Natural Resource Bibliography

Background

The Natural Resource Bibliography (NatureBib) has been developed by the National Park Service (NPS) in order to catalog and manage natural resource-related information sources pertaining to national parks. One of the 12 core NPS natural resource inventories, NatureBib was designed to make park-related natural resource information more readily available and easy to locate.

The NatureBib data system has undergone an extensive redesign and in 2010 and it was replaced by the Reference Application in the online Natural Resource Information (NRInfo) Portal (http://nrinfo.nps.gov). All NatureBib records have been migrated to this new system.

The focus of these records is primarily on reports, articles, conference proceedings, theses and dissertations, gray literature, and other documents that contain information on park natural resources. In particular, the inventory captures references that may not be easily located via commercial on-line reference services (e.g., BIOSIS, JStor) or via public or academic libraries. In addition to standard bibliographic information, the portal-based Reference Application permits the uploading of full-text versions of documents and publications, so that users can view or download documents corresponding to their search results.

As a general rule, the Natural Resource Bibliography is not intended to be a definitive bibliographic source for all literature available on a particular park or resource, nor is it intended for very general references (e.g., Birds of North America; Weeds of the West). Information that pertains to lands or resources adjacent to park units is appropriate for inclusion in if it has relevance to park management issues. Miscellaneous items such as maps or correspondence also have a place in the system, based upon their content.

Products

Access to records resulting from this inventory is available via the Natural Resource Information Portal at http://nrinfo.nps.gov. No login or password is required. While full access to data is available to NPS users, a limited

Dall sheep (*Ovis dalli*), Denali National Park.

number of records is currently available to partners and the general public. This number will be steadily increasing as quality assurance steps are completed and sensitive data are protected.

Status

The Reference Application in the NRInfo Portal currently houses over 300,000 records. It also contains thousands of geospatial and other data sets that have been merged in from a related application, the NPS Data Store. NPS staff across the country continue to add and update records on a daily basis.

More Information

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