

## Hydric Soils

This table lists the map unit components that are rated as hydric soils in the survey area. This list can help in planning land uses; however, onsite investigation is recommended to determine the hydric soils on a specific site (National Research Council, 1995; Hurt and others, 2002).

The three essential characteristics of wetlands are hydrophytic vegetation, hydric soils, and wetland hydrology (Cowardin and others, 1979; U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 1987; National Research Council, 1995; Tiner, 1985). Criteria for all of the characteristics must be met for areas to be identified as wetlands. Undrained hydric soils that have natural vegetation should support a dominant population of ecological wetland plant species. Hydric soils that have been converted to other uses should be capable of being restored to wetlands.

Hydric soils are defined by the National Technical Committee for Hydric Soils (NTCHS) as soils that formed under conditions of saturation, flooding, or ponding long enough during the growing season to develop anaerobic conditions in the upper part (Federal Register, 1994). These soils, under natural conditions, are either saturated or inundated long enough during the growing season to support the growth and reproduction of hydrophytic vegetation.

The NTCHS definition identifies general soil properties that are associated with wetness. In order to determine whether a specific soil is a hydric soil or nonhydric soil, however, more specific information, such as information about the depth and duration of the water table, is needed. Thus, criteria that identify those estimated soil properties unique to hydric soils have been established (Federal Register, 2002). These criteria are used to identify map unit components that normally are associated with wetlands. The criteria used are selected estimated soil properties that are described in "Soil Taxonomy" (Soil Survey Staff, 1999) and "Keys to Soil Taxonomy" (Soil Survey Staff, 2006) and in the "Soil Survey Manual" (Soil Survey Division Staff, 1993).

If soils are wet enough for a long enough period of time to be considered hydric, they should exhibit certain properties that can be easily observed in the field. These visible properties are indicators of hydric soils. The indicators used to make onsite determinations of hydric soils are specified in "Field Indicators of Hydric Soils in the United States" (Hurt and Vasilas, 2006).

Hydric soils are identified by examining and describing the soil to a depth of about 20 inches. This depth may be greater if determination of an appropriate indicator so requires. It is always recommended that soils be excavated and described to the depth necessary for an understanding of the redoximorphic processes. Then, using the completed soil descriptions, soil scientists can compare the soil features required by each indicator and specify which indicators have been matched with the conditions observed in the soil. The soil can be identified as a hydric soil if at least one of the approved indicators is present.

Map units that are dominantly made up of hydric soils may have small areas, or inclusions, of nonhydric soils in the higher positions on the landform, and map units dominantly made up of nonhydric soils may have inclusions of hydric soils in the lower positions on the landform.

The criteria for hydric soils are represented by codes in the table (for example, 2). Definitions for the codes are as follows:

1. All Histels except for Folistels, and Histosols except for Folists.
2. Soils in Aquic suborders, great groups, or subgroups, Albolls suborder, Historthels great group, Histoturbels great group, Pachic subgroups, or Cumulic subgroups that:
  - A. Based on the range of characteristics for the soil series, will at least in part meet one or more Field Indicators of Hydric Soils in the United States, or
  - B. Show evidence that the soil meets the definition of a hydric soil;
3. Soils that are frequently ponded for long or very long duration during the growing season.
  - A. Based on the range of characteristics for the soil series, will at least in part meet one or more Field Indicators of Hydric Soils in the United States, or
  - B. Show evidence that the soil meets the definition of a hydric soil;
4. Map unit components that are frequently flooded for long duration or very long duration during the growing season that:
  - A. Based on the range of characteristics for the soil series, will at least in part meet one or more Field Indicators of Hydric Soils in the United States, or
  - B. Show evidence that the soil meets the definition of a hydric soil;

Hydric Condition: Food Security Act information regarding the ability to grow a commodity crop without removing woody vegetation or manipulating hydrology.

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## Report—Hydric Soils

Hydric Soils--Osceola County, Florida				
Map symbol and map unit name	Component	Percent of map unit	Landform	Hydric criteria
1—Adamsville sand, 0 to 2 percent slopes				
	Riviera	4	Flats on marine terraces	2
2—Adamsville variant fine sand, 0 to 5 percent slopes				
	Riviera	2	Flats on marine terraces	2
	Placid	2	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
	Gentry	2	Drainageways on marine terraces, flood plains on marine terraces	2, 3
	Basinger	2	Flats on marine terraces, drainageways on marine terraces	2
	Pompano	2	Drainageways on marine terraces	2
3—Ankona fine sand				
	Pompano	2	Drainageways on marine terraces	2
5—Basinger fine sand, 0 to 2 percent slopes				
	Basinger	90	Drainageways	2
	Margate	3	Drainageways on marine terraces	2
	Placid, depressional	3	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
6—Basinger fine sand, depressional				
	Basinger, depressional	85	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
	Placid	4	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
	Pompano	4	Drainageways on marine terraces	2
10—Delray loamy fine sand, depressional				
	Delray, depressional	90	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
	Floridana	4	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
	Kaliga	3	Depressions on marine terraces	1, 3
	Holopaw	3	Drainageways on marine terraces, flats on marine terraces	2

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11—EauGallie fine sand				
	Malabar	2	Drainageways on marine terraces	2
	Basinger	2	Drainageways on marine terraces, flats on marine terraces	2
12—Floridana fine sand, depressional				
	Floridana, depressional	90	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
	Delray	3	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
	Gentry	3	Flood plains on marine terraces, drainageways on marine terraces	2, 3
	Kaliga	2	Depressions on marine terraces	1, 3
	Nittaw	2	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
13—Gentry fine sand				
	Gentry	90	Drainageways on marine terraces, flood plains on marine terraces	2, 3
	Floridana	2	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
	Delray	2	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
	Kaliga	1	Depressions on marine terraces	1, 3
	Nittaw	1	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
	Winder	1	Flats on marine terraces	2, 4
	Riviera	1	Flats on marine terraces	2
	Malabar	1	Drainageways on marine terraces	2
	Pineda	1	Flats on marine terraces	2
14—Holopaw fine sand				
	Holopaw	90	Flats on marine terraces, drainageways on marine terraces	2
	Delray	3	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
	Malabar	3	Drainageways on marine terraces	2
	Riviera	2	Flats on marine terraces	2

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15--Hontoon muck				
	Hontoon	90	Depressions on marine terraces	1, 3
	Kaliga	4	Depressions on marine terraces	1, 3
	Placid	3	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
	Samsula	3	Depressions on marine terraces	1, 3
16--Immokalee fine sand				
	Basinger	2	Flats on marine terraces, drainageways on marine terraces	2
17--Kaliga muck				
	Kaliga	90	Depressions on marine terraces	1, 3
	Hontoon	2	Depressions on marine terraces	1, 3
	Nittaw	2	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
	Delray	2	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
	Placid	2	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
	Samsula	2	Depressions on marine terraces	1, 3
18--Lokosee fine sand				
	Pineda	3	Flats on marine terraces	2
	Holopaw	3	Flats on marine terraces, drainageways on marine terraces	2
	Riviera	3	Flats on marine terraces	2
19--Malabar fine sand				
	Malabar	90	Drainageways on marine terraces	2
	Delray	2	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
	Winder	2	Flats on marine terraces	2, 4
	Riviera	2	Flats on marine terraces	2
	Pineda	2	Flats on marine terraces	2
	Pompano	2	Drainageways on marine terraces	2

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20—Malabar fine sand, depressional				
	Malabar, depressional	85	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
	Kaliga	2	Depressions on marine terraces	1, 3
	Placid	2	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
	Holopaw	2	Flats on marine terraces, drainageways on marine terraces	2
	Basinger	2	Drainageways on marine terraces, flats on marine terraces	2
	Gentry	2	Flood plains on marine terraces, drainageways on marine terraces	2, 3
	Pompano	2	Drainageways on marine terraces	2
	Riviera	1	Flats on marine terraces	2
21—Malabar-Pineda complex				
	Malabar	55	Flats on marine terraces, drainageways on marine terraces	2
	Pineda	35	Drainageways on marine terraces	2
	Riviera	5	Flats on marine terraces	2
	Basinger	5	Drainageways on marine terraces, flats on marine terraces	2
25—Nittaw muck				
	Nittaw	90	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
	Floridana	3	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
	Gentry	3	Flood plains on marine terraces, drainageways on marine terraces	2, 3
	Kaliga	2	Depressions on marine terraces	1, 3
	Winder	2	Flats on marine terraces	2, 4
27—Ona fine sand				
	Placid	3	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
	Basinger	3	Drainageways on marine terraces, flats on marine terraces	2

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Map symbol and map unit name	Component	Percent of map unit	Landform	Hydric criteria
29—Parkwood loamy fine sand, occasionally flooded				
	Parkwood, occasionally flooded	90	Flats on marine terraces	2
	Pompano	2	Drainageways on marine terraces	2
	Malabar	2	Drainageways on marine terraces	2
	Riviera	2	Flats on marine terraces	2
	Winder	2	Flats on marine terraces	2, 4
30—Pineda fine sand				
	Pineda	90	Flats on marine terraces	2
	Floridana	3	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
	Delray	3	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
	Riviera	2	Flats on marine terraces	2
	Malabar	2	Drainageways on marine terraces	2
32—Placid fine sand, depressional				
	Placid, depressional	85	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
	Gentry	3	Flood plains on marine terraces, drainageways on marine terraces	2, 3
	Basinger, depressional	3	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
	Delray	3	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
	Samsula	2	Depressions on marine terraces	1, 3
	Pompano	2	Drainageways on marine terraces	2
33—Placid variant fine sand				
	Basinger	4	Flats on marine terraces, drainageways on marine terraces	2
	Placid	3	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
35—Pomona fine sand				
	Basinger	2	Drainageways on marine terraces, flats on marine terraces	2

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36—Pompano fine sand				
	Pompano	90	Drainageways on marine terraces	2
	Basinger, depressional	3	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
	Holopaw	3	Flats on marine terraces, drainageways on marine terraces	2
	Malabar	2	Drainageways on marine terraces	2
	Riviera	2	Flats on marine terraces	2
37—Pompano fine sand, depressional				
	Pompano, depressional	92	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
	Malabar, depressional	2	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
	Riviera, depressional	2	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
	Basinger, depressional	2	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
	Placid	2	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
38—Riviera fine sand				
	Riviera	90	Flats on marine terraces	2
	Gentry	2	Drainageways on marine terraces, flood plains on marine terraces	2, 3
	Holopaw	2	Drainageways on marine terraces, flats on marine terraces	2
	Malabar	2	Drainageways on marine terraces	2
	Pineda	2	Flats on marine terraces	2
	Winder	1	Flats on marine terraces	2, 4
39—Riviera fine sand, depressional				
	Riviera, depressional	90	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
	Gentry	3	Flood plains on marine terraces, drainageways on marine terraces	2, 3
	Floridana	3	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
	Winder	2	Flats on marine terraces	2, 4

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40--Samsula muck				
	Samsula	90	Depressions on marine terraces	1, 3
	Hontoon	3	Depressions on marine terraces	1, 3
	Basinger, depressional	3	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
	Kaliga	2	Depressions on marine terraces	1, 3
	Placid	2	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
42--Smyrna fine sand				
	Placid	3	Depressions on marine terraces	2, 3
	Basinger	3	Drainageways on marine terraces, flats on marine terraces	2
45--Wabasso fine sand				
	Riviera	3	Flats on marine terraces	2
47--Winder loamy fine sand				
	Winder	90	Flats on marine terraces	2, 4
	Gentry	4	Drainageways on marine terraces, flood plains on marine terraces	2, 3
	Holopaw	3	Drainageways on marine terraces, flats on marine terraces	2
	Riviera	3	Flats on marine terraces	2
48--Placid-Riviera-Samsula complex, frequently flooded				
	Placid, frequently flooded	45	Flood plains on marine terraces	2, 4
	Riviera, frequently flooded	28	Flood plains on marine terraces	2, 4
	Samsula, frequently flooded	18	Depressions on flood plains on marine terraces	1, 3, 4
	Nittaw	3	Depressions on flood plains on marine terraces	2, 4
	Floridana	3	Flood plains on marine terraces	2, 4
	Winder	3	Flats on marine terraces	2, 4

## Data Source Information

Soil Survey Area: Osceola County, Florida  
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