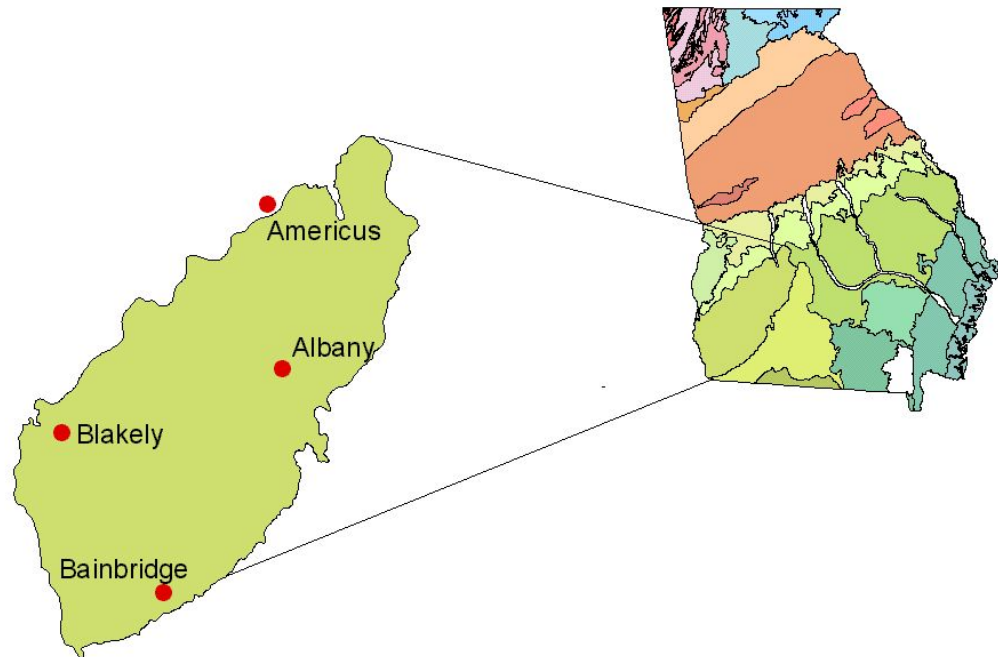




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Dougherty Plain (65g) subcoregion

65g - Dougherty Plain



65g. The **Dougherty Plain** is mostly flat to gently rolling and influenced by the near-surface limestone. The karst topography contains sinkholes, springs, and fewer streams in the flatter part of the plain. On the southeast, the Pelham escarpment marks the boundary with the Tifton Upland (65h). Land cover is primarily cropland and pasture, with some small areas of mixed forest. Crops such as peanuts and pecans are common, and cotton production has increased dramatically in recent years. Natural forest cover consisted of pines, including longleaf pine, red oaks, and hickories. Many shallow, flat-bottomed depressions are scattered throughout the region, caused by solution of the underlying limestone. The wetter, poorly drained depressions contain blackgum, sweetgum, water oak, and a few pines and cypress. Many of the limesink ponds and marshes act as biological oases in the mostly agricultural landscape.



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Metric	Metric Category
EPT Taxa	Richness
% Oligochaeta	Composition
% Intolerant Individuals	
HBI	Tolerance/Intolerance
Filterer Taxa	Functional Feeding Group
Clinger Taxa	Habit