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Highlights

February 2012 Data Refresh!

NatureServe Explorer species and ecological community data updated February 2012.

Freshwater Mussel Distribution Maps Available!

Explorer's distribution data now include detailed watershed range maps of all native U.S. and Canadian species of freshwater mussel.

Updated Fish Distribution Maps!

With help from the USGS, NatureServe has updated the distribution maps for southeastern freshwater fishes.

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