

CALOPOGON TUBEROSUS (L.) BSP.
Grass-pink

FAMILY: Orchidaceae

SYNONYMS: *C. pulchellus* (Salisb.) R. Br.

HABIT: Herbaceous perennial, 0.7-10.0 dm., from a small corm; flowering late May to early July; highly variable in height and in number of flowers per plant.

SIMILAR SPECIES: Vaguely resembling *Arethusa bulbosa* (Dragon-mouth) and *Pogonia ophioglossoides* (Rose Pogonia), both of which have solitary flowers.

TOTAL RANGE: Newfoundland to Minn. and se. Manitoba south to Fla., Tex. and Cuba.

STATE RANGE (as of 2008): Post-1980 records are from Champaign, Geauga, Holmes, Licking, Logan, Lucas, Portage, and Wayne Counties. Pre-1980 records are from Ashland, Ashtabula, Clark, Cuyahoga, Erie, Fulton, Henry, Holmes, Huron, Lake, Lorain, Meigs, Perry, Scioto, Stark, and Summit Counties.

HABITAT: A diverse range of open, wet situations, with the only apparent common factors being full sunlight and a constant water supply. Ohio populations have been reported from sphagnum bogs, wet prairies, fens, road ditches, and sandy seepages.

HAZARDS: Drying of habitat; overshadowing by woody species; overcollecting.

RECOVERY POTENTIAL: Probably good; Case (1964) indicates that it will withstand moderate disturbance.

INVENTORY GUIDELINES: Collecting should be discouraged.

COMMENTS: The number of individuals in any population varies greatly from year to year; often a heavy flowering follows moderate disturbance of the habitat.

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