Explanation of Legal Status and Information Ranks

**State Rank** and **Global Rank** - Value that best characterizes the 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:

RE = Recommended by the Endangered Species Committee (ESC) for Endangered status; pending Agency of Natural Resources Secretary (Secretary) approval and rulemaking
RT = Recommended by the ESC for Threatened status
RDL = Recommended by ESC for Delisting
PE = Proposed by Secretary for Endangered status; pending rulemaking
PT = Proposed by Secretary for Threatened status; pending rulemaking
PDL = Proposed by Secretary for Delisting; pending rulemaking

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

E = Endangered
T = Threatened
PDL = Proposed for Delisting
C = Candidate for Listing (not legally protected)

**Other Statuses** – Information categories only; does not imply legal protection.

**Flora Conservanda** - globally or regionally rare vascular plants designated by New England Plant Conservation Program. See report for more information: [https://www.nativeplanttrust.org/conservation/conservation-research-plans/](https://www.nativeplanttrust.org/conservation/conservation-research-plans/)


**Regional Concern (RSGCN)** - regionally-rare animals designated by Northeast Wildlife Diversity Technical Committee

**RFSS** - Regional Forester Sensitive Species, Green Mountain National Forest, US Forest Service

**SC** - Special Concern species, Scientific Advisory Groups to the Vermont Endangered Species Committee

**SGCN** - Species of Greatest Conservation Need as identified in the Vermont Wildlife Action Plan