

Response Statement - Fernald's Braya

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Common Name: Fernald's Braya

Scientific Name: *Braya fernaldii*

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

How the Minister of the Environment intends to respond to the assessment: The Minister of the Environment will forward the COSEWIC re-assessment of the Fernald's Braya to the Governor in Council (GiC) as soon as possible after the close of the normal consultation period. This species is currently on the *List of Wildlife Species at Risk* (Schedule 1) under the *Species at Risk Act* as Threatened. The Minister of Environment will consult with the government of Newfoundland and Labrador, Aboriginal peoples, stakeholders, and the public on whether or not the Fernald's Braya should have its Schedule 1 status of Threatened changed to Endangered.

Once a species has been assessed by COSEWIC, further steps must be undertaken before it is added to Schedule 1 of the *Species at Risk Act*. For more information on this process, please view [The Species Listing Process Under SARA](#).

Reason(s) for status designation provided by COSEWIC: This small perennial plant, endemic to the limestone barrens of the Great Northern Peninsula of Newfoundland, is at increased risk over its limited range due to numerous threats. Ongoing habitat loss and degradation, combined with a non-native agricultural moth, result in low rates of survival and reproduction. These threats and the additional impact of climate change lead to the prediction that the species will go extinct in the wild within the next 80 years.

Occurrence: Newfoundland and Labrador

Competent Minister(s):

Minister of Environment

Minister responsible for the Parks Canada Agency

Province(s) and territory (territories) to be consulted:

Newfoundland and Labrador

Other applicable legislation: When the species is found within national parks of Canada or other lands administered by the Parks Canada Agency, it is protected or managed under the *Canada National Parks Act* or through measures or management tools available to the Parks Canada Agency under other legislation.

Conservation activities underway: The Recovery Strategy for the Long's Braya (*Braya longii*) and the Fernald's Braya (*Braya fernaldii*) in Canada has been posted as final on the Species at Risk Public Registry.