

POGONIA OPHIOGLOSSOIDES (L.) Ker
Rose Pogonia

FAMILY: Orchidaceae

HABIT: Herbaceous perennial from a fibrous base, 0.8-8.0 dm.; flowering June-mid July.

SIMILAR SPECIES: *Arethusa bulbosa* (Dragon's-mouth) grows in similar situations and also has solitary flowers, but otherwise there is little with which *Pogonia* could be confused.

TOTAL RANGE: Newfoundland to MN, s. to FL and TX.

STATE RANGE (as of 2008): There are post-1980 records from Licking, Logan, Lucas, Portage, Summit, and Wayne counties.

HABITAT: In full sun in sphagnum bogs and sandy seepages, often in very wet areas; requires an acid substrate and constant water supply.

HAZARDS: Drying of the bog; overshadowing by woody species; over-collecting.

RECOVERY POTENTIAL: Probably very poor; one of the first species to disappear when the habitat is drained (Case, 1964).

INVENTORY GUIDELINES: Collecting should be discouraged.

COMMENTS: As with many orchids, the number of plants in any population fluctuates greatly from year to year. This is one of the few fragrant orchids in the state; the scent resembles that of red raspberries.

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