



Garden Club of New Jersey

*Threatened and
Endangered Plant Species*

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Federally Listed Species in NJ

New Jersey provides habitat for six plants which are federally listed because they are globally endangered (species in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant portion of its range) or threatened and two species under consideration for federal listing. These species are protected by the Endangered Species Act of 1973. NJ is especially important for the conservation of bog asphodel and Knieskern's beaked-rush, species no longer found anywhere else in the world. Moreover, NJ represents the global stronghold for swamp pink, harboring more than 70 percent of the world's population of this species. Information on the endangered species program in NJ can be obtained from:

US Fish & Wildlife Service NJ Field Office

927 N Main St, Bldg D

Pleasantville NJ 08232

(609) 545-9310

[Http://njfieldoffice.fws.gov](http://njfieldoffice.fws.gov)

Small Whorled Pogonia *Isotria medeoloides*

Sensitive Joint-Vetch *Aeschynomene virginica*

Seabeach Amaranth *Amaranthus pumilus*

Knieskern's Beaked-Rush *Rhynchospora knieskernii*

American Chaffseed *Schwalbea americana*

Swamp Pink *Helonias bullata*

Candidate Species(under review) *Bog Asphodel and Hirsts' Panic Grass*

NJ Endangered Plant Species

As of 2005, there are 339 plants that are native to NJ that are endangered for continued existence in the state. An endangered plant is defined in the Endangered Plant Species List Act (enacted in NJ in 1989) as a native species whose survival in the State or nation is in jeopardy, including plant species listed, proposed or under review by the federal government as endangered or threatened in the US, any additional species known or believed to be rare throughout its worldwide range, and any species having five or fewer extant populations within the State. The list is periodically updated by the Natural Heritage Program of the Department of Environmental Protection.

The most up-to-date list can be obtained by contacting:

Natural Heritage Program

Division of Parks and Forestry

PO Box 404

Trenton NJ 08625

(609) 984-0097

http://www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/natural/heritage/spplant_ap1.html