

Response Statement - Green-scaled Willow

January 10, 2022

Common Name: Green-scaled Willow

Scientific Name: *Salix chlorolepis*

Status assessment by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC): Threatened

How the Minister of the Environment intends to respond to the assessment: On 2021-10-12, the Minister of the Environment received the COSEWIC assessment of the Green-scaled Willow as Threatened. This reassessment confirms the current classification of the Green-scaled Willow on the *List of Wildlife Species at Risk* (Schedule 1) as Threatened. Activities will continue to be undertaken in a manner consistent with the purposes of, and according to the timelines identified in, the *Species at Risk Act*.

Reason(s) for status designation provided by COSEWIC: This long-lived dwarf endemic shrub has a generation time of over 30 years. It occurs exclusively in snowbeds on alpine serpentine outcrops of Mount Albert in Parc national de la Gaspésie, Quebec. The entire population is considered to have fewer than 500 mature individuals. Continued searches have not revealed additional subpopulations. The population is probably stable at present, but may decline in the future as a result of climate change (particularly due to more frequent or prolonged droughts and increased temperatures).

Occurrence: Quebec

Competent Minister(s):

Minister of Environment

Conservation activities underway: The Action Plan for the Green-scaled Willow (*Salix chlorolepis*) is published as final on the Species at Risk Registry. The Recovery Strategy for the Green-scaled Willow (*Salix chlorolepis*) is also published as final on the Species at Risk Registry.