



The Difficulty of Defining Habitat

The term “habitat” can encompass a broad range of conditions, making it particularly difficult to define. The phrases below have all been used to describe habitat and have been pulled from *Conservation Biology for All*, one of the leading textbooks on conservation biology, as well as Google Scholar.

From Conservation Biology for All:

- Natural habitat
- Terrestrial and aquatic habitats
- Impoverished habitat
- Productive habitat
- Native habitat
- Expansive habitat
- Near-natural habitat
- Connecting habitats
- Disturbed habitat
- Pristine habitat
- Original habitat
- Degraded habitat
- Original natural habitat
- Wetland habitat
- Boreal habitat
- Forest habitat
- Surviving habitat
- Coastal habitat
- Primary (old-growth) habitat
- Continuous habitat
- Cultural habitats
- Similar habitat
- Edge habitat
- Formerly intact habitat
- Early successional habitat
- Interior habitat
- Fragmented habitat
- Disbursed habitat
- Aggregated habitat
- Corridor habitat
- Countryside habitat
- Extensive habitat
- Unoccupied habitat

From Google Scholar:

- Semi-natural habitat
 - Remaining habitat
 - Existing habitat
 - Well-managed habitat
 - Linked networks of habitat
 - Stepping-stone habitat
 - Broad habitat
 - Key habitat
 - Severed habitat
 - Linear habitat
 - Structural habitat
 - Riparian habitat
 - Oceanic habitat
 - Benthic habitat
 - Highly-structured habitat
 - Newly-occupied habitat
 - Previously-unoccupied
 - Less-modified habitat
 - Disturbed habitat
 - Suitable habitat
 - Critical habitat
 - Diverse habitat
 - Fine-scale habitat
 - Preferred habitat
 - Appropriate habitat
 - Little-changed habitat
 - Threatened habitat
- Best habitat
 - Essential habitat
 - Important habitat
 - Properly-managed habitat
 - Restored habitat
 - Open-habitat
 - Non-primary habitat
 - Anthropogenic habitat
 - Substitute habitat
 - Human-dominated habitat
 - Nesting habitat
 - Microhabitats
 - Manmade habitat
 - Ideal habitat
 - Uniform habitat
 - Intact habitat
 - Isolated habitat
 - Available habitat
 - Novel habitat