

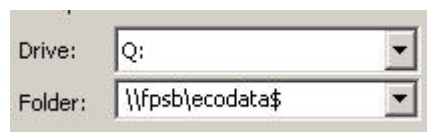


WHAT IS IT? - The Ecodata Drive is a data storage resource maintained by the Cofrin Center for Biodiversity, accessible to all users of the campus computer network. It is used for large and/or specialized datasets that serve the interests of faculty, staff and students involved in ecologically oriented coursework and research. The “shared drive” concept allows general interest data to be stored in one place while remaining accessible to the entire University community.

The Ecodata Drive is a work in progress. The content is determined by user interest and feedback. Examples of currently available datasets include:

- GIS data layers, especially base data such as USGS topographic maps and digital aerial photos.
- Reference material for biological inventory work such as recorded bat calls and pictures of mammal tracks.
- A photographic record of Richter Museum exhibits.

HOW DOES IT WORK? - The default network configuration does not include a connection to the Ecodata Drive. The drive must be “mapped” before the files on it can be accessed. To map the drive, right click on the My Computer icon on the Windows desktop or in Windows Explorer. When “Map Network Drive” is chosen, a dialogue box comes up that needs to be filled out as shown.



When the dialogue box is closed, the Ecodata Drive will appear as “ecodata\$ on ‘fpsb’ (Q:)” in the list of drives available to the user. Faculty accounts can be configured to reconnect to Ecodata automatically. Students have to map the drive each time they log on.

Once the drive has been mapped, shortcuts located in the root directory can be used to access the various datasets and reference materials.