A Rare Resource
Shrublands and young forests are a rare resource in southern Maine, with less than 2% of land in Cumberland County in shrubland habitat. This mix of young trees and shrubs provides wildlife with essential food, shelter, and places to raise their young.

Shrublands are temporary habitats. Maintaining this important wildlife habitat requires management every ten to fifteen years.

Over 100 Different Wildlife Species Use Shrubland Habitat
Deer, woodcock, spotted turtles, and a variety of songbirds, such as the Eastern Towhee and Prairie Warbler, all depend on these vital lands.

With the decline of shrubland habitat comes the decline of the species that live in it. The State endangered New England cottontail, Maine’s only native rabbit, depends entirely on the thick, dense shrubland for survival.

You Can Help!
A diversity of wildlife needs a diversity of habitats; it’s that simple.

To learn more about this topic and what you can do to help, visit www.newenglandcottontail.org or call Town of Cape Elizabeth at (207) 799-0115.

Together, we can make a difference for wildlife.

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