 BIRDS**

### **2.1. Methods**

The methodologies used and described in the *Wildlife Species Assessment* and the *2007 Wildlife Species & Vegetative Assessment* were employed during the 2012 bird surveys. A breeding bird survey was conducted during June 12 through 14, 2012, at 26 survey points established in prior years. Five survey points (Points 9, 10, 15, 16, and 20) were removed from the original set of 31 points because of inaccessibility issues (i.e., were within the fenced, active mine facility area). A fall bird survey was conducted during September 27 and 28, 2012, at 18 survey points (Figure 1-3). Survey points 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 17, 18, and 19 were not included in the fall survey set so as to be consistent with fall bird surveys

conducted in prior years (i.e., these points are surveyed during June only). Each point was surveyed twice (i.e., two days) during the breeding bird June survey and also twice during the fall.

## **2.2 Results**

During the June breeding bird survey, 479 birds representing 37 species were observed (Tables 2-1a and 2-1b). During the September survey, 310 birds representing 20 species were observed (Tables 2-2a and 2-2b). A combined total of 789 birds representing 43 species were identified during the June and September bird surveys (Table 2-3). Additionally, Ruffed Grouse (*Bonasa umbellus*) were occasionally seen or heard during the vegetative surveys in June and September 2012, near Survey Points 22, 23, 28, and 29. Spruce grouse (*Falcipennis canadensis*) were occasionally observed during the seasonal vegetative surveys along the main two-track west of Survey Point 30. Several Whip-poor-wills (*Caprimulgus vociferous*), several American Woodcock (*Scolopax minor*), and at least one Wilson's Snipe (*Gallinago delicata*) were heard calling or winnowing at dusk throughout the southwest portion of the Study Area. These species were heard during April 24, May 2, and May 22-23 when biologists were navigating to frog and toad survey locations. An American Bittern (*Botaurus lentiginosus*) was seen flying near the Salmon Trout River headwaters during the May 23 frog and toad survey. American Bittern is a State Special Concern species. The Federally Endangered and State Endangered Kirtland's warbler (*Dendroica kirtlandii*) was not detected at any time during the 2012 KME ecological surveys.

## **2.3 Discussion**

The bird species identified during the 2012 bird surveys are similar to those bird species identified in previous surveys conducted within the Study Area and are consistent with the bird species one would expect in the habitats present.

## **3.0 MAMMALS**

### **3.1 Small Mammals**

#### **3.1.1 Methods**

The methodologies utilized during the 2012 small mammal survey were consistent with those used and described in the *Wildlife Species Assessment* and the *2007 Wildlife Species & Vegetative Assessment*. To lesson trap mortality rates during the 2011 and 2012 surveys,

both small snap traps were replaced with two small Sherman box traps at every survey point. Therefore, modified sampling methods employed the use of three small Sherman box traps and one large snap trap at every survey point. Sampling was conducted on September 19, 20, and 21, 2012. Survey Points 15 and 20 were not sampled during 2012 because of inaccessibility (i.e., were within the active mine facility). Therefore, ten of the original 12 survey points were sampled during the 2012 survey (Figure 1-3). Each survey point was sampled on three consecutive days, for a total of 30 sampling events.

### **3.1.2 Results**

Thirty-six small mammals representing seven species were identified during the September survey period: white-footed mouse (*Peromyscus leucopus*), deer mouse (*Peromyscus maniculatus*), masked shrew (*Sorex cinereus*), least chipmunk (*Tamias minimus*), boreal redback vole (*Clethrionomys gapperi*), Northern flying squirrel (*Glaucomys sabrinus*), and long-tailed weasel (*Mustela frenata*) (Table 3). The most common small mammal identified during the survey was the boreal redback vole. Snowshoe hares (*Lepus americanus*) and their tracks were occasionally seen throughout the Study Area during the 2012 KME ecological surveys. No Threatened, Endangered, or Special Concern small mammals were observed.

### **3.1.3 Discussion**

The small mammals encountered within the Study Area during the 2012 surveys are typical of those expected in the habitats present and are generally consistent with previous survey results. A difference from the previous year was the emergence of the boreal redback vole as the most abundant species sampled. Also notable was the absence of Eastern chipmunks (*Tamias striatus*) within traps. As in other years, red squirrels appeared to be relatively common throughout the Study Area but appear to be highly adept at trap avoidance. Other regionally common species possibly present or previously observed within the Study Area but not noted during the KME 2012 surveys include muskrat (*Ondatra zibethicus*), raccoon (*Procyon lotor*), and porcupine (*Erethizon dorsatum*). Small mammals appeared to be distributed throughout wooded and open areas in upland and wetland habitats.

## **3.2 Large Mammals**

### **3.2.1 Methods**

The methodologies described in the *Wildlife Species Assessment* and the *2007 Wildlife Species & Vegetative Assessment* were employed during the 2012 large mammal surveys. Although methodology did not include surveying specifically for large mammals, all observed evidence of large mammal presence was noted in the course of conducting field work for other wildlife and vegetation within the Study Area.

### **3.2.2 Results**

The whitetail deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*) and gray wolf (*Canis lupus*) were the only large mammal species directly observed during the 2012 surveys. Deer were seen infrequently throughout the Study Area during the course of the KME ecological surveys. Although no American black bears (*Ursus americanus*) were seen in 2012, evidence of their occasional presence (e.g., mauled survey plot stakes and shredded plastic flagging tape) was found at several of the survey points – especially those located in coniferous wetlands near the Salmon Trout River headwaters. Scat and tracks of black bear, moose (*Alces alces*), and coyote (*Canis latrans*) were observed occasionally throughout the Study Area. Evidence of beaver (*Castor canadensis*) activity (e.g., damming and lodges) was observed along the headwaters of the Salmon Trout River. Gray wolf tracks and scat were observed in various locations within the Study Area during the course of the KME 2012 ecological surveys. A single, mature gray wolf was directly observed by KME biologists near Survey Point 21 during late June, 2012.

### **3.2.3 Discussion**

All of the large mammal species detected during the 2012 surveys are species that would be expected in the habitats present. Other regionally common species possibly present or previously observed within the Study Area but not noted during the KME 2012 surveys include red fox (*Vulpes vulpes*), bobcat (*Lynx rufus*), and river otter (*Lutra canadensis*).

## **4.0 FROGS AND TOADS**

### **4.1 Methods**

The methodologies used and described in the *Wildlife Species Assessment* and the *2007 Wildlife Species & Vegetative Assessment* were employed during the 2012 frog and toad

survey. KME used the same three frog and toad sampling points previously established in 2006 (Figure 1-3). The survey was conducted after sunset during April 24, May 2, May 22, May 23, and June 28, 2012. Nocturnal bird species' calls were also documented during the course of the frog and toad survey. These are reported in Section 2.2.

## **4.2 Results**

Three frog species and one species of toad were heard during the survey: northern spring peeper (*Pseudacris crucifer*), gray treefrog (*Hyla versicolor*), green frog (*Rana clamitans*), and the American toad (*Bufo americanus*) (Table 4). Frog and toad calling activity included Call Index values of 1, 2, and 3. While KME biologists never heard Mink frogs (*Rana septentrionalis*) calling during the 2012 survey, two adult mink frogs were observed near Survey Point FT03. No Threatened, Endangered, or Special Concern frog or toad species were identified during the 2012 survey.

## **4.3 Discussion**

All three of the sampling points exhibited use by frogs and/or toads for breeding. The most frequently recorded species was the northern spring peeper. The frog and toad species identified are typical of those expected in the habitats present in the Study Area.

# **5.0 THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES**

## **5.1 Methods**

The Michigan Natural Features Inventory (MNFI) maintains a database of rare plants and animals in Michigan. Prior to the 2012 surveys, KME conducted a search of the Michigan Natural Features Inventory (MNFI) database to determine if any protected species had been found in or near the Study Area. In accordance with Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) guidelines (MDNR 2001), KME surveyed for any MNFI Listed species or their habitats during the appropriate season.

## **5.2 Results**

The MNFI database query on August 6, 2008, indicated the presence of State Threatened narrow-leaved gentian (*Gentiana linearis*) along the Salmon Trout River within the Study Area. Year 2012 narrow-leaved gentian survey results were similar to those of the 2010 and 2011 surveys (Meier 2010, KME 2012b, KME 2013). Flowering NLG were found in abundance (hundreds) along the Salmon Trout River in approximately the same areas



where they were previously observed. In recent years, no narrow-leaved gentian have been found within the previously occupied headwater reach of the river where it flows through the southwest portion of the Study Area; this is apparently because of beaver pond flooding. No narrow-leaved gentian were documented as incidental species during ecological surveys within other portions of the Study Area.

Spruce grouse is State Special Concern species; this species was occasionally observed during the seasonal vegetative surveys along the main two-track west of Survey Point 30. An American Bittern (State Special Concern) was seen flying near the Salmon Trout River headwaters during the May 23 frog and toad survey. Scat and tracks of moose (State Special Concern) were observed occasionally throughout the Study Area. The gray wolf was removed from the Federal Endangered Species List in 2012. Tracks and scat were observed in various locations within the Study Area during the course of the KME 2012 ecological surveys. A single, mature gray wolf was directly observed by KME biologists near Survey Point 21 during late June. Indirect evidence of gray wolves, which included tracks and scat, was observed during the 2006, 2007, 2011, and 2012 KME ecological surveys.

### **5.3 Discussion**

After having been removed from protection under the Federal Endangered Species Act in 2007, gray wolves in the western Great Lakes region were re-listed on September 29, 2008. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's decision to remove gray wolves in the western Great Lakes region (including Michigan) from the federal Endangered Species List became official on January 27, 2012. However, gray wolves remain a protected, nongame species in Michigan, with management authority officially given to the MDNR.

## **6.0 WETLAND VEGETATIVE MONITORING**

### **6.1 Methods**

An assessment of nine wetland areas (Figure 1-3) was conducted during the early growing season vegetation survey; the survey occurred during June 19 through June 21 and was completed on June 28, 2012. Each wetland vegetative survey point consisted of a 30-foot radius circular plot and a nested, fixed-frame quadrat (3.28 ft. x 3.28 ft. plot). Wetland survey points are referenced as 1W, 6W through 10W, 12W, 13W, and 26W. Point 11W was not sampled in 2011 and 2012 because of the presence of a drill rig. Plot centers and perimeters had been permanently established during prior years. In 2011, wooden posts

used as center markers were replaced with fiberglass posts. Steel rebar pins demarcating the midpoints of the northern and southern sides of each quadrat were reinforced with taller fiberglass posts. The perimeters of the 30-foot radius circular plots were refreshed with fiberglass posts and plastic flagging tape during 2011 and 2012. Photographs were taken during late June at each survey point, showing a view northward from the center of the 30-foot-radius plot, a view southward from the center of the 30-foot-radius plot, and an overhead view of the quadrat (Wetland Vegetative Survey Photographs, 1 through 27).

At each survey point quadrat, the ratio of duff and/or bare soil (i.e., non-vegetated surface area) was estimated and represented as a percentage. Within a quadrat, percent cover (in five percent intervals) of each plant species in the herbaceous stratum was estimated; the herbaceous stratum includes all herbaceous species and also includes woody plants (e.g., tree and shrub seedlings) less than 3.2 feet tall. The number of woody trunk stems of plants in the combined shrub/sapling and overstory stratum (woody plants greater than 3.2 feet tall) was determined within each 30-foot-radius circular plot.

The following protocol was established in previous years to rigidly standardize the procedure for counting woody trunk stems: To be eligible for enumeration, a woody trunk stem must originate from the ground as a unique feature. Where two stems emerge from the ground in close proximity, they are considered individual trunk stems only if the surveyor's index finger can be placed on soil (*not* leaf duff) between the two stems. A woody trunk stem is considered to be within the 30-foot-radius survey plot based on the location of where the stem emerges from the ground, regardless of whether the trunk stem leans into the plot or whether the stem's canopy is within or outside the plot. According to the protocol, a trunk stem is not counted if it is leaning so that the vertical height is less than 3.2 feet above the ground. Only one stump sprout may be counted where an original stump is present and where multiple sprouts originate from that original stump; i.e., only one stump sprout per clump may be counted.

All plants were recorded to species level, whenever possible. Specimens that could not be identified during the field survey were later identified using magnification equipment and applicable regional botanical keys (Gleason and Cronquist 1991; Voss 1972, 1985, 1996). Plants not identifiable to the species level were counted as native species only if it was determined that non-native species from the genera in question were unlikely to be present. Every tabular record within each plant species list (Tables 6a through 6c) contains the

scientific name, common name, wetland indicator code, and native/non-native status. Most species also have an associated coefficient of conservatism (C). Coefficients of conservatism range from 0 to 10 and represent an estimated probability that a plant species is likely to occur in a landscape relatively unaltered from what is believed to be a pre-settlement condition (Herman et al. 2001).

To determine the degree to which the vegetation identified within each survey plot consisted of wetland species, the wetland indicator codes developed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and elaborated in the *Floristic Quality Assessment with Wetland Categories and Examples of Computer Applications for the State of Michigan* (Herman et al. 2001) were used. These codes are OBL (obligate wetland species), FACW (facultative wetland species), FAC (facultative species), FACU (facultative upland species), and UPL (upland species). OBL species occur in wetlands >99% of the time; FACW species occur in wetlands >66% of the time; FAC species occur in wetlands 50% of the time; FACU species occur in wetlands <33% of the time; UPL species occur in wetlands <1% of the time. The plus and minus signs that accompany some of the codes indicate a greater (+) or lesser (-) affinity for wetlands. To quantitatively determine the degree to which the vegetation was dominated by wetland species, each wetland indicator code was assigned a value: UPL = 5, FACU- = 4, FACU = 3, FACU+ = 2, FAC- = 1, FAC = 0, FAC+ = -1, FACW- = -2, FACW = -3, FACW+ = -4, OBL = -5. The average of these numbers serves as an index for evaluating the “wetness” of the vegetation at a site. When the average is greater than zero, the vegetation consists predominantly of non-wetland species (ranging from FAC- to UPL), whereas a negative average indicates a prevalence of wetland species (ranging from FAC+ to OBL). Soils were not evaluated in 2012 because it is not likely that they would have changed noticeably since 2008.

## **6.2 Results**

Year 2012 wetland sampling point data is presented in Tables 6a through 6c. Table 6a summarizes the herbaceous data collected within each wetland quadrat; percent duff/bare soil is also listed for each quadrat. Table 6b summarizes the woody species data collected within each 30-foot radius wetland plot. Table 6c is an overall species list of the plants found within all of the wetland sampling plots; it summarizes the combined data and lists the total number of species, total number of native species, mean wetland indicator number, and mean coefficient of conservatism (C).

A total of 67 different plant species were observed during the 2012 wetland surveys (Table 6c). Overall, the plots contain an average of 90 percent native species (Table 6c). Wetland indicator values in the herbaceous stratum range from UPL to OBL (Table 6a). No plants were significantly more prevalent than others in this stratum. In the shrub/sapling and overstory stratum (i.e., woody species), the values range from UPL to OBL (Table 6b). The most commonly encountered species were balsam fir (*Abies balsamea*), red maple (*Acer rubrum*), and black spruce (*Picea mariana*). The coefficients of conservatism ranged from 0 to 10 for all plots combined, with an average of 4.2 (Table 6c). No state or federally protected plant species were identified.

### **6.3 Discussion**

Overall, the wetland botanical species assemblages do not appear to have changed significantly since the beginning of the KME study period. The mean wetland indicator code value for all of the plots is within the FAC to FAC+ range, indicating a species assemblage adapted to moderately wet conditions. The coefficients of conservatism associated with each plot generally indicate a flora with moderate to low fidelity to specific natural communities. One notable exception to this is 26W, which is within a bog/muskeg. The data provides qualitative and quantitative baselines against which to measure future monitoring results and determine if significant changes are occurring.

## **7.0 UPLAND VEGETATIVE MONITORING**

### **7.1 Methods**

Year 2012 early growing season monitoring of upland vegetation was conducted during June 19 through June 21 and completed on June 28; monitoring occurred at 18 survey points along seven transects. Late summer monitoring was conducted on September 5 and 6 at the same 18 upland survey points. Herbaceous and woody vegetative sampling procedures were identical to those used during the 2012 wetland sampling (see Section 6.1). Survey points are referenced as 1 through 3, 11 through 14, and 21 through 31 (Figure 1-3). Survey Points 10, 15, and 20 were inaccessible (i.e., were within the active mine facility) in 2012 and therefore were not surveyed. Photographs were taken during late June at each survey point, showing a view northward from the center of the 30-foot-radius plot, a view southward from the center of the 30-foot-radius plot, and an overhead view of the quadrat (Upland Vegetative Survey Photographs, 1 through 54).

## 7.2 Results

Year 2012 upland vegetative survey plot data is presented in Tables 7-1a through 7-2c. Tables 7-1a (June) and 7-2a (September) summarize the herbaceous data collected within each quadrat; percent duff/bare soil is also listed for each quadrat. Tables 7-1b (June) and 7-2b (September) summarize the woody species data collected within each 30-foot radius plot. Table 7-1c is an overall species list of the plants found within all of the upland vegetative survey plots during June. Table 7-2c is an overall species list of the plants found within all of the upland vegetative survey plots during September. Tables 7-1c and 7-2c summarize the combined data and list the total number of species, total number of native species, mean wetland indicator number, and mean coefficient of conservatism (C).

A total of 47 different plant species were observed during the June 2012 upland vegetative surveys (Table 7-1c). A total of 53 different plant species were observed during the September 2012 upland vegetative surveys (Table 7-2c). Each plot exhibited 100 percent native species during both upland survey periods.

In both the June and September upland surveys, the most commonly observed plants within the quadrats were bracken fern (*Pteridium aquilinum*), blueberry (*Vaccinium angustifolium*), and unidentified non-sphagnum moss species. Bare soil/duff was also frequently noted in both June and September. Because the foliage of different species can overlap, the total percent cover in some plots exceeds 100 percent.

Within the 30-foot radius circular plots, 20 woody species were identified in a combination of both the June and September upland surveys. The most frequently encountered species in June and September were balsam fir (*Abies balsamea*), red maple (*Acer rubrum*), jack pine (*Pinus banksiana*), and black spruce (*Picea mariana*). Total trunk stems varied little from June to September. Wetland indicator codes ranged from OBL to UPL, with an overall average within the FAC to FAC- range for each survey season.

The coefficients of conservatism ranged from 0 to 10, with an average of 4.6 for all June plots and average of 4.6 for all September plots (Table 7-1c and 7-2c). No state or federally protected plant species were documented.

### **7.3 Discussion**

The data provides qualitative and quantitative baselines against which to measure future monitoring results and determine if significant changes are occurring. The minor difference between the June and September herbaceous plant lists is likely due to seasonal plant emergence and seasonal senescence. The slight seasonal variation within the 30-foot radius plots is likely attributable to natural mortality and recruitment. The wide range of wetland indicator codes indicates a wide variability of microtopographical conditions. The moderate overall coefficient of conservatism average reflects the virtual lack of non-native species. Overall, the vegetative assemblage appears to be similar to that which was documented in previous KME surveys.

### **8.0 CONCLUSION**

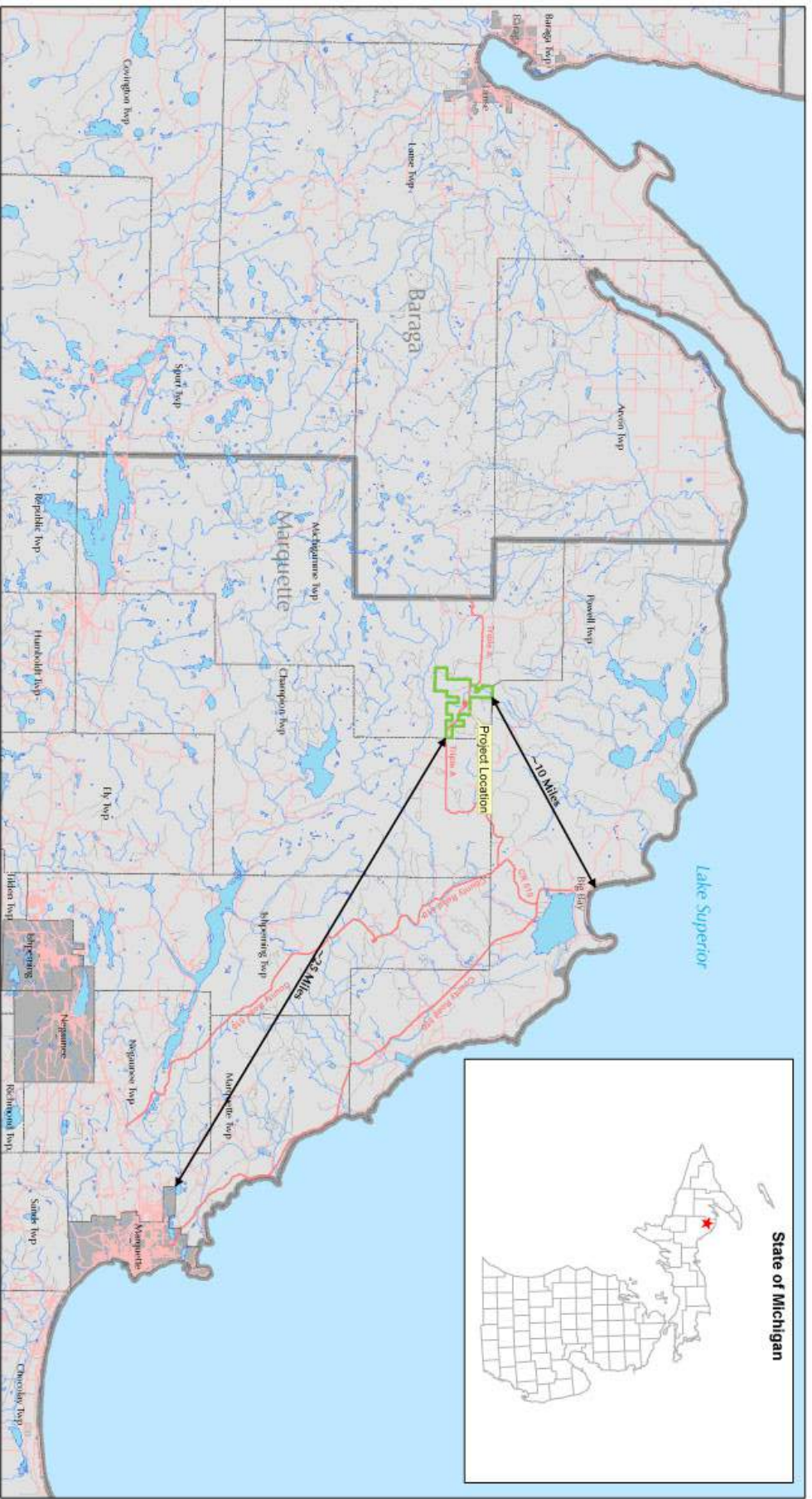
The wildlife and plant species identified during the 2012 surveys within the Study Area are similar to those identified during the 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2011 KME surveys. Forty-three species of birds, none of which are Threatened or Endangered, were observed during the bird surveys, and six additional bird species were identified during other KME surveys (e.g., nocturnal surveys for frog and toad species). Seven small mammal species, none of which are Threatened or Endangered, were documented. Two species of large mammal was directly observed by KME biologists and indirect evidence of four other large mammal species was also documented. None of the large mammal species recorded in 2012 are Threatened or Endangered. However, gray wolves remain a protected, nongame species in Michigan. Four frog species and one species of toad were identified; none of them are Threatened or Endangered. Vegetative sampling plots in both wetland and upland communities identified plant species that are relatively common within the region. No Threatened or Endangered plant species were encountered within the vegetative survey plots. Narrow-leaved gentian plants (a State Threatened plant species) were found by KME botanists in abundance (hundreds) along the Salmon Trout River in approximately the same areas where they were recorded in 2010 and 2011. All of the wildlife and plant species identified within the Study Area are typically associated with vegetative communities that are relatively common within the region.

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## **FIGURES**





# NOTES

1. Surface property boundary as of November 18, 2004 supplied by Kennecott via Odeh & Associates Inc., August, 2005.

2. Hydrographic datum based on NAD 83/94.

3. All base information downloaded from Michigan Center of State Information (MCSI) website.

4. Site location - Project Site within Sections 11 & 12, T49N, R29W, Town of Marquette, Marquette County, Michigan.

## LEGEND

- County
- Major Civil Divisions
- Kennecott Surface Ownership
- Highways
- Major Roads
- Minor Roads
- Lakes and Rivers

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APPROVED BY: SVO1 DATE: MAR 19 08

Prepared by: B/W1 Date: MARCH 2008



FIGURE 1-1

PROJECT LOCATION

Scale: 1" = 1 mile

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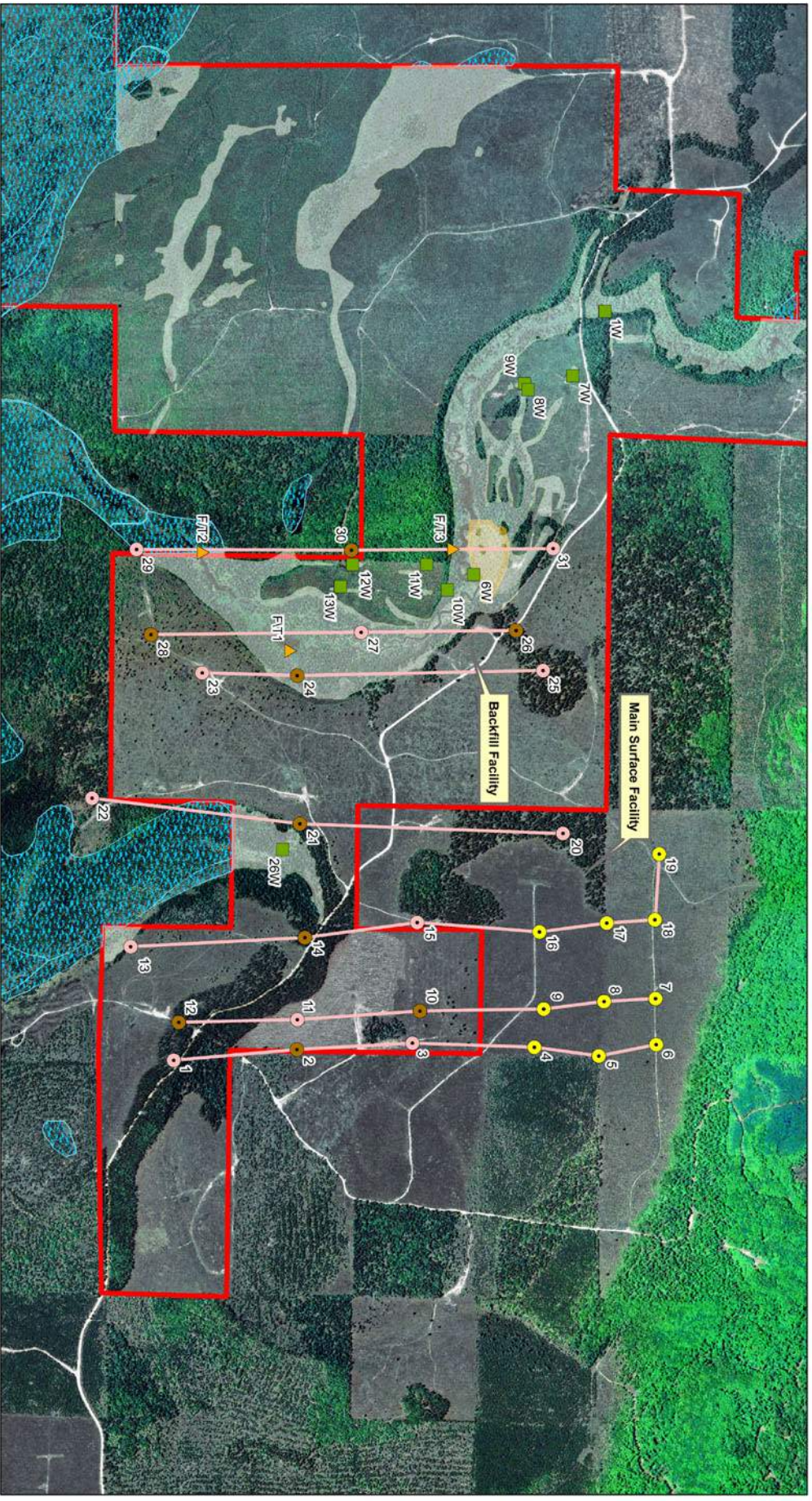
- 1 Surface Property Boundary, Ore Body, and Orthorectography supplied by Kennecott via Golder Associates Inc., August, 2005
- 2 Horizontal datum based on NAD 83/94
- 3 Horizontal coordinates based on UTM Zone 18
- 4 Site Location - Proposed Site within Sections 11 & 12, T60N, R29W, Town of Michigamme, Manistee County, Michigan

### LEGEND



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				Prepared by: BLWJ Date: MARCH 2008 Scope: OAKM11	
				<b>FIGURE 1-2</b> <b>STUDY AREA</b>	





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- 1 Surface Property Boundary, Ore Body, and Orthophotography supplied by Kennecott via Golder Associates Inc., August, 2006
- 2 Wetland boundary (Wetland and Coastal Resources), Wildlife Assessment Transact and National Leased Geospatial supplied by Kennecott via Golder Associates Inc., August, 2005
- 3 Horizontal datum based on NAD 83/94. Horizontal coordinates based on UTM Zone 16
- 4 US Fish and Wildlife Service Wetlands downloaded from USFWS website
- 5 Data Location: Project Site within Sections 11 & 12, T30N, R20W, Town of McHugham, 6 Sample type and locations provided by King & MacCoy Environmental, Inc. February 18, 2008

Eagle Ore Body

Location of Surface Facilities

Kennecott Surface Ownership

Wetland Complex Boundary

Wetlands adapted from US Fish and Wildlife Service Wetlands Inventory Map

Biological Transects

Bird Sampling Point

Bird and Vegetation Sampling Point

Bird, Vegetation, and Small Mammal Sampling Point

Frog/Road Sampling Point

Wetland Vegetation Sampling Point

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## TABLES

**Table 2-1a. Bird Survey Point Data - June 2012**

Rio Tinto Eagle Mine

Survey Point	Date	Species																											Total Count	Species Richness										
		Alder Flycatcher	American Crow	American Goldfinch	American Redstart	American Robin	American Woodcock	Belted Kingfisher	Black-capped Chickadee	Blue Jay	Blue-headed Vireo	Brown Thrasher	Chestnut-sided Warbler	Chipping Sparrow	Clay-colored Sparrow	Common Nighthawk	Common Raven	Dark-eyed (slate-colored) Junco	Eastern (Ruff-sided) Towhee	Hermit Thrush	Least Flycatcher	Mourning Dove	Nashville Warbler	Northern (Yellow-shafted) Flicker	Ovenbird	Pine Warbler	Red-breasted Nuthatch	Red-eyed Vireo			Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Sandhill Crane	Song Sparrow	Spruce Grouse	Vesper Sparrow	Whip-poor-will	White-throated Sparrow	White-winged Crossbill	Willow Flycatcher	Yellow-rumped Warbler
1	6/12/12												1							2			2			1												8	6	
1	6/13/12																			2			3					1									2		8	4
2	6/12/12	1																		3			2										1			3		17	9	
2	6/13/12		1									1								1			2													2		10	8	
3	6/12/12												1						5		2			3												4		18	8	
3	6/13/12	1																1					2				1									1		6	5	
4	6/13/12							1										1		2			2					1										7	5	
4	6/14/12												1					2	2	2			1															3	9	5
5	6/13/12		1															1		2			3				1										1	9	6	
5	6/14/12								1										2	2			3															1	8	5
6	6/13/12																		2	2			3			1										1		13	7	
6	6/14/12												1					3	1	2			1			1												1	10	7
7	6/13/12															1		2	3	3			1				1											8	5	
7	6/14/12	1																2	4	4			2															13	7	
8	6/13/12					1												1	1	1			2			2													8	6
8	6/14/12	1																2	2	2			3															11	7	
11	6/12/12												1					1	3				3															11	6	
11	6/13/12		2			1													1	2			1															13	10	
12	6/12/12												2						3	3			2															7	4	
12	6/13/12																	1	3	1			2															14	8	
13	6/12/12																	2	3	1			5															14	6	
13	6/13/12	1											1									3		3			1											9	7	
14	6/12/12																																					8	4	



**Table 2-1a. Bird Survey Point Data - June 2012**

Rio Tinto Eagle Mine

Survey Point	Date	Alder Flycatcher	American Crow	American Goldfinch	American Redstart	American Robin	American Woodcock	Belted Kingfisher	Black-capped Chickadee	Blue Jay	Blue-headed Vireo	Brown Thrasher	Chestnut-sided Warbler	Chipping Sparrow	Clay-colored Sparrow	Common Nighthawk	Common Raven	Dark-eyed (slate-colored) Junco	Eastern (Ruff-sided) Towhee	Hermit Thrush	Least Flycatcher	Mourning Dove	Nashville Warbler	Northern (Yellow-shafted) Flicker	Ovenbird	Pine Warbler	Red-breasted Nuthatch	Red-eyed Vireo	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Sandhill Crane	Song Sparrow	Spruce Grouse	Vesper Sparrow	Whip-poor-will	White-throated Sparrow	White-winged Crossbill	Willow Flycatcher	Yellow-rumped Warbler	Total Count	Species Richness		
14	6/13/12					1								1						1																				7	6	
17	6/13/12																			1			1	1			1													3	3	
17	6/14/12																2			1		1	1																	5	4	
18	6/13/12								1									1		1	1	1	1				2					2								2	10	7
18	6/14/12											1		1				4		3	3	1	1																	1	11	6
19	6/13/12									1									2	2	2	1	1				1									1				7	6	
19	6/14/12					1	1									2		5		2															1	1			13	7		
21	6/13/12		1						1	2							1		1	2	2		1					1	1	1						1	1			13	11	
21	6/14/12			2					2				1							1								1	1	1					3					1	13	9
22	6/13/12																																							1	1	1
22	6/14/12					1				2																														3	2	
23	6/13/12					1														2																1				6	4	
23	6/14/12												1							3	2		2												1	1			1	10	7	
24	6/12/12																			1	1	2	2												1				6	5		
24	6/13/12		1			1	1							1			2			1	2	2														1			12	9		
25	6/12/12					1																	1	1																8	6	
25	6/13/12					2												1		1							2													6	4	
26	6/12/12																																							3	3	
26	6/13/12					2																	1	1			5	1	1											10	5	
27	6/12/12	1																				3													2				9	6		
27	6/13/12		2			1														1		4	1											1					14	8		
28	6/12/12																			1	1	1	1			1									1				3	3		

Survey Point	Date	Bird Species Observations										Total Count	Species Richness		
		Alder Flycatcher	American Crow	American Goldfinch	American Redstart	American Robin	American Woodcock	Belted Kingfisher	Black-capped Chickadee	Blue Jay	Blue-headed Vireo				
28	6/13/12		1			1								9	6
29	6/13/12		1											13	9
29	6/14/12		1						1					10	6
30	6/12/12					2								11	6
30	6/13/12				1		1							10	8
31	6/12/12							1	1					7	6
31	6/13/12				1	1								7	7

## Rio Tinto Eagle Mine

**Table 2-1b. Bird Species Abundance Rankings - June 2012**

Rio Tinto Eagle Mine

Common Name	Scientific Name	Count	Relative Abundance
Nashville Warbler	<i>Vermivora ruficapilla</i>	91	19.0%
Hermit Thrush	<i>Catharus guttatus</i>	75	15.7%
White-throated Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia albicollis</i>	44	9.2%
Dark-eyed (slate-colored) Junco	<i>Junco hyemalis</i>	42	8.8%
Pine Warbler	<i>Dendroica pinus</i>	30	6.3%
Yellow-rumped Warbler	<i>Dendroica coronata</i>	25	5.2%
American Robin	<i>Turdus migratorius</i>	19	4.0%
Chipping Sparrow	<i>Spizella passerina</i>	18	3.8%
Blue Jay	<i>Cyanocitta cristata</i>	16	3.3%
American Crow	<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>	15	3.1%
Common Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	14	2.9%
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	<i>Regulus calendula</i>	11	2.3%
Black-capped Chickadee	<i>Poecile atricapilla</i>	9	1.9%
Red-breasted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta canadensis</i>	9	1.9%
Red-eyed Vireo	<i>Vireo olivaceus</i>	9	1.9%
Chestnut-sided Warbler	<i>Dendroica pensylvanica</i>	7	1.5%
Common Nighthawk	<i>Chordeiles minor</i>	7	1.5%
Ovenbird	<i>Seiurus aurocapilla</i>	5	1.0%
Clay-colored Sparrow	<i>Spizella pallida</i>	4	0.8%
American Redstart	<i>Setophaga ruticilla</i>	3	0.6%
Spruce Grouse	<i>Falcapennis canadensis</i>	3	0.6%
Vesper Sparrow	<i>Poocetes gramineus</i>	3	0.6%
Alder Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax alnorum</i>	2	0.4%
American Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis tristis</i>	2	0.4%
Brown Thrasher	<i>Toxostoma rufum</i>	2	0.4%
Whip-poor-will	<i>Caprimulgus vociferus</i>	2	0.4%
Willow Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax traillii</i>	2	0.4%
American Woodcock	<i>Scolopax minor</i>	1	0.2%
Belted Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle alcyon</i>	1	0.2%
Blue-headed Vireo	<i>Vireo solitarius</i>	1	0.2%
Eastern (Ruff-sided) Towhee	<i>Pipilo erythrophthalmus</i>	1	0.2%
Least Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax minimus</i>	1	0.2%
Mourning Dove	<i>Zenaida macroura</i>	1	0.2%
Northern (Yellow-shafted) Flicker	<i>Colaptes auratus</i>	1	0.2%
Sandhill Crane	<i>Grus canadensis</i>	1	0.2%
Song Sparrow	<i>Melospiza melodia</i>	1	0.2%
White-winged Crossbill	<i>Loxia leucoptera</i>	1	0.2%

Total Count = 479

Mean Count per Species = 13

Median Count per Species = 4



**Table 2-2a. Bird Survey Point Data - September 2012**

Rio Tinto Eagle Mine

Survey Point	Date	American Crow	American Goldfinch	American Robin	Belted Kingfisher	Black-capped Chickadee	Blue Jay	Canada Goose	Chipping Sparrow	Common Nighthawk	Common Raven	Dark-eyed (slate-colored) Junco	Downy Woodpecker	Gray Jay	Hermit Thrush	Northern (Yellow-shafted) Flicker	Red-breasted Nuthatch	Red-winged Blackbird	White-breasted Nuthatch	White-throated Sparrow	Winter Wren	Total Count	Species Richness
1	9/27/12											3					1					4	2
1	9/28/12	2	1	1			2															6	4
2	9/27/12						1	36				5							1			43	4
2	9/28/12	3		2		2						2										9	4
3	9/27/12			2		2	1					6										11	4
3	9/28/12	1																				1	1
11	9/27/12		2				2	2				3										9	4
11	9/28/12					1	1		1								1					3	3
12	9/27/12					3						2					1					6	3
12	9/28/12						1					2										5	4
13	9/27/12					7	2					1									1	11	4
13	9/28/12	2	3				2					1										8	4
14	9/27/12		1				1					2					1					5	4
14	9/28/12	2					2								1							5	3
21	9/27/12	3				1	1				2	4					1					12	6
21	9/28/12	2									2											4	2
22	9/27/12					2	2				3	3					1					11	5
22	9/28/12	1				1				1						1						4	4
23	9/27/12	1	1	1		2	2				1	10		1						1		20	9
23	9/28/12						4				1	7										11	2
24	9/27/12	2	4				2				1			1								10	5

**Table 2-2a. Bird Survey Point Data - September 2012**

Rio Tinto Eagle Mine

Survey Point	Date	American Crow	American Goldfinch	American Robin	Belted Kingfisher	Black-capped Chickadee	Blue Jay	Canada Goose	Chipping Sparrow	Common Nighthawk	Common Raven	Dark-eyed (slate-colored) Junco	Downy Woodpecker	Gray Jay	Hermit Thrush	Northern (Yellow-shafted) Flicker	Red-breasted Nuthatch	Red-winged Blackbird	White-breasted Nuthatch	White-throated Sparrow	Winter Wren	Total Count	Species Richness
24	9/28/12	1	5	4	1	6	3				1	1	1									22	8
25	9/27/12					3					1	1	1									6	4
25	9/28/12		1			7	1															10	4
26	9/27/12								1			2										1	3
26	9/28/12						1																3
27	9/27/12	2				1			1		1	1										1	1
27	9/28/12					1	2					5	1								3	6	5
28	9/27/12		2				1		1													4	3
28	9/28/12	2				2	1				2					1						9	6
29	9/27/12	1				2													1	1		5	4
29	9/28/12	1	3	1			1				2					2	2					12	7
30	9/27/12	1				1	2															4	3
30	9/28/12					1											1					4	3
31	9/27/12		3				2					4	1									8	3
31	9/28/12		1				1						1								3	6	4
		27	27	12	1	45	41	38	4	1	16	65	4	2	1	4	9	1	1	5	9	310	20

Mean of Species Richness per Survey Point per Day = 4  
 Median of Species Richness per Survey Point per Day = 4  
 Mean Count per Species = 16  
 Median Count per Species = 6

**Table 2-2b. Bird Species Abundance Rankings - September 2012**

Rio Tinto Eagle Mine

Common Name	Scientific Name	Count	Relative Abundance
Dark-eyed (slate-colored) Junco	<i>Junco hyemalis</i>	65	21.0%
Black-capped Chickadee	<i>Poecile atricapilla</i>	45	14.5%
Blue Jay	<i>Cyanocitta cristata</i>	41	13.2%
Canada Goose	<i>Branta canadensis</i>	38	12.3%
American Crow	<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>	27	8.7%
American Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis tristis</i>	27	8.7%
Common Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	16	5.2%
American Robin	<i>Turdus migratorius</i>	12	3.9%
Red-breasted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta canadensis</i>	9	2.9%
Winter Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	6	1.9%
White-throated Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia albicollis</i>	5	1.6%
Chipping Sparrow	<i>Spizella passerina</i>	4	1.3%
Downy Woodpecker	<i>Picoides pubescens</i>	4	1.3%
Northern (Yellow-shafted) Flicker	<i>Colaptes auratus</i>	4	1.3%
Gray Jay	<i>Perisoreus canadensis</i>	2	0.6%
Belted Kingfisher	<i>Megasceryle alcyon</i>	1	0.3%
Common Nighthawk	<i>Chordeiles minor</i>	1	0.3%
Hermit Thrush	<i>Catharus guttatus</i>	1	0.3%
Red-winged Blackbird	<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>	1	0.3%
White-breasted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta carolinensis</i>	1	0.3%

**Total Count = 310**  
**Mean Count per Species = 16**  
**Median Count per Species = 6**

**Table 2-3. Bird Species Abundance Rankings - June and September Combined, 2012**

Rio Tinto Eagle Mine

Common Name	Scientific Name	Count	Relative Abundance
Dark-eyed (slate-colored) Junco	<i>Junco hyemalis</i>	107	13.6%
Nashville Warbler	<i>Vermivora ruficapilla</i>	91	11.5%
Hermit Thrush	<i>Catharus guttatus</i>	76	9.6%
Blue Jay	<i>Cyanocitta cristata</i>	57	7.2%
Black-capped Chickadee	<i>Poecile atricapilla</i>	54	6.8%
White-throated Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia albicollis</i>	49	6.2%
American Crow	<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>	42	5.3%
Canada Goose	<i>Branta canadensis</i>	38	4.8%
American Robin	<i>Turdus migratorius</i>	31	3.9%
Common Raven	<i>Corvus corax</i>	30	3.8%
Pine Warbler	<i>Dendroica pinus</i>	30	3.8%
American Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis tristis</i>	29	3.7%
Yellow-rumped Warbler	<i>Dendroica coronata</i>	25	3.2%
Chipping Sparrow	<i>Spizella passerina</i>	22	2.8%
Red-breasted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta canadensis</i>	18	2.3%
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	<i>Regulus calendula</i>	11	1.4%
Red-eyed Vireo	<i>Vireo olivaceus</i>	9	1.1%
Common Nighthawk	<i>Chordeiles minor</i>	8	1.0%
Chestnut-sided Warbler	<i>Dendroica pensylvanica</i>	7	0.9%
Winter Wren	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	6	0.8%
Northern (Yellow-shafted) Flicker	<i>Colaptes auratus</i>	5	0.6%
Ovenbird	<i>Seiurus aurocapilla</i>	5	0.6%
Clay-colored Sparrow	<i>Spizella pallida</i>	4	0.5%
Downy Woodpecker	<i>Picoides pubescens</i>	4	0.5%
American Redstart	<i>Setophaga ruticilla</i>	3	0.4%
Spruce Grouse	<i>Falcipennis canadensis</i>	3	0.4%
Vesper Sparrow	<i>Poocetes gramineus</i>	3	0.4%
Alder Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax alnorum</i>	2	0.3%
Belted Kingfisher	<i>Megaceryle alcyon</i>	2	0.3%
Brown Thrasher	<i>Toxostoma rufum</i>	2	0.3%
Gray Jay	<i>Perisoreus canadensis</i>	2	0.3%
Whip-poor-will	<i>Caprimulgus vociferus</i>	2	0.3%
Willow Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax traillii</i>	2	0.3%
American Woodcock	<i>Scolopax minor</i>	1	0.1%
Blue-headed Vireo	<i>Vireo solitarius</i>	1	0.1%
Eastern (Ruff-sided) Towhee	<i>Pipilo erythrophthalmus</i>	1	0.1%
Least Flycatcher	<i>Empidonax minimus</i>	1	0.1%
Mourning Dove	<i>Zenaida macroura</i>	1	0.1%
Red-winged Blackbird	<i>Agelaius phoeniceus</i>	1	0.1%
Sandhill Crane	<i>Grus canadensis</i>	1	0.1%
Song Sparrow	<i>Melospiza melodia</i>	1	0.1%
White-breasted Nuthatch	<i>Sitta carolinensis</i>	1	0.1%
White-winged Crossbill	<i>Loxia leucoptera</i>	1	0.1%

Total Count = 789

Mean Count per Species = 18

Median Count per Species = 5

**Table 3. Small Mammal Survey Point Data - 2012**

Rio Tinto Eagle Mine

Survey Point	Date	Caught in Sherman Live Trap(s)						Caught with Large Snap Trap			Total Count	Species Richness
		Boreal Redback Vole ( <i>Clethrionomys gapperi</i> )	Least Chipmunk ( <i>Tamias minimus</i> )	Northern Flying Squirrel ( <i>Glaucomys sabrinus</i> )	Masked Shrew ( <i>Sorex cinereus</i> )	Long-tailed Weasel ( <i>Mustela frenata</i> )	Deer Mouse ( <i>Peromyscus maniculatus</i> )	White-footed Mouse ( <i>Peromyscus leucopus</i> )	Boreal Redback Vole ( <i>Clethrionomys gapperi</i> )	Northern Flying Squirrel ( <i>Glaucomys sabrinus</i> )	Deer Mouse ( <i>Peromyscus maniculatus</i> )	
1	9/19/12						2		1		3	2
1	9/20/12	1					2				3	2
1	9/21/12	1					2				3	2
3	9/19/12										0	0
3	9/20/12										0	0
3	9/21/12										0	0
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25	9/19/12							1			1	1
25	9/20/12							1			1	1

**Table 3. Small Mammal Survey Point Data - 2012**

Rio Tinto Eagle Mine

Survey Point	Date	Caught in Sherman Live Trap(s)							Caught with Large Snap Trap			Total Count	Species Richness
		Boreal Redback Vole ( <i>Clethrionomys gapperi</i> )	Least Chipmunk ( <i>Tamias minimus</i> )	Northern Flying Squirrel ( <i>Glaucomys sabrinus</i> )	Masked Shrew ( <i>Sorex cinereus</i> )	Long-tailed Weasel ( <i>Mustela frenata</i> )	Deer Mouse ( <i>Peromyscus maniculatus</i> )	White-footed Mouse ( <i>Peromyscus leucopus</i> )	Boreal Redback Vole ( <i>Clethrionomys gapperi</i> )	Northern Flying Squirrel ( <i>Glaucomys sabrinus</i> )	Deer Mouse ( <i>Peromyscus maniculatus</i> )		
25	9/21/12		2	1		1						4	3
27	9/19/12									1		1	1
27	9/20/12											0	0
27	9/21/12											0	0
29	9/19/12											0	0
29	9/20/12	2										2	1
29	9/21/12	3										3	1
31	9/19/12										1	1	1
31	9/20/12		2									2	1
31	9/21/12	1	2									3	2
		12	8	1	2	1	6	3	1	1	1	36	

Mean of Species Richness per Survey Point per Day = 1

Median of Species Richness per Survey Point per Day = 1

Mean Count per Species = 5

Median Count per Species = 3

**Table 4. Frog and Toad Survey Point Data - 2012**

Rio Tinto Eagle Mine

Call Index Value (see below for details)*											
Survey Point	Survey Period	Date	Time	Temp (°F)	Wind Speed (MPH)	Northern Spring Peeper ( <i>Pseudacris crucifer</i> )	Green Frog ( <i>Rana clamitans</i> )	Mink Frog ( <i>Rana septentrionalis</i> )	American Toad ( <i>Bufo americanus</i> )	Gray Treefrog ( <i>Hyla versicolor</i> )	Species Richness
FT01	Early Spring	4/24/12	9:11 PM	47	0	3					1
FT02	Early Spring	4/24/12	8:51 PM	51	0	3					1
FT03	Early Spring	4/24/12	9:45 PM	45	0	3					1
FT01	Early Spring	5/2/12	9:44 PM	55	0	3			1		2
FT02	Early Spring	5/2/12	9:18 PM	57	0	3					1
FT03	Early Spring	5/2/12	8:45 PM	62	0	3					1
FT01	Late Spring	5/22/12	10:07 PM	59	0	3					1
FT02	Late Spring	5/22/12	9:45 PM	59	1	3					1
FT03	Late Spring	5/22/12	10:53 PM	59	0	3					1
FT01	Late Spring	5/23/12	10:15 PM	62	6	3					1
FT02	Late Spring	5/23/12	10:43 PM	60	6	3					1
FT03	Late Spring	5/23/12	9:33 PM	64	4	3	1			1	3

**Table 4. Frog and Toad Survey Point Data - 2012**  
Rio Tinto Eagle Mine

Call Index Value (see below for details) *											
Survey Point	Survey Period	Date	Time	Temp (°F)	Wind Speed (MPH)	Northern Spring Peeper ( <i>Pseudacris crucifer</i> )	Green Frog ( <i>Rana clamitans</i> )	Mink Frog ( <i>Rana septentrionalis</i> )	American Toad ( <i>Bufo americanus</i> )	Gray Treefrog ( <i>Hyla versicolor</i> )	Species Richness
FT01	Summer	6/28/12	9:48 PM	71	0-4		1				1
FT02	Summer	6/28/12	9:25 PM	73	0-5		2				1
FT03	Summer	6/28/12	9:00 PM	75	2-5		2	2 adult mink frogs observed; none heard			1

\* 1 = Individuals can be counted and there is space between calls.  
2 = Individuals can be counted but there is some overlapping of calls.  
3 = Full chorus; calls are continuous and overlapping.

Mean of Species Richness per Survey Point per Day = 1  
Median of Species Richness per Survey Point per Day = 1  
Mean Call Index Value per Survey Point per Day = 3  
Median Call Index Value per Survey Point per Day = 3  
Mean Call Index Value per Species = 1.5  
Median Call Index Value per Species = 1.5



**Table 6a. Herbaceous Species Wetland Vegetative Survey Data - June 2012**  
 Rio Tinto Eagle Mine

Scientific Name					Common Name		C	Wet Code	Native	Herbaceous Species Percent Cover Per Quadrat (3.28 ft. x 3.28 ft. plot)										
										Plot 1W	Plot 6W	Plot 7W	Plot 8W	Plot 9W	Plot 10W	Plot 12W	Plot 13W	Plot 26W		
Acer rubrum		Red Maple	1	FAC	Yes				5	5										
Agrostis gigantea (A. alba)		Redtop	0	FACW	No											20				
Amelanchier sp.		Serviceberry	NA	NA	Yes					5										
Anemone quinquefolia		Wood Anemone	5	FAC*	Yes	5														
Brachyleytrum erectum		Short-glume Grass	7	[FACU]	Yes	5														
Calamagrostis canadensis		Blue-joint	3	OBL	Yes			5	20	10							65			
Carex arctata		Bear Sedge	3	[UPL]	Yes				5											
Carex lasiocarpa		Woolly-fruit Sedge	8	OBL	Yes				5											
Carex leptalea		Sedge	5	OBL	Yes				20											
Carex oligosperma		Few-seeded Sedge	10	OBL	Yes													10		
Carex stricta		Strict Sedge	4	OBL	Yes				50	70							10			
Carex trisperma		Three-seeded Sedge	9	OBL	Yes										5					
Chamaedaphne calyculata		Leatherleaf	8	OBL	Yes													20		
Cirsium palustre		European Swamp Thistle	0	[FACW+]	No			5												
Conyza canadensis		Horseweed	0	FAC-	Yes									5						
Coptis trifolia		Goldthread	5	FACW	Yes					5				10	5					
Cornus canadensis		Bunchberry; Dwarf Cornel	6	FAC	Yes					10	5			5		5				
Danthonia spicata		Poverty Grass	4	[UPL]	Yes									5						
Deschampsia flexuosa		Flexuosa Hair-grass	6	[UPL]	Yes				20	5	10									
Diervilla lonicera		Bush-Honeysuckle	4	[UPL]	Yes						5									
Dryopteris intermedia		Intermediate Fern	5	FAC	Yes		5							15						
Epigaea repens		Trailing Arbutus	7	[UPL]	Yes					5										
Hieracium aurantiacum		Orange Hawkweed	0	[UPL]	No						15									
Hieracium caespitosum		Yellow Hawkweed	0	[UPL]	No					30										
Hieracium sp.		Hawkweed	0	[UPL]	No				5											
Iris versicolor		Varicolored Iris	5	OBL	Yes												5			
Kalmia polifolia		Swamp-laurel	10	OBL	Yes													10		
Ledum groenlandicum		Labrador-Tea	8	OBL	Yes													45		
Lysimachia quadrifolia		Four-leaf Loosestrift	8	UPL	Yes			5												
Maianthemum canadense		Canada Mayflower	4	FAC	Yes				5						5					
NA		Lichen	NA	NA	Yes															
NA		Moss	NA	NA	Yes				15	10										
Osmunda cinnamomea		Cinnamon Fern	5	FACW	Yes						80									

**Table 6a. Herbaceous Species Wetland Vegetative Survey Data - June 2012**  
 Rio Tinto Eagle Mine

Scientific Name	Common Name	C	Wet Code	Native	Herbaceous Species Percent Cover Per Quadrat (3.28 ft. x 3.28 ft. plot)									
					Plot 1W	Plot 6W	Plot 7W	Plot 8W	Plot 9W	Plot 10W	Plot 12W	Plot 13W	Plot 26W	
<i>Oxalis acetosella</i>	Northern Wood-sorrel	7	[FACU]	Yes						5				
<i>Phleum pratense</i>	Timothy	0	FACU	No					5					
<i>Populus tremuloides</i>	Quaking Aspen	1	FAC	Yes				5						
<i>Potentilla palustris</i>	Marsh Cinquefoil	7	OBL	Yes		5								
<i>Prunus serotina</i>	Black Cherry	2	FACU	Yes				5						
<i>Prunus virginiana</i>	Choke Cherry	2	FAC-	Yes	5									
<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>	Bracken Fern	0	FACU	Yes					5			5		
<i>Rubus pubescens</i>	Dwarf Raspberry	4	FACW+	Yes	10									
<i>Rubus setosus</i>	Setose Blackberry	3	FACW-	Yes			10	5	5					
<i>Rubus sp.</i>	Raspberry	NA	NA	NA								5		
<i>Sarracenia purpurea</i>	Pitcher-plant	10	OBL	Yes										5
<i>Solidago juncea</i>	Early Goldenrod	3	[UPL]	Yes				5						
<i>Sphagnum sp.</i>	Sphagnum Moss	NA	OBL	Yes						20				95
<i>Thalictrum dasycarpum</i>	Hairy-fruit Meadow-rue	3	FACW-	Yes	5									
<i>Trientalis borealis</i>	Starflower	5	FAC+	Yes			5				5			
<i>Utricularia sp.</i>	Bladderwort	0	OBL	Yes		5								
<i>Vaccinium angustifolium</i>	Low Sweet Blueberry	4	FACU	Yes				45	30		5			
<i>Vaccinium myrtilloides</i>	Velvetleaf Blueberry	4	FACW-	Yes					5			10		
NA	Dead Vegetation	NA	NA	NA		5	15	5					50	
NA	Duff / Bare Soil	NA	NA	NA	15	10	10		5	50	30	30		

<b>Total Number of Species =</b>														
<b>Total Number of Native Species =</b>														
<b>Mean Wetland Indicator Value (W) =</b>														
<b>Mean Coefficient of Conservatism (C) =</b>														
9	6	9	13	10	9	10	3	6						
8	6	8	12	8	9	8	3	6						
-1.8	-3.3	0.8	1.2	2.9	-1.3	-0.1	-5.0							
3.9	5.0	2.8	3.1	3.1	3.6	2.9	4.0	7.7						

**Table 6b. Woody Species Wetland Vegetative Survey Data - June 2012**  
Rio Tinto Eagle Mine

Woody Species Stems Per Permanent 30-Foot Radius Circular Plot													
Scientific Name	Common Name	C	Wet Code	Native	Plot 1W	Plot 6W	Plot 7W	Plot 8W	Plot 9W	Plot 10W	Plot 12W	Plot 13W	Plot 26W
<i>Abies balsamea</i>	Balsam Fir	3	FACW	Yes	23		9	70	18	16			
<i>Acer rubrum</i>	Red Maple	1	FAC	Yes	43		50	20	16	193	28		
<i>Alnus incana ssp. rugosa</i>	Speckled Alder	5	OBL	Yes		51	4						
<i>Amelanchier sp.</i>	Serviceberry	NA	NA	Yes	4		8	5	8	2		1	
<i>Aronia prunifolia (A. melanocarpa)</i>	Chokeberry	5	FACW-	Yes								1	
<i>Betula papyrifera</i>	Paper Birch	2	FACU+	Yes			7	7	9		11		
<i>Corylus cornuta</i>	Beaked Hazelnut	5	UPL	Yes	12				7				
<i>Larix laricina</i>	Tamarack	5	FACW	Yes		1				10		4	8
<i>Lonicera canadensis</i>	Canada Honeysuckle	5	FACU	Yes	7								
<i>Nemopanthus mucronatus</i>	Mountain Holly	7	OBL	Yes	1					5		1	
<i>Picea mariana</i>	Black Spruce	6	FACW	Yes	15			36	15	24	1	12	24
<i>Pinus banksiana</i>	Jack Pine	5	FACU	Yes			4	20	13		2	1	
<i>Pinus resinosa</i>	Red Pine	6	FACU	Yes			2						
<i>Pinus strobus</i>	White Pine	3	FACU	Yes	1						1		1
<i>Populus tremuloides</i>	Quaking Aspen	1	FAC	Yes			8		5		1		
<i>Prunus pensylvanica</i>	Bird Cherry	3	FACU-	Yes			1		7				
<i>Prunus serotina</i>	Black Cherry	2	FACU	Yes	11			22	11		5		
<i>Prunus virginiana</i>	Choke Cherry	2	FAC-	Yes	30								
<i>Salix bebbiana</i>	Bebb Willow	1	FACW+	Yes							1		
<i>Salix discolor</i>	Pussy Willow	1	FACW	Yes			1				1		
<i>Salix humilis</i>	Prairie Willow	4	FACU	Yes	78			1					

Total Number of Species =

11

Total Number of Native Species =

11

Mean Wetland Indicator Value (W) =

0.6

Mean Coefficient of Conservatism (C) =

3.5

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-2.3

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-1.9

-1.0

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4.4

4.7

**Table 6c. Overall Wetland Vegetative Survey Data - June 2012**

Rio Tinto Eagle Mine

Scientific Name	Common Name	C	Wet Code	Wet #	Growth Habit	Native
<i>Abies balsamea</i>	Balsam Fir	3	FACW	-3	Tree	Yes
<i>Acer rubrum</i>	Red Maple	1	FAC	0	Tree	Yes
<i>Agrostis gigantea</i> (A. alba)	Redtop	0	FACW	-3	Herb	No
<i>Alnus incana</i> ssp. <i>rugosa</i>	Speckled Alder	5	OBL	-5	Shrub	Yes
<i>Amelanchier</i> sp.	Serviceberry	NA	NA		S/T	Yes
<i>Anemone quinquefolia</i>	Wood Anemone	5	FAC*	0	Herb	Yes
<i>Aronia prunifolia</i> (A. melanocarpa)	Chokeberry	5	FACW-	-2	Shrub	Yes
<i>Betula papyrifera</i>	Paper Birch	2	FACU+	2	Tree	Yes
<i>Brachyelytrum erectum</i>	Short-glume Grass	7	[FACU]	3	Herb	Yes
<i>Calamagrostis canadensis</i>	Blue-joint	3	OBL	-5	Herb	Yes
<i>Carex arctata</i>	Bear Sedge	3	[UPL]	5	Herb	Yes
<i>Carex lasiocarpa</i>	Woolly-fruit Sedge	8	OBL	-5	Herb	Yes
<i>Carex leptalea</i>	Sedge	5	OBL	-5	Herb	Yes
<i>Carex oligosperma</i>	Few-seeded Sedge	10	OBL	-5	Herb	Yes
<i>Carex stricta</i>	Strict Sedge	4	OBL	-5	Herb	Yes
<i>Carex trisperma</i>	Three-seeded Sedge	9	OBL	-5	Herb	Yes
<i>Chamaedaphne calyculata</i>	Leatherleaf	8	OBL	-5	Shrub	Yes
<i>Cirsium palustre</i>	European Swamp Thistle	0	[FACW+]	-4	Herb	No
<i>Conyza canadensis</i>	Horseweed	0	FAC-	1	Herb	Yes
<i>Coptis trifolia</i>	Goldthread	5	FACW	-3	Herb	Yes
<i>Cornus canadensis</i>	Bunchberry; Dwarf Cornel	6	FAC	0	Herb	Yes
<i>Corylus cornuta</i>	Beaked Hazelnut	5	UPL	5	Shrub	Yes
<i>Danthonia spicata</i>	Poverty Grass	4	[UPL]	5	Herb	Yes
<i>Deschampsia flexuosa</i>	Flexuosa Hair-grass	6	[UPL]	5	Herb	Yes
<i>Diervilla lonicera</i>	Bush-Honeysuckle	4	[UPL]	5	Shrub	Yes
<i>Dryopteris intermedia</i>	Intermediate Fern	5	FAC	0	Herb	Yes
<i>Epigaea repens</i>	Trailing Arbutus	7	[UPL]	5	Herb	Yes
<i>Hieracium aurantiacum</i>	Orange Hawkweed	0	[UPL]	5	Herb	No
<i>Hieracium caespitosum</i>	Yellow Hawkweed	0	[UPL]	5	Herb	No
<i>Hieracium</i> sp.	Hawkweed	0	[UPL]	5	Herb	No
<i>Iris versicolor</i>	Varicolored Iris	5	OBL	-5	Herb	Yes
<i>Kalmia polifolia</i>	Swamp-laurel	10	OBL	-5	Shrub	Yes
<i>Larix laricina</i>	Tamarack	5	FACW	-3	Tree	Yes
<i>Ledum groenlandicum</i>	Labrador-Tea	8	OBL	-5	Shrub	Yes
<i>Lonicera canadensis</i>	Canada Honeysuckle	5	FACU	3	Shrub	Yes
<i>Lysimachia quadrifolia</i>	Four-leaf Loosestrife	8	UPL	5	Herb	Yes
<i>Maianthemum canadense</i>	Canada Mayflower	4	FAC	0	Herb	Yes
NA	Lichen	NA	NA		Lichen	Yes
NA	Moss	NA	NA		Moss	Yes
<i>Nemopanthus mucronatus</i>	Mountain Holly	7	OBL	-5	Shrub	Yes
<i>Osmunda cinnamomea</i>	Cinnamon Fern	5	FACW	-3	Herb	Yes
<i>Oxalis acetosella</i>	Northern Wood-sorrel	7	[FACU]	3	Herb	Yes
<i>Phleum pratense</i>	Timothy	0	FACU	3	Herb	No
<i>Picea mariana</i>	Black Spruce	6	FACW	-3	Tree	Yes
<i>Pinus banksiana</i>	Jack Pine	5	FACU	3	Tree	Yes
<i>Pinus resinosa</i>	Red Pine	6	FACU	3	Tree	Yes
<i>Pinus strobus</i>	White Pine	3	FACU	3	Tree	Yes
<i>Populus tremuloides</i>	Quaking Aspen	1	FAC	0	Tree	Yes
<i>Potentilla palustris</i>	Marsh Cinquefoil	7	OBL	-5	Herb	Yes

**Table 6c. Overall Wetland Vegetative Survey Data - June 2012**

Rio Tinto Eagle Mine

Scientific Name	Common Name	C	Wet Code	Wet #	Growth Habit	Native
<i>Prunus pensylvanica</i>	Bird Cherry	3	FACU-	4	Tree	Yes
<i>Prunus serotina</i>	Black Cherry	2	FACU	3	Tree	Yes
<i>Prunus virginiana</i>	Choke Cherry	2	FAC-	1	Shrub	Yes
<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>	Bracken Fern	0	FACU	3	Herb	Yes
<i>Rubus pubescens</i>	Dwarf Raspberry	4	FACW+	-4	Herb	Yes
<i>Rubus setosus</i>	Setose Blackberry	3	FACW-	-2	Shrub	Yes
<i>Rubus sp.</i>	Raspberry	NA	NA	-2	Herb	NA
<i>Salix bebbiana</i>	Bebb Willow	1	FACW+	-4	Shrub	Yes
<i>Salix discolor</i>	Pussy Willow	1	FACW	-3	Shrub	Yes
<i>Salix humilis</i>	Prairie Willow	4	FACU	3	Shrub	Yes
<i>Sarracenia purpurea</i>	Pitcher-plant	10	OBL	-5	Herb	Yes
<i>Solidago juncea</i>	Early Goldenrod	3	[UPL]	5	Herb	Yes
<i>Sphagnum sp.</i>	Sphagnum Moss	NA	OBL	-5	Moss	Yes
<i>Thalictrum dasycarpum</i>	Hairy-fruit Meadow-rue	3	FACW-	-2	Herb	Yes
<i>Trientalis borealis</i>	Starflower	5	FAC+	-1	Herb	Yes
<i>Utricularia sp.</i>	Bladderwort	0	OBL	-5	Herb	Yes
<i>Vaccinium angustifolium</i>	Low Sweet Blueberry	4	FACU	3	Shrub	Yes
<i>Vaccinium myrtilloides</i>	Velvetleaf Blueberry	4	FACW-	2	Herb	Yes
NA	Dead Vegetation	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
NA	Duff / Bare Soil	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

<b>Total Number of Species =</b>	<b>67</b>
<b>Total Number of Native Species =</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>Mean Wetland Indicator Value (W) =</b>	<b>-0.4</b>
<b>Mean Coefficient of Conservatism (C) =</b>	<b>4.2</b>
<b>Floristic Quality Index (FQI) =</b>	<b>34.5</b>

**Table 7-1a. Herbaceous Species Upland Vegetative Survey Data - June 2012**  
 Rio Tinto Eagle Mine

					Herbaceous Species Percent Cover Per Quadrat (3.28 ft. x 3.28 ft. plot)																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																			
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**Table 7-1a. Herbaceous Species Upland Vegetative Survey Data - June 2012**  
 Rio Tinto Eagle Mine

			Herbaceous Species Percent Cover Per Quadrat (3.28 ft. x 3.28 ft. plot)																													
Scientific Name	Common Name	C	Wet Code	Native	Plot 1	Plot 2	Plot 3	Plot 11	Plot 12	Plot 13	Plot 14	Plot 21	Plot 22	Plot 23	Plot 24	Plot 25	Plot 26	Plot 27	Plot 28	Plot 29	Plot 30	Plot 31										
<i>Vaccinium angustifolium</i>	Low Sweet Blueberry	4	FACU	Yes	20	5	10	20	10	85	20	50	25		45	20	20	5	5			5	30									
<i>Vaccinium myrtilloides</i>	Velvetleaf Blueberry	4	FACW-	Yes		15			20			5			5						20	10										
NA	Dead Vegetation	NA	NA	NA																												
NA	Duff / Bare Soil	NA	NA	NA	10						5	45	55	55	5	5	55		30	40	60	50										
Total Number of Species =					9	7	5	6	6	3	8	6	8	7	13	6	7	12	7	10	8	5										
Total Number of Native Species =					9	7	5	6	6	3	8	6	8	7	13	6	7	12	7	10	8	5										
Mean Wetland Indicator Value (W) =					1.4	2.6	3.6	2.7	1.8	-0.7	1.3	3.0	2.1	3.0	-1.2	2.7	1.6	-2.1	2.3	0.4	0.3	2.2										
Mean Coefficient of Conservatism (C) =					3.4	3.6	3.0	3.0	2.8	2.7	2.6	3.5	2.3	3.0	4.2	2.8	3.0	4.5	3.6	3.1	3.6	2.8										

**Table 7-1b. Woody Species Upland Vegetative Survey Data - June 2012**  
Rio Tinto Eagle Mine

Woody Species Stems Per Permanent 30-Foot Radius Circular Plot																														
Scientific Name	Common Name	C	Wet Code	Native	Plot 1	Plot 2	Plot 3	Plot 11	Plot 12	Plot 13	Plot 14	Plot 21	Plot 22	Plot 23	Plot 24	Plot 25	Plot 26	Plot 27	Plot 28	Plot 29	Plot 30	Plot 31								
					1	2	3	11	12	13	14	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31								
<i>Abies balsamea</i>	Balsam Fir	3	FACW	Yes	9	1			1		2		2	1	4	2	6		1	16	26	20								
<i>Acer rubrum</i>	Red Maple	1	FAC	Yes	42				5			8	2	6	23	6	17	80	10	13	9	19								
<i>Alnus incana ssp. rugosa</i>	Speckled Alder	5	OBL	Yes														33												
<i>Amelanchier sp.</i>	Serviceberry	NA	NA	Yes	8				1		1		3	3	5			11	15	4		2								
<i>Aronia prunifolia (A. melanocarpa)</i>	Chokeberry	5	FACW-	Yes											1															
<i>Betula papyrifera</i>	Paper Birch	2	FACU+	Yes										1				1	1	1	1	1								
<i>Corylus cornuta</i>	Beaked Hazelnut	5	UPL	Yes																	1									
<i>Larix laricina</i>	Tamarack	5	FACW	Yes						5					2			8												
<i>Ledum groenlandicum</i>	Labrador-Tea	8	OBL	Yes											1															
<i>Nemopanthus mucronatus</i>	Mountain Holly	7	OBL	Yes											12			11		4										
<i>Picea glauca</i>	White Spruce	3	FACU	Yes									1																	
<i>Picea mariana</i>	Black Spruce	6	FACW	Yes	16	24			23	53	24	23		1				74	1	17		25								
<i>Pinus banksiana</i>	Jack Pine	5	FACU	Yes	18	2	16	25	24	32	10	11	10	16		10	10		7			11								
<i>Pinus resinosa</i>	Red Pine	6	FACU	Yes															8											
<i>Pinus strobus</i>	White Pine	3	FACU	Yes	2				1			2	2	1	1	3	4		2	3	4									
<i>Populus tremuloides</i>	Quaking Aspen	1	FAC	Yes									43	1			2		47			1								
<i>Prunus pensylvanica</i>	Bird Cherry	3	FACU-	Yes										5					2											
<i>Prunus serotina</i>	Black Cherry	2	FACU	Yes									20	14		3			19	1		3								
<i>Prunus virginiana</i>	Choke Cherry	2	FAC-	Yes															1	1										
<i>Salix humilis</i>	Prairie Willow	4	FACU	Yes	8						1	2																		

Total Number of Species =		7	3	1	1	6	3	5	5	8	10	9	6	5	7	12	9	5	8
Total Number of Native Species =		7	3	1	1	6	3	5	5	8	10	9	6	5	7	12	9	5	8
Mean Wetland Indicator Value (W) =		0.4	-1.0	3.0	3.0	0.0	-1.0	0.0	1.2	1.1	0.9	-2.0	0.5	0.6	-2.0	1.1	-0.2	1.4	0.3
Mean Coefficient of Conservatism (C) =		3.1	4.7	5.0	5.0	3.0	5.3	3.6	3.8	2.3	2.6	4.2	3.3	2.6	3.7	2.8	2.9	2.8	2.5



**Table 7-1c. Overall Upland Vegetative Survey Data - June 2012**

Rio Tinto Eagle Mine

Scientific Name	Common Name	C	Wet Code	Wet #	Growth Habit	Native
<i>Abies balsamea</i>	Balsam Fir	3	FACW	-3	Tree	Yes
<i>Acer rubrum</i>	Red Maple	1	FAC	0	Tree	Yes
<i>Alnus incana</i> ssp. <i>rugosa</i>	Speckled Alder	5	OBL	-5	Shrub	Yes
<i>Amelanchier</i> sp.	Serviceberry	NA	NA		S/T	Yes
<i>Aralia hispida</i>	Hispid Aralia	3	[UPL]	5	Herb	Yes
<i>Aronia prunifolia</i> (A. <i>melanocarpa</i> )	Chokeberry	5	FACW-	-2	Shrub	Yes
<i>Betula papyrifera</i>	Paper Birch	2	FACU+	2	Tree	Yes
<i>Carex lucorum</i>	Lucorum Sedge	4	[UPL]	5	Herb	Yes
<i>Carex</i> sp.	Unidentified Sedge	NA	NA		Herb	Yes
<i>Carex stricta</i>	Strict Sedge	4	OBL	-5	Herb	Yes
<i>Chamaedaphne calyculata</i>	Leatherleaf	8	OBL	-5	Shrub	Yes
<i>Clintonia borealis</i>	Blue Beadlily	5	FAC+	-1	Herb	Yes
<i>Coptis trifolia</i>	Goldthread	5	FACW	-3	Herb	Yes
<i>Cornus canadensis</i>	Bunchberry; Dwarf Cornel	6	FAC	0	Herb	Yes
<i>Corylus cornuta</i>	Beaked Hazelnut	5	UPL	5	Shrub	Yes
<i>Cypripedium acaule</i>	Pink Lady-slipper	5	FACW	-3	Herb	Yes
<i>Danthonia spicata</i>	Poverty Grass	4	[UPL]	5	Herb	Yes
<i>Deschampsia flexuosa</i>	Flexuosa Hair-grass	6	[UPL]	5	Herb	Yes
<i>Epigaea repens</i>	Trailing Arbutus	7	[UPL]	5	Herb	Yes
<i>Gaultheria hispidula</i>	Snowberry	8	FACW	-3	Herb	Yes
<i>Gaultheria procumbens</i>	Wintergreen	5	FACU	3	Herb	Yes
<i>Iris versicolor</i>	Varicolored Iris	5	OBL	-5	Herb	Yes
<i>Kalmia polifolia</i>	Swamp-laurel	10	OBL	-5	Shrub	Yes
<i>Larix laricina</i>	Tamarack	5	FACW	-3	Tree	Yes
<i>Ledum groenlandicum</i>	Labrador-Tea	8	OBL	-5	Shrub	Yes
<i>Linnaea borealis</i>	Twinsflower	6	FAC	0	Herb	Yes
<i>Maianthemum canadense</i>	Canada Mayflower	4	FAC	0	Herb	Yes
<i>Melampyrum lineare</i>	Cow-wheat	6	FAC-	1	Herb	Yes
NA	Lichen	NA	NA		Lichen	Yes
NA	Moss	NA	NA		Moss	Yes
<i>Nemopanthus mucronatus</i>	Mountain Holly	7	OBL	-5	Shrub	Yes
<i>Panicum</i> sp.	Panicum Grass	NA	NA		Herb	Yes
<i>Picea glauca</i>	White Spruce	3	FACU	3	Tree	Yes
<i>Picea mariana</i>	Black Spruce	6	FACW	-3	Tree	Yes
<i>Pinus banksiana</i>	Jack Pine	5	FACU	3	Tree	Yes
<i>Pinus resinosa</i>	Red Pine	6	FACU	3	Tree	Yes
<i>Pinus strobus</i>	White Pine	3	FACU	3	Tree	Yes
<i>Populus tremuloides</i>	Quaking Aspen	1	FAC	0	Tree	Yes
<i>Prunus pensylvanica</i>	Bird Cherry	3	FACU-	4	Tree	Yes
<i>Prunus serotina</i>	Black Cherry	2	FACU	3	Tree	Yes
<i>Prunus virginiana</i>	Choke Cherry	2	FAC-	1	Shrub	Yes
<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>	Bracken Fern	0	FACU	3	Herb	Yes
<i>Salix humilis</i>	Prairie Willow	4	FACU	3	Shrub	Yes
<i>Sphagnum</i> sp.	Sphagnum Moss	NA	OBL	-5	Moss	Yes
<i>Trientalis borealis</i>	Starflower	5	FAC+	-1	Herb	Yes
<i>Vaccinium angustifolium</i>	Low Sweet Blueberry	4	FACU	3	Shrub	Yes

**Table 7-1c. Overall Upland Vegetative Survey Data - June 2012**

Rio Tinto Eagle Mine

Scientific Name	Common Name	C	Wet Code	Wet #	Growth Habit	Native
<i>Vaccinium myrtilloides</i>	Velvetleaf Blueberry	4	FACW-	2	Herb	Yes
NA	Dead Vegetation	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
NA	Duff / Bare Soil	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

<b>Total Number of Species =</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>Total Number of Native Species =</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>Mean Wetland Indicator Value (W) =</b>	<b>0.1</b>
<b>Mean Coefficient of Conservatism (C) =</b>	<b>4.6</b>
<b>Floristic Quality Index (FQI) =</b>	<b>31.8</b>

**Table 7-2a. Herbaceous Species Upland Vegetative Survey Data - September 2012**  
 Rio Tinto Eagle Mine

Herbaceous Species Percent Cover Per Quadrat (3.28 ft. x 3.28 ft. plot)																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																			
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**Table 7-2a. Herbaceous Species Upland Vegetative Survey Data - September 2012**  
Rio Tinto Eagle Mine

Herbaceous Species Percent Cover Per Quadrat (3.28 ft. x 3.28 ft. plot)																														
Scientific Name	Common Name	C	Wet Code	Native	Plot 1	Plot 2	Plot 3	Plot 11	Plot 12	Plot 13	Plot 14	Plot 21	Plot 22	Plot 23	Plot 24	Plot 25	Plot 26	Plot 27	Plot 28	Plot 29	Plot 30	Plot 31								
					1	2	3	11	12	13	14	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31								
<i>Populus tremuloides</i>	Quaking Aspen	1	FAC	Yes									25																	
<i>Prunus serotina</i>	Black Cherry	2	FACU	Yes										5						5	5									
<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>	Bracken Fern	0	FACU	Yes	25	10		5	10			5	45	40	95		5	45		60	5	30								
<i>Rubus hispida</i>	Swamp Dewberry	4	FACW	Yes														5												
<i>Smilacina trifolia</i>	Three-leaf False Solomon's seal	10	OBL	Yes											5															
<i>Sphagnum</i> sp.	Sphagnum Moss	NA	OBL	Yes						95					30			90												
<i>Trientalis borealis</i>	Starflower	5	FAC+	Yes							5								5											
<i>Vaccinium angustifolium</i>	Low Sweet Blueberry	4	FACU	Yes	10	20	15	80	10	60	40	45	45			45	15	15	5	5		20								
<i>Vaccinium myrtilloides</i>	Velvetleaf Blueberry	4	FACW-	Yes		15			20	5		5				10	5			25	10									
NA	Dead Vegetation	NA	NA	NA																										
NA	Duff / Bare Soil	NA	NA	NA	15			5		5	5	15	50	55	5	10	50		20	40	60	50								

Total Number of Species =	10	7	7	6	7	6	8	8	10	8	14	6	7	14	7	9	8	5
	10	7	7	6	7	6	8	8	10	8	14	6	7	14	7	9	8	5
	1.6	2.6	3.4	2.7	1.6	-0.3	1.3	2.3	1.7	2.6	-1.5	2.7	1.6	-2.1	2.3	0.4	0.3	2.2
Mean Wetland Indicator Value (W) =	3.0	3.6	2.7	3.0	2.4	4.2	2.5	2.8	2.2	2.6	4.6	2.8	3.0	4.5	3.6	3.3	3.6	2.8
Mean Coefficient of Conservatism (C) =	3.0	3.6	2.7	3.0	2.4	4.2	2.5	2.8	2.2	2.6	4.6	2.8	3.0	4.5	3.6	3.3	3.6	2.8

**Table 7-2b. Woody Species Upland Vegetative Survey Data - September 2012**  
Rio Tinto Eagle Mine

			Woody Species Stems Per Permanent 30-Foot Radius Circular Plot																														
Scientific Name	Common Name	C	Wet Code	Native	Plot 1	Plot 2	Plot 3	Plot 11	Plot 12	Plot 13	Plot 14	Plot 21	Plot 22	Plot 23	Plot 24	Plot 25	Plot 26	Plot 27	Plot 28	Plot 29	Plot 30	Plot 31											
<i>Abies balsamea</i>	Balsam Fir	3	FACW	Yes	9	1			1		2		2	1	4	2	7		1	16	26	24											
<i>Acer rubrum</i>	Red Maple	1	FAC	Yes	42				6			8	2	6	23	6	17	80	10	13	9	19											
<i>Alnus incana</i> ssp. <i>rugosa</i>	Speckled Alder	5	OBL	Yes														33															
<i>Amelanchier</i> sp.	Serviceberry	NA	NA	Yes	9				1		2		3	3	4			11	15	4		2											
<i>Aronia prunifolia</i> ( <i>A. melanocarpa</i> )	Chokeberry	5	FACW-	Yes											1																		
<i>Betula papyrifera</i>	Paper Birch	2	FACU+	Yes											1				1	1	1	1											
<i>Corylus cornuta</i>	Beaked Hazelnut	5	UPL	Yes																	1												
<i>Larix laricina</i>	Tamarack	5	FACW	Yes						5					2			8															
<i>Ledum groenlandicum</i>	Labrador-Tea	8	OBL	Yes											1																		
<i>Nemopanthus mucronatus</i>	Mountain Holly	7	OBL	Yes											12			11		4													
<i>Picea glauca</i>	White Spruce	3	FACU	Yes									1																				
<i>Picea mariana</i>	Black Spruce	6	FACW	Yes	16	24			23	53	24	23		1	23	10	1	74	1	17		23											
<i>Pinus banksiana</i>	Jack Pine	5	FACU	Yes	18	2	16	25	24	32	10	11	11	16		10	10		7			11											
<i>Pinus resinosa</i>	Red Pine	6	FACU	Yes															8														
<i>Pinus strobus</i>	White Pine	3	FACU	Yes	2				1			2	2	1	1	3	5		2	4	4												
<i>Populus tremuloides</i>	Quaking Aspen	1	FAC	Yes									43	1			2		47			1											
<i>Prunus pensylvanica</i>	Bird Cherry	3	FACU-	Yes										5					2														
<i>Prunus serotina</i>	Black Cherry	2	FACU	Yes									20	14		3			19	1		3											
<i>Prunus virginiana</i>	Choke Cherry	2	FAC-	Yes															1	1													
<i>Salix humilis</i>	Prairie Willow	4	FACU	Yes	8						1	2																					

Total Number of Species = Total Number of Native Species = Mean Wetland Indicator Value (W) = Mean Coefficient of Conservatism (C) =	7	3	1	1	6	3	5	5	8	10	9	6	6	7	12	9	5	8
	7	3	1	1	6	3	5	5	8	10	9	6	6	7	12	9	5	8
	0.4	-1.0	3.0	3.0	0.0	-1.0	0.0	1.2	1.1	0.9	-2.0	0.5	0.0	-2.0	1.1	-0.2	1.4	0.3
	3.1	4.7	5.0	5.0	3.0	5.3	3.6	3.8	2.3	2.6	4.2	3.3	3.2	3.7	2.8	2.9	2.8	2.5

**Table 7-2c. Overall Upland Vegetative Survey Data - September 2012**

Rio Tinto Eagle Mine

Scientific Name	Common Name	C	Wet Code	Wet #	Growth Habit	Native
<i>Abies balsamea</i>	Balsam Fir	3	FACW	-3	Tree	Yes
<i>Acer rubrum</i>	Red Maple	1	FAC	0	Tree	Yes
<i>Alnus incana</i> ssp. <i>rugosa</i>	Speckled Alder	5	OBL	-5	Shrub	Yes
<i>Amelanchier</i> sp.	Serviceberry	NA	NA		S/T	Yes
<i>Aralia hispida</i>	Hispid Aralia	3	[UPL]	5	Herb	Yes
<i>Aronia prunifolia</i> (A. <i>melanocarpa</i> )	Chokeberry	5	FACW-	-2	Shrub	Yes
<i>Betula papyrifera</i>	Paper Birch	2	FACU+	2	Tree	Yes
<i>Carex lucorum</i>	Lucorum Sedge	4	[UPL]	5	Herb	Yes
<i>Carex</i> sp.	Unidentified Sedge	NA	NA		Herb	Yes
<i>Carex stricta</i>	Strict Sedge	4	OBL	-5	Herb	Yes
<i>Chamaedaphne calyculata</i>	Leatherleaf	8	OBL	-5	Shrub	Yes
<i>Clintonia borealis</i>	Blue Beadlily	5	FAC+	-1	Herb	Yes
<i>Conyza canadensis</i>	Horseweed	0	FAC-	1	Herb	Yes
<i>Coptis trifolia</i>	Goldthread	5	FACW	-3	Herb	Yes
<i>Cornus canadensis</i>	Bunchberry; Dwarf Cornel	6	FAC	0	Herb	Yes
<i>Corylus cornuta</i>	Beaked Hazelnut	5	UPL	5	Shrub	Yes
<i>Cypripedium acaule</i>	Pink Lady-slipper	5	FACW	-3	Herb	Yes
<i>Danthonia spicata</i>	Poverty Grass	4	[UPL]	5	Herb	Yes
<i>Deschampsia flexuosa</i>	Flexuosa Hair-grass	6	[UPL]	5	Herb	Yes
<i>Epigaea repens</i>	Trailing Arbutus	7	[UPL]	5	Herb	Yes
<i>Gaultheria hispidula</i>	Snowberry	8	FACW	-3	Herb	Yes
<i>Gaultheria procumbens</i>	Wintergreen	5	FACU	3	Herb	Yes
<i>Graminoid</i> sp.	Unidentified Grass	NA	NA		Herb	Yes
<i>Iris versicolor</i>	Varicolored Iris	5	OBL	-5	Herb	Yes
<i>Kalmia polifolia</i>	Swamp-laurel	10	OBL	-5	Shrub	Yes
<i>Larix laricina</i>	Tamarack	5	FACW	-3	Tree	Yes
<i>Ledum groenlandicum</i>	Labrador-Tea	8	OBL	-5	Shrub	Yes
<i>Linnaea borealis</i>	Twinflower	6	FAC	0	Herb	Yes
<i>Lycopodium digitatum</i> ( <i>Diphasiastrum</i> )	Digitate Clubmoss	3	FACU+	2	Herb	Yes
<i>Maianthemum canadense</i>	Canada Mayflower	4	FAC	0	Herb	Yes
<i>Melampyrum lineare</i>	Cow-wheat	6	FAC-	1	Herb	Yes
NA	Lichen	NA	NA		Lichen	Yes
NA	Moss	NA	NA		Moss	Yes
<i>Nemopanthus mucronatus</i>	Mountain Holly	7	OBL	-5	Shrub	Yes
<i>Panicum depauperatum</i>	Depauperate Panicum-grass	4	[UPL]	5	Herb	Yes
<i>Panicum</i> sp.	Panicum Grass	NA	NA		Herb	Yes
<i>Picea glauca</i>	White Spruce	3	FACU	3	Tree	Yes
<i>Picea mariana</i>	Black Spruce	6	FACW	-3	Tree	Yes
<i>Pinus banksiana</i>	Jack Pine	5	FACU	3	Tree	Yes
<i>Pinus resinosa</i>	Red Pine	6	FACU	3	Tree	Yes
<i>Pinus strobus</i>	White Pine	3	FACU	3	Tree	Yes
<i>Populus tremuloides</i>	Quaking Aspen	1	FAC	0	Tree	Yes
<i>Prunus pensylvanica</i>	Bird Cherry	3	FACU-	4	Tree	Yes
<i>Prunus serotina</i>	Black Cherry	2	FACU	3	Tree	Yes
<i>Prunus virginiana</i>	Choke Cherry	2	FAC-	1	Shrub	Yes
<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i>	Bracken Fern	0	FACU	3	Herb	Yes
<i>Rubus hispida</i>	Swamp Dewberry	4	FACW	-3	Herb	Yes
<i>Salix humilis</i>	Prairie Willow	4	FACU	3	Shrub	Yes
<i>Smilacina trifolia</i>	Three-leaf False Solomon's-seal	10	OBL	-5	Herb	Yes

**Table 7-2c. Overall Upland Vegetative Survey Data - September 2012**

Rio Tinto Eagle Mine

Scientific Name	Common Name	C	Wet Code	Wet #	Growth Habit	Native
<i>Sphagnum sp.</i>	Sphagnum Moss	NA	OBL	-5	Moss	Yes
<i>Trientalis borealis</i>	Starflower	5	FAC+	-1	Herb	Yes
<i>Vaccinium angustifolium</i>	Low Sweet Blueberry	4	FACU	3	Shrub	Yes
<i>Vaccinium myrtilloides</i>	Velvetleaf Blueberry	4	FACW-	2	Herb	Yes
NA	Dead Vegetation	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
NA	Duff / Bare Soil	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

<b>Total Number of Species =</b>	<b>53</b>
<b>Total Number of Native Species =</b>	<b>53</b>
<b>Mean Wetland Indicator Value (W) =</b>	<b>0.1</b>
<b>Mean Coefficient of Conservatism (C) =</b>	<b>4.6</b>
<b>Floristic Quality Index (FQI) =</b>	<b>33.4</b>

## **WETLAND VEGETATIVE SURVEY PHOTOGRAPHS**

(all photos taken late June, 2012)



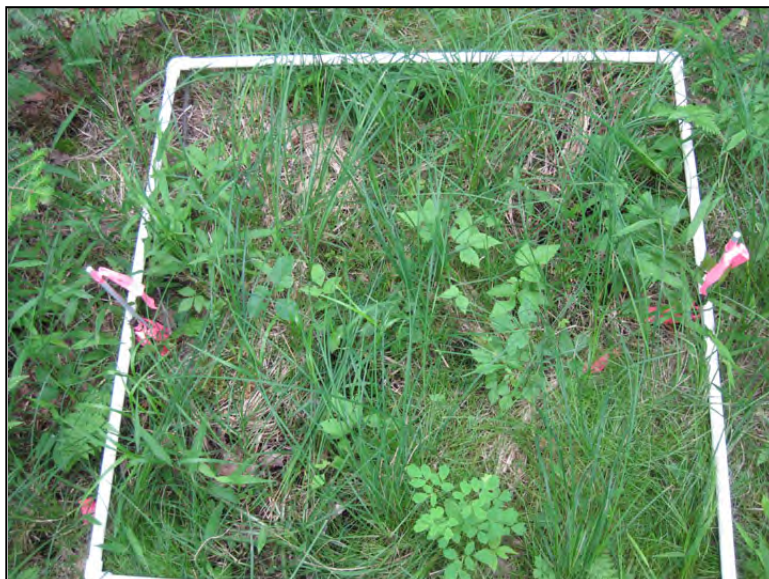
**Photo 1. Plot 1W, north view**



**Photo 2. Plot 1W, south view**



**Photo 3. Plot 1W, quadrat view**





**Photo 4. Plot 6W, north view**



**Photo 5. Plot 6W, south view**



**Photo 6. Plot 6W, quadrat view**

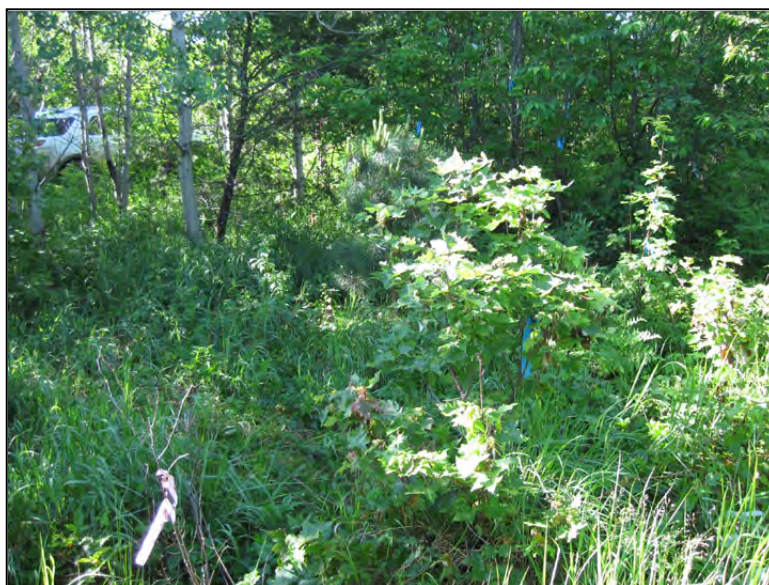




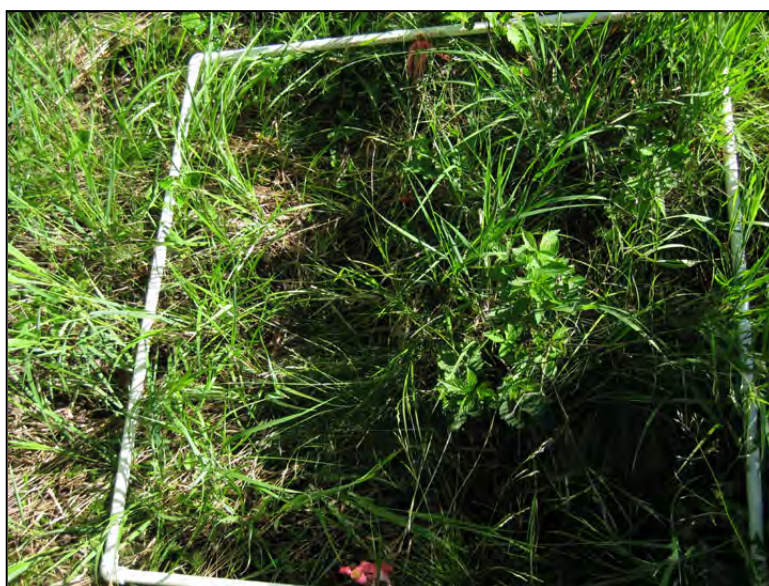
**Photo 7. Plot 7W, north view**



**Photo 8. Plot 7W, south view**



**Photo 9. Plot 7W, quadrat view**





**Photo 10. Plot 8W, north view**



**Photo 11. Plot 8W, south view**



**Photo 12. Plot 8W, quadrat view**

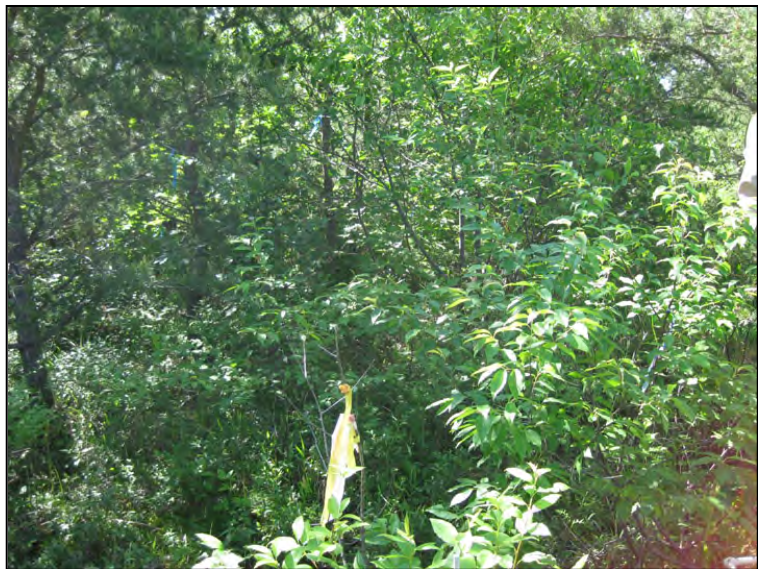




**Photo 13. Plot 9W, north view**



**Photo 14. Plot 9W, south view**



**Photo 15. Plot 9W, quadrat view**





**Photo 16. Plot 10W, north view**



**Photo 17. Plot 10W, south view**



**Photo 18. Plot 10W, quadrat view**





**Photo 19. Plot 12W, north view**



**Photo 20. Plot 12W, south view**



**Photo 21. Plot 12W, quadrat view**





**Photo 22. Plot 13W, north view**



**Photo 23. Plot 13W, south view**



**Photo 24. Plot 13W, quadrat view**





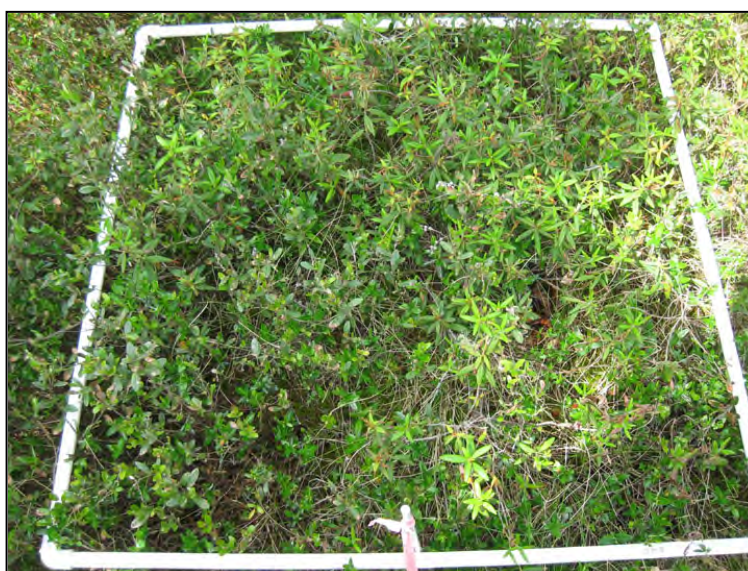
**Photo 25. Plot 26W, north view**



**Photo 26. Plot 26W, south view**



**Photo 27. Plot 26W, quadrat view**



## **UPLAND VEGETATIVE SURVEY PHOTOGRAPHS**

(all photos taken during late June, 2012)



**Photo 1. Plot 1, north view**



**Photo 2. Plot 1, south view**



**Photo 3. Plot 1, quadrat view**





**Photo 4. Plot 2, north view**



**Photo 5. Plot 2, south view**



**Photo 6. Plot 2, quadrat view**





**Photo 7. Plot 3, north view**



**Photo 8. Plot 3, south view**



**Photo 9. Plot 3, quadrat view**





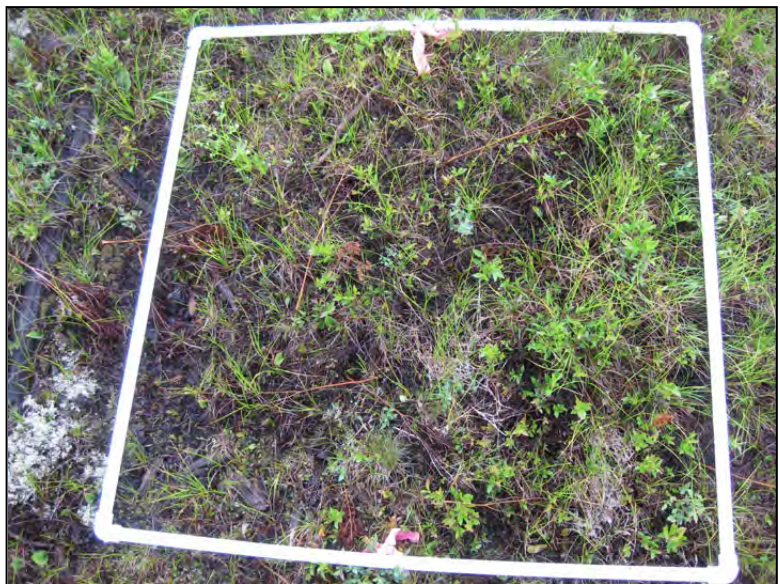
**Photo 10. Plot 11, north view**



**Photo 11. Plot 11, south view**



**Photo 12. Plot 11, quadrat view**





**Photo 13. Plot 12, north view**



**Photo 14. Plot 12, south view**



**Photo 15. Plot 12, quadrat view**





**Photo 16. Plot 13, north view**



**Photo 17. Plot 13, south view**



**Photo 18. Plot 13, quadrat view**





**Photo 19. Plot 14, north view**



**Photo 20. Plot 14, south view**



**Photo 21. Plot 14, quadrat view**





**Photo 22. Plot 21, north view**



**Photo 23. Plot 21, south view**



**Photo 24. Plot 21, quadrat view**





**Photo 25. Plot 22, north view**



**Photo 26. Plot 22, south view**



**Photo 27. Plot 22, quadrat view**





**Photo 28. Plot 23, north view**



**Photo 29. Plot 23, south view**



**Photo 30. Plot 23, quadrat view**





**Photo 31. Plot 24, north view**



**Photo 32. Plot 24, south view**



**Photo 33. Plot 24, quadrat view**





**Photo 34. Plot 25, north view**



**Photo 35. Plot 25, south view**



**Photo 36. Plot 25, quadrat view**





**Photo 37. Plot 26, north view**



**Photo 38. Plot 26, south view**



**Photo 39. Plot 26, quadrat view**





**Photo 40. Plot 27, north view**



**Photo 41. Plot 27, south view**



**Photo 42. Plot 27, quadrat view**





**Photo 43. Plot 28, north view**



**Photo 44. Plot 28, south view**



**Photo 45. Plot 28, quadrat view**





**Photo 46. Plot 29, north view**



**Photo 47. Plot 29, south view**



**Photo 48. Plot 29, quadrat view**





**Photo 49. Plot 30, north view**



**Photo 50. Plot 30, south view**



**Photo 51. Plot 30, quadrat view**





**Photo 52. Plot 31, north view**



**Photo 53. Plot 31, south view**



**Photo 54. Plot 31, quadrat view**

