



What changes have you noticed in the deer population and/or vegetation at Sandy Hook over the years?

A viable white-tailed deer population is needed for a balanced ecosystem. Sandy Hook's deer population density is higher than the ecosystem can support.



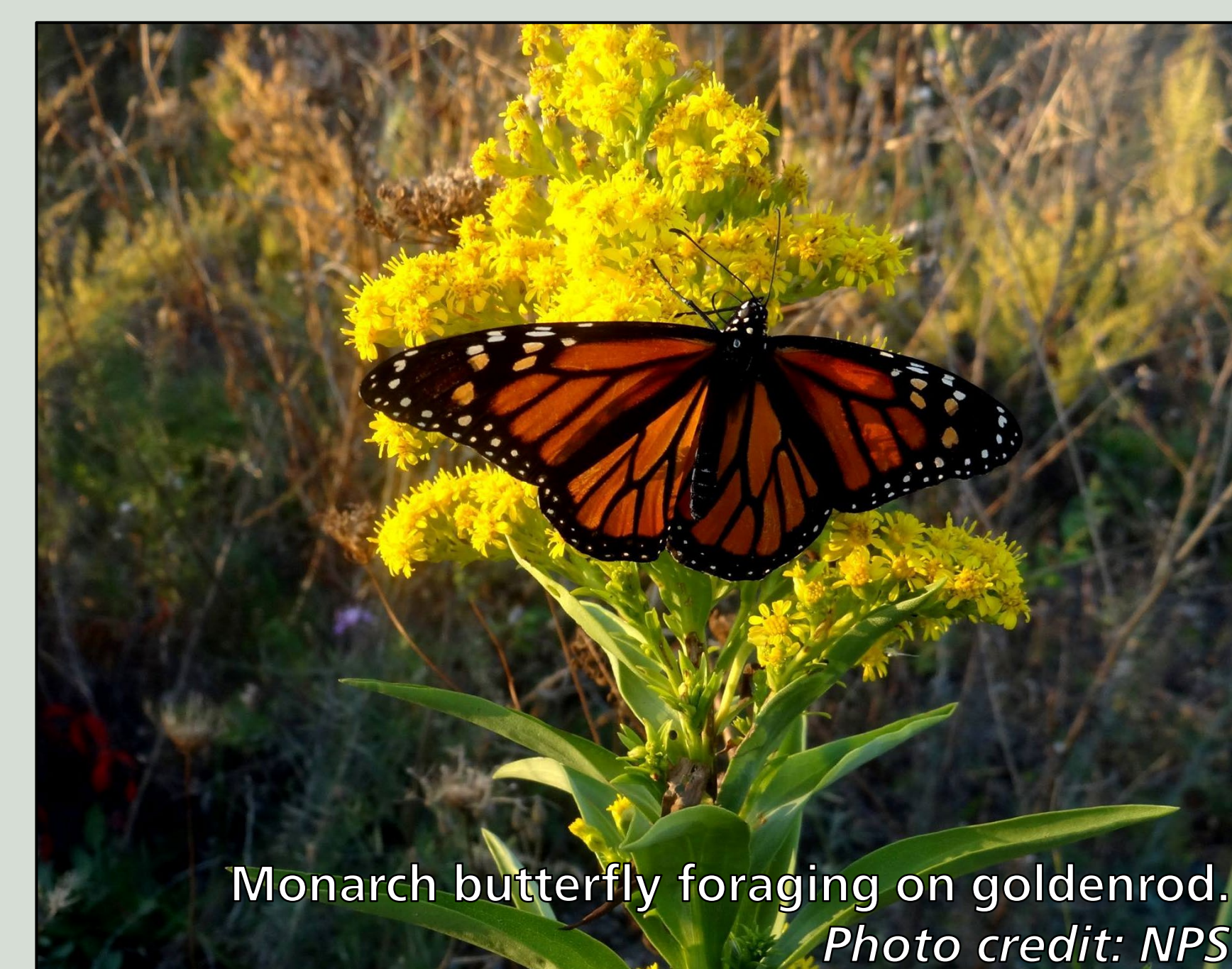
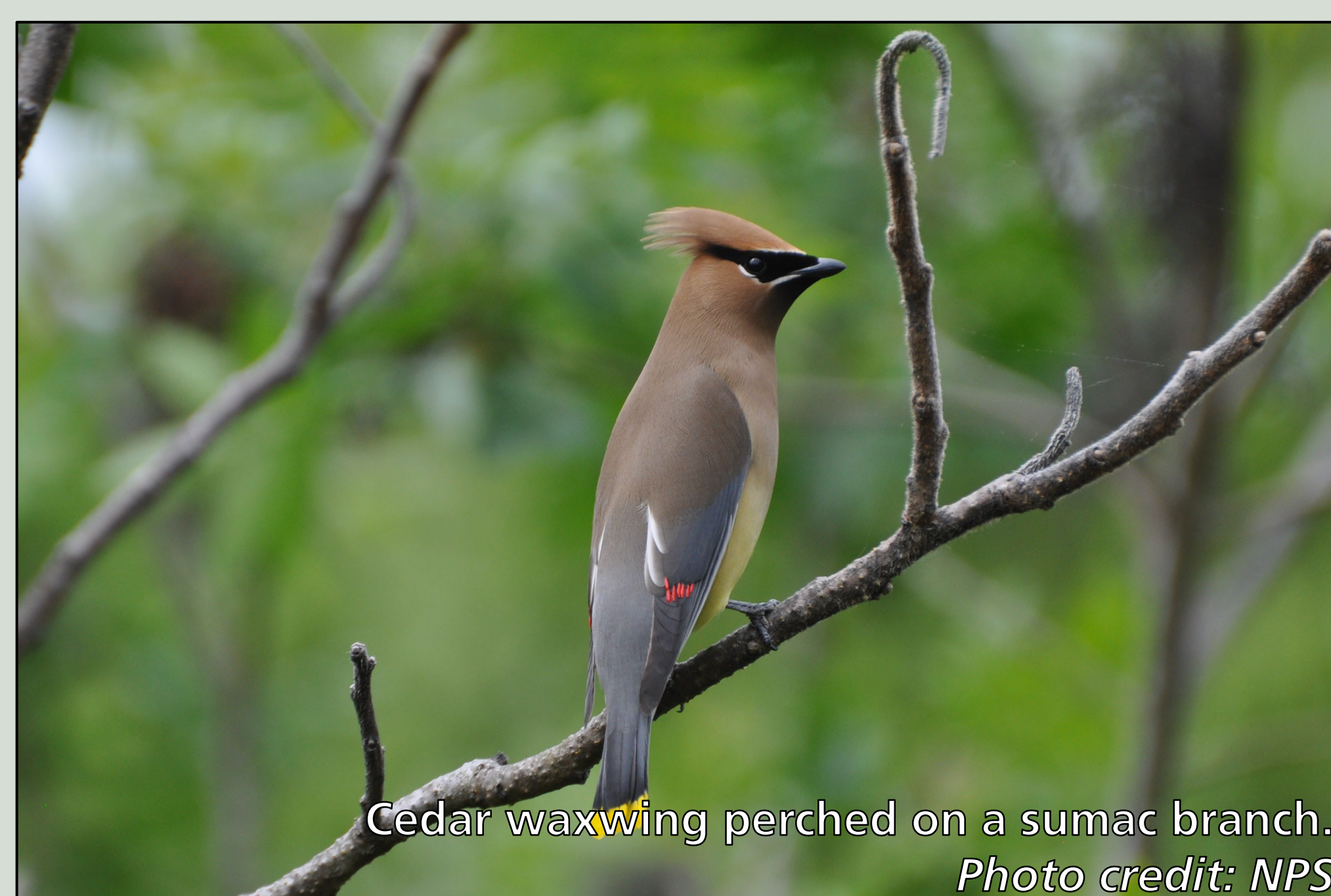
Native Vegetation



An overabundant deer population increases browsing pressure on native vegetation, altering forest regeneration.

Vegetation Communities

Deer overbrowse changes vegetation structure and composition, which decreases habitat and food for other native wildlife.



Rare and Unique Habitats and Species of Special Concern



Browse by an overabundance of deer impacts the globally rare maritime holly forest and federally protected seabeach amaranth.

We want to hear from you!
Comment period closes May 23, 2026.

