



# Identifying Characteristics of an Old-Growth Forest

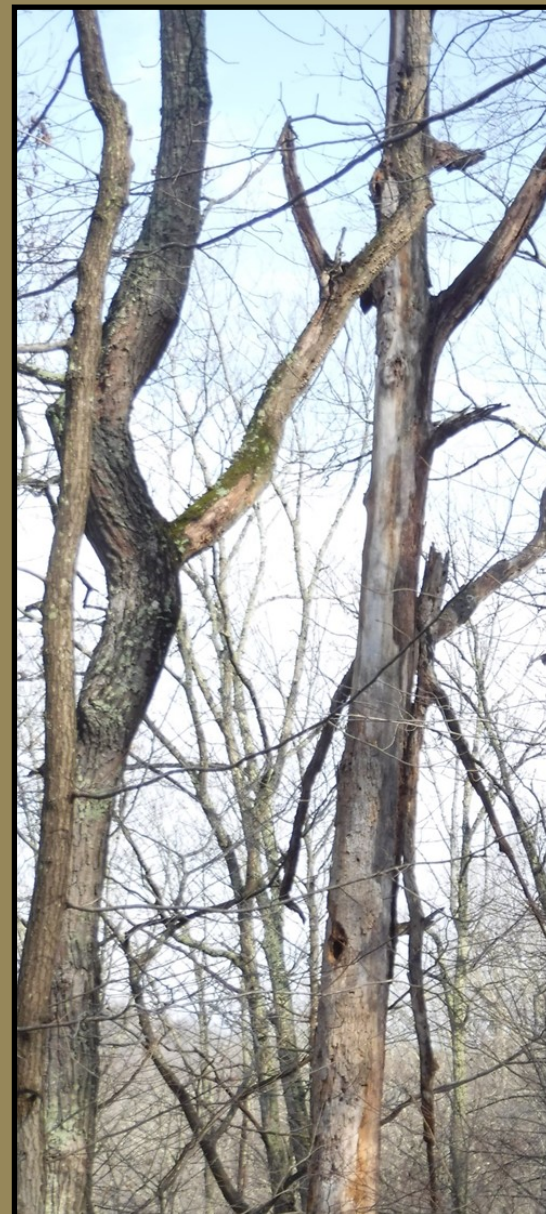


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**Large, old, dominant trees.**



**Many "stag-headed" and hollow trees.**



**Old standing dead snags.**



**Aged blowdowns, 100% leaf cover, clean water.**



**Canopy gaps, due to snags and blowdowns lead to...**

## LOOK FOR THESE CHARACTERISTICS AS YOU WALK THE EASTERN WATERSHED OLD-GROWTH FOREST INTERPRETIVE TRAIL

**...plant vertical diversity, from crown to ground.**



**Abundance of birds that prefer mature forests...**



Scarlet Tanager  
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**...like these All-American red, white, & blue birds.**



Black and white Warbler, from Wikimedia Commons: Andy Reago & Chrissy McClarren



Cerulean Warbler  
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**High salamander diversity in undisturbed forest soils and streams.**



Long-tailed Salamander

Northern Red Salamander



Slimy Salamander, juvenile