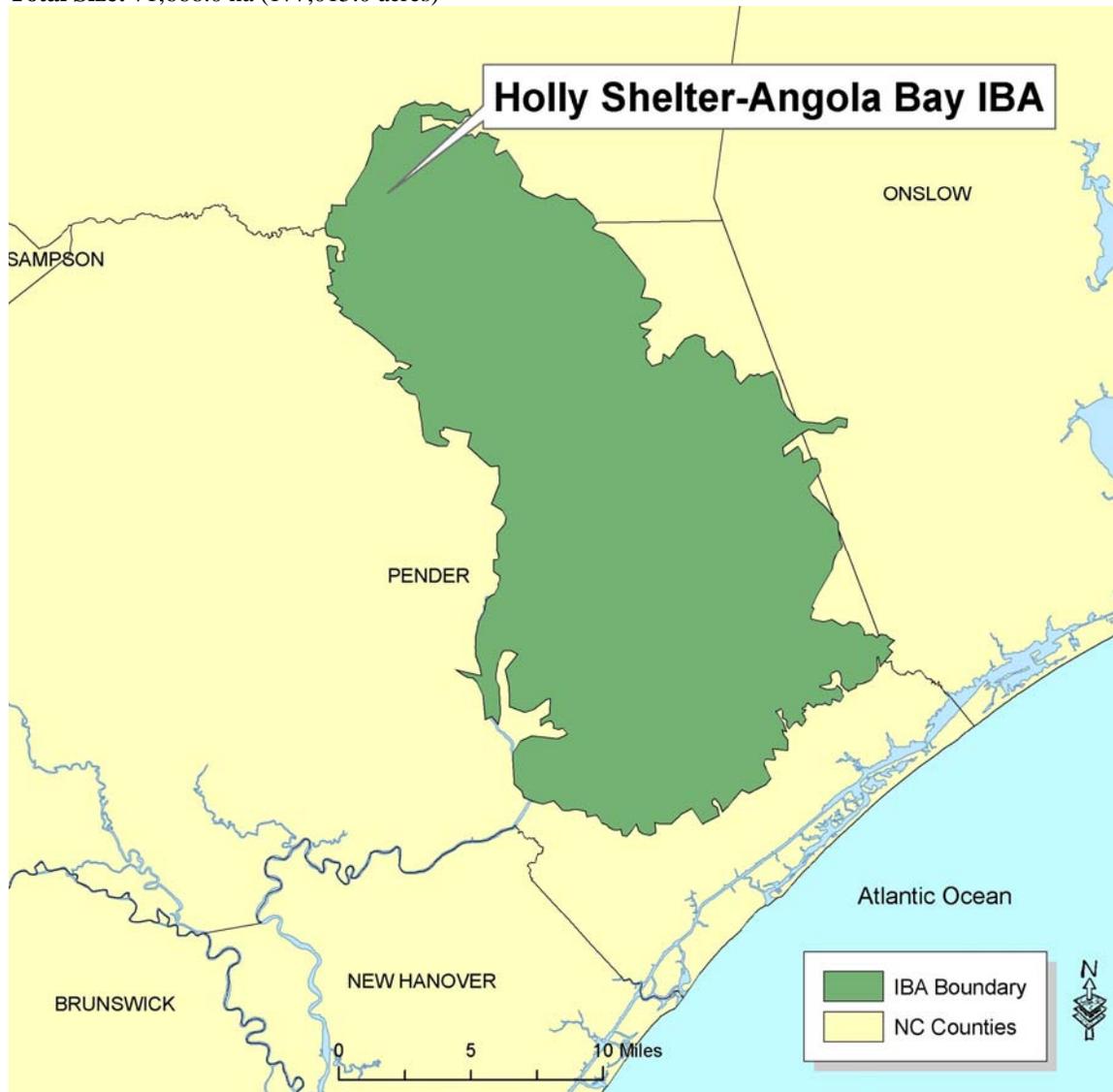


## Holly Shelter-Angola Bay

**Location:** Pender and Duplin Counties

**Total Size:** 71,666.0 ha (177,015.0 acres)



**Site Description:** The Holly Shelter-Angola Bay site is an area of extensive forested habitats including pine savannahs, pocosin, and cypress swamp. Most of the site is part of the State-owned Game Lands system managed by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission. The site has one of the state's most important long-leaf pine communities and is one of the state's best examples of pocosin. The site is managed primarily to provide wildlife habitat and provide recreational opportunities for the public (primarily hunting). Much of the site is remote and inaccessible, but a series of roads are open to the public during fall and winter seasons.

**Habitats:** coniferous forest, deciduous forest, shrub/scrub, non-tidal wetland, swamp forest, river

**Land Use:** wildlife conservation, hunting, forestry

**Primary Threats:** fire suppression, introduced species

**Protection Status:** protected and managed by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission.

**Conservation Issues:** Surrounding residential and commercial development isolates the game land from other habitat units. Area is subject to encroachments, due to many surrounding landowners and amount of boundary. Surveys of landbirds during breeding, migration and winter are needed.

**Birds:** The site supports at least 25 breeding groups of Red-cockaded Woodpeckers, plus three additional birds. Additional groups are suspected to exist within inaccessible pocosin habitats. The Red-cockaded Woodpeckers found within the boundaries of Holly Shelter Game Land presently comprise more than 10% of the North Carolina Southern Coastal Plain population. The swamp forest along the Northeast Cape Fear River is significant for nesting songbirds, wood ducks and barred owls. Much of the area is comprised of pocosin habitat and support bird species associated with this habitat type (Criteria NC4).

**Key Bird Species**

Criteria		Season	Number	Year
1	Red-cockaded woodpecker	all	53	2001
2a	Bachman's Sparrow	all	--	
2b	Prothonotary Warbler	B	--	
2a	Swainson's Warbler	B	--	
2b	Hooded Warbler	B	--	
2b	Northern Parula	B	--	
3a	Yellow-throated Warbler	B	--	
2b	Wood Duck	W	500+	2002
2b	Acadian Flycatcher	B	--	
3g	Migratory landbirds	All		

B=Breeding FM=Fall Migration SM=Spring Migration W=Winter