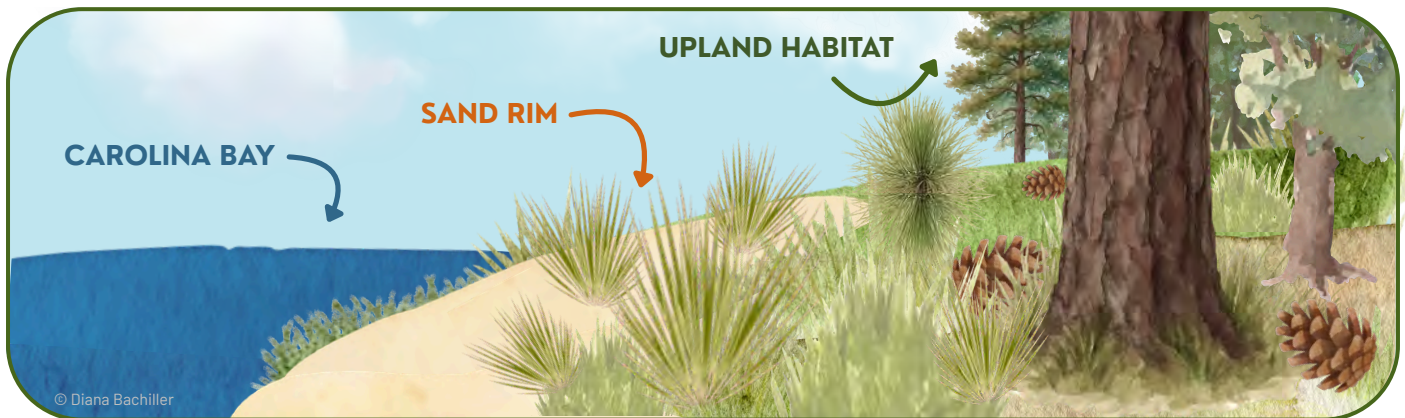


What Is a Carolina Bay?



Carolina Bays are natural, shallow wetlands with sandy rims found across the Coastal Plain! Some look like ponds, while others look like grasslands. These hidden wetlands support rare plants, provide habitat for threatened or endangered frogs, salamanders, and other wildlife, store stormwater, and help connect habitats across the landscape. Also, regular burning of fire-adapted bays helps lowers the risk of severe wildfire.



FUN FACTS

MOST
OCCUR
IN THE
CAROLINAS

ALL SHARE
THE SAME
OVAL SHAPE
AND
NORTHWEST-
SOUTHEAST
ORIENTATION

SOME
CAN BE
DRY FOR
YEARS

LAKE
WACCAMAW
IS THE
LARGEST,
SPANNING
5 MILES AND
COVERING
9,000 ACRES

ORIGINS
DEBATED:
METEOR
IMPACTS,
DINOSAUR
WALLOWS,
OR WIND
AND WAVES?

The Nature
Conservancy 
North Carolina

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Who Lives in Carolina Bays?

PLANTS



Orange
Milkwort

Pond
Cypress



Venus
Flytrap

AMPHIBIANS & REPTILES



Ornate
Chorus Frog

Chicken
Turtle



Tiger
Salamander

Carolina Bays provide breeding habitat, food, and shelter for many animals!

Some frogs and salamanders need **fish-free** seasonal wetlands like Carolina Bays along with adjacent upland forests to survive!

INVERTEBRATES



Marsh
Imp
Firefly

Sandhills
Crayfish



Blue
Dasher
Dragonfly

BIRDS & BATS



Purple
Gallinule

Seminole
Bat



Great
Egret