

ASTRAGALUS CANADENSIS L.
Canada Milk-vetch

FAMILY: Fabaceae

HABIT: Rhizomatous perennial herb, up to 15 dm; flowering late June to late July; fruiting August to September.

SIMILAR SPECIES: May be confused with other milk-vetches (*Astragalus* spp.).

TOTAL RANGE: Throughout most of United States and s. Canada.

STATE RANGE: Post-1980 records from Brown, Lucas, Monroe, Ross and Warren counties.
Pre-1980 records from Adams, Ashtabula, Clermont, Defiance, Erie, Franklin, Jackson, Jefferson, Meigs, Muskingum, Paulding, Ottawa, Pike, Scioto, and Vinton counties;

HABITAT: Open habitats such as open woods, riverbanks, road banks, rocky and sandy lakeshores, thickets, and woodland borders.

HAZARDS: Shading out through woody succession.

RECOVERY POTENTIAL: Fair; historically ranged throughout Ohio in various habitats.

INVENTORY GUIDELINES: Collect mature flowering and/or fruiting material.

COMMENTS: Added to the state list in 2002 after review of herbarium records and expert opinion demonstrated this species has declined significantly since the 1970s.

In adjacent states it is reported from "dry prairies, moist shores, river banks, marshy ground, and other open or partly shaded ground" (Voss, 1985) and "rocky roadside banks, limestone ledges, and shale barrens" (Rhoads & Block, 2000). In Ohio, this species grows in similar open to semi-open habitats.

It should be sought throughout Ohio. Southern Ohio has the most recent collections and where it will most likely be found.

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