

Table 3. Number of acres and descriptions of major plant communities in TFMCA and SJMCA delineated from 1 to 24,000 scale infrared aerial photographs taken in December 1997.

Community	SJMCA Acres	% of Total	TFMCA Acres	% of Total	Description
Sawgrass	1,711.5	15.2	1,869.9	13.5	Community dominated by sawgrass >70% cover.
Cattail	178.6	1.6	114.1	0.8	Community dominated by cattail >70% cover.
Grass/Sedge Marsh	793.1	7.0	1,787.1	12.9	Shallow marsh dominated by mixed grasses and sedges, including maidencane.
Mixed Herbaceous Marsh	2,708.0	24.1	2,054.1	14.9	Shallow marshes dominated by mixtures of non-woody plants (broad- and narrow-leaved species) where no one species is dominant.
Wet Prairie			842.4	6.1	Herbaceous wetlands where many species occur, esp. grasses and sedges, on primarily mineral soils that are infrequently inundated.
Herbaceous Wetlands	5,391.2	47.9	5,667.6	48.2	
Willow Swamp	3,412.3	30.3	318.9	2.3	Shrub swamp with > 70% willow canopy cover.
Primrose Willow			1,495.8	10.8	Shrub swamp with > 70% Ludwigia peruviana cover.
Other Shrub Swamp	1,282.9	11.4	133.3	1.0	Mixed shrub swamps with willow, wax myrtle and other species, sometimes with small trees. Canopy cover of shrubs >70%.
Shrub Wetlands	4,695.2	41.7	1,948.0	14.1	
Hydric Hammock	202.1	1.8	355.1	2.6	Forested "islands" in the marsh, dominated by red maple and other flood tolerant species, usually with shrub border and understory.
Forested Wetlands	202.1	1.8	355.1	2.6	
Pasture			1,871.6	13.5	Uplands dominated by non-native grasses.
Shrub dominated Pastures			716.3	5.2	Uplands with grass and shrub mixtures. Shrub cover about 20-60%.
Transitional Shrub			884.5	6.4	Community dominated by shrubs, mainly wax myrtle, which tolerates saturated and drier soils.
Levees and Spoil Banks	311.5	2.8	706.9	5.1	Man-made levees and spoil deposits next to canals or drainage ditches.
Uplands	311.5	2.8	4,179.3	30.3	
Open Water	631.6	5.6	447.2	3.2	Inundated areas with little or no vegetation as man-made or natural features.
Free Floating	24.8	0.2	224.4	1.6	Water Lettuce, water hyacinth, pennywort and duckweed.
Open Water	656.4	5.8	671.6	4.8	
Total	11,257		13,822		