

## Explanation of Legal Status and Information Ranks

**State Rank and Global Rank** - Value that best characterizes the relative rarity (abundance) or endangerment of a native taxon within Vermont's geographic boundary or throughout its range, respectively. Ranks are as follows:

- 1 - Very rare (Critically imperiled): At very high risk of extinction or extirpation due to extreme rarity (often 5 or fewer populations or occurrences), very steep declines, or other factors
- 2 - Rare (Imperiled): At high risk of extinction or extirpation due to very restricted range, very few populations (often 20 or fewer), steep declines, or other factors
- 3 - Uncommon (Vulnerable): At moderate risk of extinction or extirpation due to restricted range, relatively few populations or occurrences (often 80 or fewer), recent and widespread declines, or other factors
- 4 - Common to uncommon (Apparently secure): locally common or widely scattered to uncommon, but not rare; some cause for long-term concern due to declines or other factors; or stable over many decades and not threatened but of restricted distribution or other factors
- 5 - Common (Secure): widespread and abundant
- H - Possibly extinct/extirpated: Missing; known from only historical occurrences but still some hope of rediscovery
- X - Presumed extinct/extirpated: Not located despite intensive searches and virtually no likelihood of rediscovery
- U = Unrankable: Currently unrankable due to lack of information or substantially conflicting information about status or trends
- NR = Not ranked: Not yet assessed

NA = Not applicable. Element is not a suitable target for conservation for one of the following reasons: Hybrid, Exotic Origin, Accidental/Nonregular, Not Confidently Present, No Definable Occurrences

The following may follow a numeric rank to provide further information:

- ? - indicates uncertainty about the rank, uncertainty may also be expressed in the form of a range rank (e.g. S1S3)
- B - Indicates the preceding rank is for breeding populations
- N - Indicates the preceding rank is for nonbreeding populations
- M - Indicates the preceding rank is for migratory populations
- T - For global ranks only, indicates an infraspecies.
- Q - For global ranks only, indicates questionable taxonomy.

**State Status** - Legal protection under Vermont Endangered Species Law (10 V.S.A. Chap. 123)

E = Endangered: in immediate danger of becoming extirpated in the state

T = Threatened: with high possibility of becoming endangered in the near future

or informational category only- not established by law

PE = Proposed for Endangered status

PT = Proposed for Threatened status

PDL = Proposed for Delisting

SC = Special Concern: rare; status should be watched

**Federal Status** - Legal protection under the federal Endangered Species Act, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

LE = Listed Endangered

LT = Listed Threatened

PDL = Proposed for Delisting

C = Candidate for Listing (not legally protected)

**SGCN** - Species of Greatest Conservation Need as identified in the Vermont Wildlife Action Plan; does not denote legal protection.