



Become a Plant Conservation Volunteer with the New England Wild Flower Society!

The New England Wild Flower Society is seeking enthusiastic people who have a commitment to plant conservation and protecting natural habitats to participate in the Plant Conservation Volunteer (PCV) Program. The PCV Program puts the skills of citizens to work collecting information on rare plants and their habitats across all six New England states. The majority of the work focuses on rare plant monitoring, but there are also opportunities to assist with invasive species removal, habitat management projects and botanical surveys that benefit rare plants. The Society also offers free field trips and some learning opportunities to PCVs. It's an excellent opportunity to develop your botanical skills and put them to work, learn more about the flora of New England, meet others with similar interests, and help preserve your state's natural heritage.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Attend the annual 1-day training session held on a weekend in March/April for each of the New England states to review surveying protocols and PCV guidelines. The schedule is on our website for training sessions.
- Review available surveys and choose those suited to your abilities and/or those that advance the New England Plant Conservation Program goals.
- Complete at least one rare plant survey including research on plant/accessing location, coordinating with other volunteers to survey, conducting the survey and completing and submitting field forms digitally through a secure website.
- Conduct possible seed collections on rare plants following specific protocols.
- Represent the PCV program and conduct work in a professional manner.
- Keep ALL data on rare plant populations confidential.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Good candidates are motivated, independent workers; have some skill in plant identification, good observation skills and are adventurous.
- Ability to collect and organize scientific data and filing field forms in a timely manner.
- Some computer proficiency is required for communication and submitting field forms.
- The physical ability to hike in uneven terrain and varying weather conditions.
- The ability to work independently or with a team of other volunteers.
- Ability to travel some distance to survey sites and endure possible long days in the field.

HOW TO APPLY

To apply visit our website and fill out the electronic application by **February 1st, 2017**:
<http://newenglandwild.org/conserve/saving-imperiled-plants/plant-conservation.html/>

Interested applicants with botanical knowledge and are outside of Eastern Massachusetts are encouraged to apply. All who are interested must apply and be accepted into the program

before attending a training session due to the sensitive nature of rare plant data and data security agreements we have with each state's Natural Heritage.

Applications are reviewed during the winter (January - February) to be considered for that field season year. To be considered for the 2017 season, **please submit your application via the online application by February 1st, 2017.**

QUESTIONS? Contact:

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If you would like a botanical adventure, join the PCV program. This is a great way to meet new friends, explore a wide range of habitats while contributing to the knowledge of our flora. I joined the PCV program the first year it was in Maine and love it as a way to help our environment. ~ B. G.