

### 1 Purpose

The purpose of this paper is to provide technical assistance to municipalities and others in the identification of significant portions of habitat of endangered, rare and threatened species for the purposes of the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan (ORMCP).

The Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) is responsible for approving the significant habitat of species. Provincial habitat mapping guidelines will be developed for species at risk in Ontario. In the interim, significant portions of habitats will be delineated based on the process that is contained in this paper.

#### 2 Related Considerations

It is suggested that the reader also review the associated topic areas as discussed in the ORMCP, shown highlighted in Figure 1 below.

#### 3 Background

Section 22 of the ORMCP identifies "significant portions of habitat of endangered, rare and threatened species" as one of eight categories of key natural heritage features that must be protected from development or site alteration.

More specifically, subsection 22(2) of the ORMCP requires that:

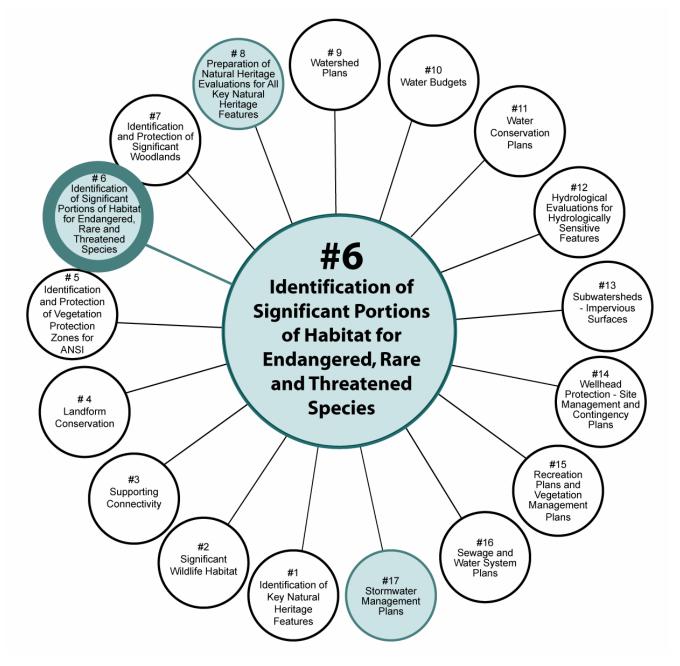
"All development and site alteration with respect to land within a key natural heritage feature including the associated vegetation protection zone, is prohibited, except for the following:

- 1. Forest, fish, and wildlife management.
- 2. Conservation and flood or erosion control projects, but only if they have been demonstrated to be necessary in the public interest after all alternatives have been considered.
- 3. Transportation, infrastructure, and utilities as described in section 41, but only if the need for the project has been demonstrated and there is no reasonable alternative.
- 4. Low-intensity recreational uses as described in section 37."

The ORMCP specifies that an additional vegetation protection zone next to significant portions of habitat of endangered, rare and threatened species will also be established as determined by a natural heritage evaluation carried out under Section 23. The ORMCP further requires that a natural heritage evaluation needs to be carried out where a development or site alteration is proposed within 120 metres of the feature.



Figure 1 ORMCP Topic Areas and Linkages with Technical Paper 6 - Identification of Significant Portions of Habitat for Endangered, Rare and Threatened Species



ORMCP Technical Paper 8 describes methods for natural heritage evaluations on the Oak Ridges Moraine.

Municipalities must take a proactive approach to endangered, rare and threatened species protection by identifying known occurrences within their jurisdiction. This information would be used to identify areas of the municipality both on and off the ORM that may not be suitable for development or for which conditions to develop would be more stringent.

In addition, obligations exist for the protection of habitat of threatened and endangered species under the Provincial Policy Statement pursuant to the provincial *Planning Act*.

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These obligations would be met for the ORM area by satisfying the requirements of the ORMCP.

Other legislation pertaining to species at risk (SAR) includes the *Ontario Endangered Species Act, 1971* that prohibits any harm to 'regulated' endangered species and their habitat in Ontario, and the Federal *Species at Risk Act* (SARA) that may also apply to certain species found in the ORMCP Area. On private lands, SARA applies to aquatic species or migratory birds that are threatened, endangered or extirpated species listed in Schedule 1 of the Act.

According to the ORMCP, "habitat of endangered, rare and threatened species":

- (a) is an area where individuals of an endangered species, a rare species or a threatened species live or have the potential to live and find adequate amounts of food, water, shelter and space to sustain their population, including an area where a species concentrates at a vulnerable point in its annual or life cycle and an area that is important to a migratory or non-migratory species, and
- (b) has been further identified, by the Ministry of Natural Resources or by any other person, according to evaluation procedures established by the Ministry of Natural Resources as amended from time to time.

"Significant", as defined in the ORMCP, means "identified as significant by the Ministry of Natural Resources, using evaluation procedures established by that Ministry, as amended from time to time".

Significant portions of habitat are those natural areas that are required for reproduction, foraging, nesting, shelter, migration, hibernation and other essential life processes.

The intent of this technical paper is to ensure the protection of habitat that is needed for the sustained viability and recovery of endangered, rare and threatened species, not just their short-term survival.

It is recognized that this technical paper may need to be revised upon proclamation of the *Endangered Species Act, 2007*.



# 4 Identification of Endangered, Rare and Threatened Species

Endangered, rare and threatened species as described in the ORMCP will include those species identified in either of the following two (2) categories:

- provincially rare;
- Special Concern, Threatened or Endangered as defined on the MNR Species at Risk in Ontario (SARO) list;
- I. Provincially rare species are those designated as S1 to S3 by the Natural Heritage Information Centre (NHIC) using criteria that are common to the network of conservation data centres in the Western Hemisphere. The categories S1 to S3 refer to species for which there are 100 or fewer occurrences known in Ontario. All globally and nationally rare species will by definition also be provincially rare. Species with less precise designation, such as "S3?" or S3/S4, will be considered as S3.

The NHIC web site (<u>nhic.mnr.gov.on.ca/nhic .cfm</u>) provides the species name and generalized locations for most SAR species. For certain sensitive species, the occurrence is flagged as 'data sensitive' (eg. American ginseng) and the user must seek more detailed information from the local MNR district office. Direct access to exact location of species occurrence information is available from the NHIC database upon request to the NHIC or the local MNR district office on a need-to-know principle. Some conservation authorities and municipalities may also have access to exact location data for rare species in the NHIC database, but not to those flagged as 'data sensitive'. For the purposes of this process, therefore, access should be obtained directly through the NHIC or the local MNR district office. Additional species at risk occurrence information may also be available from local MNR offices or conservation authorities.

Provincially rare vegetation communities, such as tallgrass prairie, savannah, and sand barrens also receive protection under the ORMCP and are discussed in the ORMCP Technical Paper 2 for Identifying Significant Wildlife Habitat. Many endangered, rare and threatened species are found in those rare vegetation communities.

II. Special Concern, Threatened, and Endangered Species are those species designated by MNR as endangered, threatened or special concern. They can be found on the SARO list that MNR maintains and updates periodically. In general, these are species at various degrees of risk of extinction or extirpation. Below are the SARO definitions for endangered, threatened and special concern species:

## **Endangered regulated**

A species facing imminent extinction or extirpation in Ontario which has been regulated under Ontario's *Endangered Species Act, 1971* 

## **Endangered not regulated**

- A species facing imminent extinction or extirpation in Ontario which is a candidate for regulation under Ontario's *Endangered Species Act, 1971*.



# Threatened

- A species that is at risk of becoming endangered in Ontario if limiting factors are not reversed

# **Special Concern**

- A species with characteristics that make it sensitive to human activities or natural events

MNR's SARO list can be obtained by contacting your local MNR office or via the MNR website (<u>www.ontarioparks.com/saro-list.pdf</u>).

#### 5 Moraine Rare Species

Consideration of habitat for species rare on the ORM, but not provincially rare, is not required in the identification of "significant portions of habitat of endangered, rare and threatened" species on the ORM.

However, an inventory of moraine rare species (i.e. those known to occur at 20 or fewer sites on the moraine), will be maintained by MNR and shared with other approval and planning authorities in order to:

- monitor their general abundance and health to assess their ongoing condition and status on the ORM;
- serve as baseline data in order to assess overall trends in biodiversity on the ORM;
- provide information for assessing the relative value and diversity of other key natural heritage features on the ORM; and
- provide information to be used in the development of natural heritage evaluations under Section 23(1) of the ORMCP.

A list of species identified as moraine rare and/or provincially or nationally rare is attached as Appendix A. These lists change frequently and therefore readers should consult the MNR websites or MNR staff for the most up-to-date list. These lists will be evaluated and updated periodically.

# 6 Process for Identifying, Mapping and Determining Significant Portions of Habitat of Endangered, Rare and Threatened Species

## Step 1 – Identify occurrences of endangered, rare and threatened species

The first step is to identify whether there are occurrences of endangered, rare and threatened species within or adjacent to the study area. Comprehensive mapping of significant portions of habitat for many SAR species is not available. Thus, the recommended process is to 'screen' an application by checking for any occurrences within or adjacent to the subject lands. A species occurrence is simply a location where an endangered, rare or threatened species is known to occur. It does not necessarily identify the complete habitat that is used and required by that species.

The location of occurrences of endangered, rare and threatened species can be derived from:



- Mapping and information provided by MNR and the NHIC website. Species
  occurrence records are known as 'Element Occurrences' (EOs) on the NHIC
  website and on any mapping provided by MNR for the ORM Conservation Plan
  area. EO records on the NHIC website are generalized and indicate where a
  particular species has been observed but do not indicate the exact location of the
  species nor the extent of its habitat.
- Other sources of information such as local MNR offices, conservation authority offices, etc.
- A search of the area for known species occurrences extending at least one kilometre beyond the property for species occurrences in case the significant portions of habitat falls within the 120 metre area of the proposed planning application area.
- A directed survey in the appropriate habitat and at the appropriate time(s) of year as part of a natural heritage evaluation, especially when there are little or no data on endangered, rare and threatened species.
- Species occurrences identified through a natural heritage evaluation carried out in accordance with Section 23(1) of the ORMCP. Any information collected as part of a natural heritage evaluation should be shared with the MNR.

Where endangered, rare, special concern or threatened species occurrences are found, this information should be submitted to the NHIC office in Peterborough and to the local MNR District office.

Where an SAR occurrence (identified by MNR or another source and accepted by MNR as a valid occurrence) falls within 1 kilometre of the proposed application area, proceed to Step 2.

# Step 2 – Consultation with the MNR District office or delegated authority

Where a record of an endangered, rare and threatened species exists within or adjacent to the subject lands (following Step 1 above), the approval authority and/or applicant should contact the local MNR district office to determine:

- If the resulting occurrence(s) are, in fact, within or adjacent to the subject lands. If not, then no further work is necessary; and
- if detailed habitat mapping already exists for the occurrence(s). If not, proceed to Step 3. If so, then proceed to Step 4.

# Step 3 – Determine and map significant portions of habitat of endangered, rare and threatened species

The approval authority or applicant will contact MNR to:

- determine whether more detailed information is needed on the species occurrence located on or adjacent to the subject lands;
- determine whether additional studies are required to confirm population status of the identified species; and,
- determine, map and approve the extent of its significant portions of habitat.



Step 3 will result in the mapping of significant habitat and a determination of where the proposed development or site alteration is located in relation to the significant portions of habitat of endangered, rare and threatened species. If significant portions of habitat are identified within the proposed development or site alteration, then the proposed development or site alteration is not permitted. If it is located within 120 metres of significant portions of habitat, proceed to Step 4.

### Step 4 – Determine the appropriate vegetation protection zone

The applicant will undertake a natural heritage evaluation that:

- considers whether the nature and type of the proposal is such that it could adversely affect the population status of the species and its significant portions of habitat; and,
- includes a detailed mitigation plan to ensure no adverse effects occur on the identified species or its significant portions of habitat.

The natural heritage evaluation will result in a recommendation for a vegetation protection zone that will be reviewed and approved by the approval authority.

No development or site alteration is permitted in the significant portions of habitat of endangered, rare and threatened species except as provided for in subsection 22(2) of the ORMCP.

Note: In many instances, protected key natural heritage features and their associated vegetation protection zones may already afford adequate protection of the endangered, rare and threatened species habitat in question. In other cases, the endangered, rare and threatened species habitat will require a larger vegetation protective zone. In some cases, MNR may request that there be further studies on a particular species or its habitat requirements before recommending protective measures for an endangered, rare and threatened species.



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# Appendix A

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#### Appendix A.1 List of Rare Vascular Plants on the Oak Ridges Moraine, Excluding Provincially Rare species

Vascular Plants - Moraine Rare Species (388 Species)

CODE	Scientific Name	Common Name
	Acer populyonioum	Stringd Maple
ACE PENS ACE NIGR	Acer pensylvanicum	Striped Maple
	Acer saccharum ssp. nigrum Acorus americanus	Sweetflag
AGA TENU	Agalinis tenuifolia	Slender-leaved Agalinis
AGA PAUP	Agalinis paupercula	Small-flowered Agalinis
AGO PERE	Agrostis perennans	Autumn Bent Grass
AGR PUBE	Agrimonia pubescens	Downy Agrimony
ALO AEQU	Alopecurus aequalis	Short-awned Foxtail
AME ALNI	Amelanchier alnifolia	Saskatoon Berry
ARE BULB		Dragon's Mouth
AND GERA		Big Bluestem
AND POLI	Andromeda polifolia	Bog Rosemary
AND SEPT	Androsace septentrionalis	Northern Androsace
	Anemone americana	Round-lobed Hepatica
ANE QUIN	Anemone quinquefolia	Wood Anemone
ANG ATRO	Angelica atropurpurea	Great Angelica
API AMER	Apios americana	Groundnut
ARA CANA	Arabis canadensis	Sticklepod
ARA DIVA	Arabis divaricarpa	Divaricate Rock-cress
ARA GLAB	Arabis glabra	Tower Rock-cress
ARA HIRS	Arabis hirsuta	Hairy Rock-cress
ARC PUSI	Arceuthobium pusillum	Dwarf Mistletoe
ARC UVAU	Arctostaphylos uva-ursi	Common Bearberry
ARO MELA	Aronia melanocarpa	Black Chokeberry
ART CAMP	Artemisia campestris	Tall Wormwood
ASC EXAL	Asclepias exaltata	Poke Milkweed
ASC TUBE	Asclepias tuberosa	Butterfly-weed
ASP PLAT	Asplenium platyneuron	Ebony Spleenwort
AST BORE	Aster borealis	Rush Aster
AST CANA	Astragalus canadensis	Canada Milkvetch
AST CILI	Aster ciliolatus	Lindley's Aster
AST LAEV	Aster laevis	Smooth Aster
AST ONTA	Aster ontarionis	Lake Ontario Aster
AST PILO	Aster pilosus	Hairy Aster
AST UMBE	Aster umbellatus	Flat-topped Aster
BET PUMI	Betula pumila	Swamp Birch
BID DISC	Bidens discoideus	Small Beggar-ticks
BID VULG	Bidens vulgatus	Tall Beggar-ticks
BOT DISS	Botrychium dissectum	Cut-leaved Grape Fern
BOT MATR	Botrychium matricariifolium	Matricary Grape Fern

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BOT MULT Botrychium multifidum BOT SIMP Botrychium simplex BRA EREC Brachvelytrum erectum BRA SCHR Brasenia schreberi BRO KALM Bromus kalmii BRO LATI Bromus latiglumis BRO PUBE Bromus pubescens CAL SPIT Calystegia spithamaea CAL STRI Calamagrostis stricta CAL TUBE Calopogon tuberosus CAM APAR Campanula aparinoides CAM ROTU Campanula rotundifolia CAR ALOP Carex alopecoidea CAR AQUA Carex aquatilis CAR ATHE Carex atherodes CAR BACK Carex backii CAR BREV Carex brevior CAR BROM Carex bromoides CAR BRUN Carex brunnescens CAR CANE Carex canescens CAR CAPI Carex capillaris CAR CAST Carex castanea CAR CEP1 Carex cephaloidea CAR CEP2 Carex cephalophora CAR CHOR Carex chordorrhiza CAR CONC Cardamine concatenata CAR CRAW Carex crawfordii CAR CRYP Carex cryptolepis CAR DEBI Carex debilis CAR DIGI Carex digitalis CAR DOUG Cardamine douglassii CAR ECHI Carex echinata CAR HIRT Carex hirtifolia CAR LASI Carex lasiocarpa CAR LAXI Carex laxiculmis CAR LIMO Carex limosa CAR LURI Carex lurida CAR MAGE Carex magellanica CAR MERR Carex merritt-fernaldii CAR MOLE Carex molesta CAR MUHL Carex muhlenbergii CAR OVAT Carya ovata CAR PALL Carex pallescens CAR PELL Carex pellita CAR PRAI Carex prairea CAR PRAT Cardamine pratensis CAR RICH Carex richardsonii CAR SCOP Carex scoparia CAR SICC Carex siccata CAR SPRE Carex sprengelii CAR SYCH Carex sychnocephala CAR TENU Carex tenuiflora CAR TON1 Carex tonsa var. rugosperma Red-seeded Sedge CAR TON2 Carex tonsa var. tonsa CAR TRIB Carex tribuloides

Leathery Grape Fern Least Moonwort **Bearded Short-husk** Water-shield Kalm's Brome **Broad-glumed Brome** Hairy Brome Low Bindweed Narrow Reed Grass Grass Pink Marsh Bellflower Harebell Foxtail Sedge Aquatic Sedge Awned Sedge Back's Sedge Plains Oval Sedge **Bromelike Sedge Brownish Sedge** Silvery Sedge Hair-like Sedge **Tufted Sedae** Thin-leaved Sedge **Oval-headed Sedge Creeping Sedge Cut-leaved Toothwort** Crawford's Sedge Small Yellow Sedge White Edged Sedge Narrow-leaved Wood Sedge Purple Cress Little Prickly Sedge Pubescent Sedge Slender Sedge Spreading Sedge Mud Sedge Bottle-brush Sedge Stunted Sedge Merritt Fernald's Sedge **Troublesome Sedge** Muhlenberg's Sedge Shagbark Hickery Pale Sedge Woolly Sedge Prairie Sedge Cuckoo-flower **Richardson's Sedge Broom Sedge** Hay Sedge Spengel's Sedge Long-beaked Sedge Sparse-flowered Sedge Dark Green Sedge Blunt Broom Sedge

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CAR VESI Carex vesicaria CAR WOOD Carex woodii CAS COCC Castilleja coccinea CEA AMER Ceanothus americanus CEA HERB Ceanothus herbaceus CEP OCCI Cephalanthus occidentalis CER ARVE Cerastium arvense CER DEME Ceratophyllum demersum CHA CALY Chamaedaphne calvculata CHE CAPI Chenopodium capitatum CIN ARUN Cinna arundinacea CIR DISC Cirsium discolor CIR MUTI Cirsium muticum CLA VIRG Claytonia virginica COL CANA Collinsonia canadensis COM PERE Comptonia peregrina COM UMBE Comandra umbellata CON AMER Conopholis americana COR AMER Corvlus americana COR AMOM Cornus amomum COR AURE Corvdalis aurea COR MACU Corallorhiza maculata COR TRIF Corallorhiza trifida CRA FLAB Crataegus flabellata CAR SCHU Crataegus schuettei CRA SUBM Crataegus submollis CUS GRON Cuscuta gronovii CYN BORE Cynoglossum boreale CYP ACAU Cypripedium acaule CYP BIPA Cyperus bipartitus CYP CALC Cypripedium calceolus CYP ENGE Cyperus engelmannii CYP LUPU Cyperus lupulinus CYP REGI Cypripedium reginae DAL REPE Dalibarda repens DEC VERT Decodon verticillatus DEN PUNC Dennstaedtia punctilobula DES FLEX Deschampsia flexuosa DES NUDI Desmodium nudiflorum DES PANI Desmodium paniculatum DIC CUCU Dicentra cucullaria DIP PYCN Diplazium pycnocarpon DIP TRIS Diphasiastrum tristachyum DRO ROTU Drosera rotundifolia DRY FILI Dryopteris filix-mas DRY GOLD Dryopteris goldiana DUL ARUN Dulichium arundinaceum ECH WIEG Echinochloa wiegandii ELE ACIC Eleocharis acicularis ELE INTE Eleocharis intermedia ELO CANA Elodea canadensis ELY RIPA Elymus riparius ELY TRAC Elymus trachycaulus Epilobium coloratum EPI COLO

Inflated Sedge Wood's Sedge Indian Paintbrush New Jersey Tea Narrow-leaved New Jersey Tea Eastern Buttonbush Field Chickweed **Common Coontail** Leatherleaf Strawberry-blite Wood Reed Grass **Field Thistle** Swamp Thistle Virginia Spring Beauty Horsebalm Sweet-fern **Bastard Toad-flax** Squawroot American Hazel Silky Dogwood Golden Corvdalis Spotted Coral-root Early Coral-root Fan-leaved Hawthorn Schuette's Hawthorn Emerson's Hawthorn Swamp Dodder Northern Wild Comfrey Moccasin Flower **River Cyperus** Small Yellow Lady's Slipper Fragrant Umbrella Sedge Slender Cyperus Showy Lady's Slipper Dewdrop Water-willow Hay-scented Fern Common Hairgrass Naked-flowered Tick-trefoil Panicled Tick-trefoil Dutchman's-breeches Glade Fern Blue Ground-cedar Round-leaved Sundew Male Fern Goldie's Fern Three-way Sedge Western Barnyard Grass Needle Spike-rush Intermediate Spike-rush Canada Waterweed **River-bank Wild Rye Slender Wheat Grass** Purple-leaved Willow-herb



EPI REPE Epigaea repens EPI STRI Epilobium strictum EQU PALU Equisetum palustre EQU PRAT Equisetum pratense EQU SYLV Equisetum sylvaticum EQU VARI Equisetum variegatum ERA HYPN Eragrostis hypnoides ERI GRAC Eriophorum gracile ERI PULC Erigeron pulchellus ERI TENE Eriophorum tenellum ERI VAGI Eriophorum vaginatum ERI VIRG Eriophorum virginicum ERI VIRI Eriophorum viridi-carinatum EUO OBOV Euonymus obovata GAL BORE Galium boreale GAL CIRC Galium circaezans GAL LABR Galium labradoricum GAL OBTU Galium obtusum GAL SPEC Galearis spectabilis GAU HISP Gaultheria hispidula GAY BACC Gaylussacia baccata GEN ANDR Gentiana andrewsii GEN CRIN Gentianopsis crinita GER MACU Geranium maculatum GEU LACI Geum laciniatum GEU TRIF Geum triflorum GLY CANA Glyceria canadensis GLY SEPT Glyceria septentrionalis GNA MACO Gnaphalium macounii GNA OBTU Gnaphalium obtusifolium GOO PUBE Goodyera pubescens GOO TESS Goodyera tesselata GRA NEGL Gratiola neglecta HAC DEFL Hackelia deflexa HAM VIRG Hamamelis virginiana HED HISP Hedeoma hispidum HED LONG Hedvotis longifolia Helianthemum bicknellii HEL BICK HEL CANA Helianthemum canadense HEL DIVA Helianthus divaricatus HEL HELI Heliopsis helianthoides HEL STRU Helianthus strumosus HET DUBI Heteranthera dubia HIE KALM Hieracium kalmii HYP ASCY Hypericum ascyron HYP MAJU Hypericum majus HYP PUNC Hypericum punctatum IMP PALL Impatiens pallida JUG NIGR Juglans nigra Juncus alpinoarticulatus JUN ALPI Juncus brachycephalus JUN BRAC JUN BREV Juncus brevicaudatus JUN COMM Juniperus communis JUN VIRG Juniperus virginiana

Trailing Arbutus Downy Willow-herb Marsh Horsetail Meadow Horsetail Woodland Horsetail Variegated Scouring-rush **Tall Love Grass** Slender Cotton-grass Robin's-plantain Rough Cotton-grass **Dense Cotton-grass** Tawny Cotton-grass Thin-leaved Cotton-grass Running Strawberry-bush Northern Bedstraw White Wild Licorice Labrador Marsh Bedstraw Blunt-leaved Bedstraw Showy Orchis **Creeping Snowberry** Black Huckleberry **Closed Gentian** Fringed Gentian Wild Geranium **Rough Avens** Prairie Smoke Rattlesnake Manna Grass Floating Manna Grass Viscid Cudweed Fragrant Cudweed Downy Rattlesnake-plantain Checkered Rattlesnake-plantain Clammy Hedge-hyssop Spurred Stickseed Witch-hazel Rough Pennyroyal Long-leaved Bluets **Bicknell's Frostweed** Long-branched Frostweed Woodland Sunflower Fake Sunflower Pale-leaved Sunflower Water Star-grass Canada Hawkweed Great St. John's-wort Larger Canadian St. John's-wort Spotted St. John's-wort Pale Jewelweed Black Walnut Richardson's Rush Small-headed Rush Short-tailed Rush Common Juniper Eastern Red Cedar

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Bog Laurel Marsh Vetchling Intermediate Pinweed Labrador-tea White Cut Grass Round-headed Bush-clover Michigan Lily Wood Lily Spicebush Loesel's Twayblade Heartleaf Twayblade Cardinal-flower Kalm's Lobelia Pale-spiked Lobelia Hairy Honeysuckle Swamp Fly Honeysuckle Marsh Purslane Hairy Woodrush Stiff Club-moss **Running Club-moss** Hickey's Ground-pine Ground-pine Whorled Loosestrife Swamp Loosestrife White Adder's-mouth Green Adder's-mouth Water-marigold Cow-wheat Smith's Melic Grass Moonseed Bog Buckbean Wood Millet **One-flowered Pyrola** Leafy Satin Grass Wild Timothy Sweet Gale Pale Water-milfoil Mountain-holly **Bullhead Pond Lily** White Water-lily Small Sundrops **One-flowered Cancerroot** Slender Mountain-rice Black-fruited Mountain-rice Interrupted Fern Anise-root Common Wood Sorrel **Columbian Panic Grass** Starved Panic Grass **Broad-leaved Panic Grass** Narrow-leaved Panic Grass Few-flowered Panic Grass Dwarf Ginseng Switch Grass



PAN XANT Panicum xanthophysum PAR GLAU Parnassia glauca PAR PARV Parnassia parviflora PED CANA Pedicularis canadensis PEN DIGI Penstemon digitalis PEN HIRS Penstemon hirsutus PET FRIG Petasites frigidus PHE CONN Phegopteris connectilis PHL DIVA Phlox divaricata PHY AMER Phytolacca americana PHY OPUL Physocarpus opulifolius PHY VIRG Physalis virginiana PIC MARI Picea mariana **PIL FONT** Pilea fontana PIN RESI Pinus resinosa PLA HOOK Platanthera hookeri PLA LACE Platanthera lacera PLA OBTU Platanthera obtusata PLA PSYC Platanthera psycodes POA SALT Poa saltuensis POG OPHI Pogonia ophioglossoides POL CILI Polvaonum cilinode POL DOUG Polygonum douglassii POL HYDR Polygonum hydropiperoides POL LONC Polystichum lonchitis POL PENS Polygonum pensylvanicum POL POLY Polygala polygama POL PUNC Polygonum punctatum POL SENE Polygala senega POL VERT Polygala verticillata PON CORD Pontederia cordata POT AMPL Potamogeton amplifolius POT ARGU Potentilla arguta POT BERC Potamogeton berchtoldii POT EPIH Potamogeton epihydrus POT GRAM Potamogeton gramineus POT ILLI Potamogeton illinoensis POT NODO Potamogeton nodosus POT PALU Potentilla palustris POT RICH Potamogeton richardsonii POT SIMP Potentilla simplex POT ZOST Potamogeton zosteriformis PRU PUMI Prunus pumila PYC VIRG Pycnanthemum virginianum PYR AMER Pyrola americana PYR CHLO Pyrola chlorantha QUE VELU Quercus velutina RAN AQUA Ranunculus aquatilis RAN FASC Ranunculus fascicularis RAN FLAB Ranunculus flabellaris RAN PENS Ranunculus pensylvanicus RHU AROM Rhus aromatica RHU GLAB Rhus glabra RHU RADI Rhus radicans

Yellow Panic Grass American Grass-of-Parnassus Small-flowered Grass-of-Parnassus Canada Wood-betony Foxglove Beard-tongue Hairy Beard-tongue Palmate-leaved Sweet-coltsfoot Northern Beech Fern Wild Blue Phlox Pokeweed Ninebark Virginia Ground-cherry Black Spruce (native populations only) Spring Clearweed Red Pine (native populations only) Hooker's Orchid Ragged Fringed Orchid Small Northern Bog Orchis Smaller Purple-finged Orchid Two-rayed Poa Rose Pogonia Fringed Bindweed Douglas' Knotweed Mild Water-pepper Holly Fern Pink Knotweed Racemed Milkwort White Water-pepper Seneca-snakeroot Whorled Milkwort Pickerelweed Large-leaved Pondweed Tall Cinquefoil Berchtold's Pondweed **Ribbonleaf Pondweed** Variable-leaved Pondweed Illinois Pondweed **Knotty Pondweed** Marsh Cinquefoil **Richardson's Pondweed** Old-field Cinquefoil Flat-stemmed Pondweed Susquehanna Sand Cherry Virginia Mountain-mint Round-leaved Pyrola Greenish Pyrola Black Oak White Water Crowfoot Early Buttercup Yellow Water Crowfoot Bristly Buttercup Fragrant Sumac Smooth Sumac Climbing Poison-ivy



**RIB GLAN** Ribes glandulosum **RIB HIRT Ribes hirtellum RIB HUDS Ribes hudsonianum RIB LACU Ribes** lacustre ROS ACIC Rosa acicularis ROS CARO Rosa carolina ROS PALU Rosa palustris RUB CANA Rubus canadensis RUB FLAG Rubus flagellaris RUD LACI Rudbeckia laciniata SAG CUNE Sagittaria cuneata SAL CAND Salix candida SAL HUMI Salix humilis SAL NIGR Salix nigra SAL PEDI Salix pedicellaris SAL PYRI Salix pyrifolia Salix serissima SAL SERI SAN ODOR Sanicula odorata SAR PURP Sarracenia purpurea SAX VIRG Saxifraga virginiensis SCH PALU Scheuchzeria palustris SCH SCOP Schizachvrium scoparium Scirpus acutus SCI ACUT SCI FLUV Scirpus fluviatilis SCI PEND Scirpus pendulus SCR LANC Scrophularia lanceolata SEL RUPE Selaginella rupestris SEN AURE Senecio aureus SIC ANGU Sicyos angulatus SIL ANTI Silene antirrhina SOL BICO Solidago bicolor SOL HISP Solidago hispida SOL PATU Solidago patula SOL SQUA Solidago squarrosa Solidago uliginosa SOL ULIG SOR AMER Sorbus americana SOR NUTA Sorghastrum nutans SPA EURY Sparganium eurycarpum SPA PECT Spartina pectinata SPA NATA Sparganium natans SPI CASE Spiranthes casei SPI CERN Spiranthes cernua SPI LACE Spiranthes lacera SPI ROMA Spiranthes romanzoffiana SPI TOME Spiraea tomentosa STA PALU Stachys palustris Staphylea trifolia STA TRIF STE LONG Stellaria longifolia SYM FOET Symplocarpus foetidus Taenidia integerrima TAE INTE TEU CANA Teucrium canadense THE NOVE Thelypteris noveboracensis TRI AURA Triosteum aurantiacum Trichostema brachiatum TRI BRAC

Skunk Currant Smooth Gooseberry Northern Wild Black Current Swamp Black Currant **Prickly Rose** Pasture Rose Marsh Rose Smooth Blackberry Northern Dewberry Cut-leaf Coneflower Wedgeleaf Arrowhead Hoary Willow Upland Willow Black Willow **Bog Willow** Balsam Willow Autumn Willow **Clustered Sanicle** Pitcher-plant Early Saxifrage Marsh Scheuchzeria Little Bluestem Hard-stemmed Bulrush **River Bulrush** Lined Bulrush Lance-leaved Figwort **Rock Spike-moss** Golden Ragwort One-seeded Bur-cucumber Sleepy Catchfly Silver-rod Hairy Goldenrod **Rough-leaved Goldenrod** Stout Goldenrod **Bog Goldenrod** American Mountain-ash Indian Grass Giant Bur-reed Tall Cord Grass Small Bur-reed Case's Ladies' Tresses Nodding Ladies' Tresses Southern Ladies' Tresses Hooded Ladies' Tresses Hardhack Marsh Hedge-nettle Bladder-nut Long-leaved Stichwort Skunk-cabbage Yellow Pimpernel Wood Germander New York Fern Wild Coffee False Pennyroyal



TRI CERN	Trillium cernuum
TRI UNDU	Trillium undulatum
ULM THOM	Ulmus thomasii
UTR INTE	Utricularia intermedia
UTR MINO	Utricularia minor
UTR VULG	Utricularia vulgaris
VAC ANGU	Vaccinium angustifolium
VAC MACR	Vaccinium macrocarpon
VAC MYRT	Vaccinium myrtilloides
VAC OXYC	Vaccinium oxycoccos
VAL AMER	Vallisneria americana
VER SCUT	Veronica scutellata
VIB CASS	Viburnum cassinoides
VIB LANT	Viburnum lantanoides
VIB RAFI	Viburnum rafinesquianum
VIO ADUN	Viola adunca
VIO SAGI	Viola sagittata
WOL BORE	Wolffia borealis
WOL COLU	Wolffia columbiana
ZAN AMER	Zanthoxylum americanum
ZAN PALU	Zannichellia palustris
ZIG ELEG	Zigadenus elegans
ZIZ AURE	Zizia aurea
ZIZ PALU	Zizania palustris

Nodding Trillium Painted Trillium Rock Elm Flat-leaved Bladderwort Small Bladderwort Common Bladderwort Lowbush Blueberry Large Cranberry Velvet-leaf Blueberry Small Cranberry Tape-grass Marsh Speedwell Northern Wild-raisin Hobblebush Downy Arrow-wood Hooked-spur Violet Arrow-leaved Violet Northern Water-meal Columbia Water-meal Prickly-ash Horned Pondweed White Camass **Golden Alexanders** Northern Wild-rice



# Appendix A.2

## Provincially Rare Vascular Plants on the Oak Ridges Moraine (26 Species)

CODE	Scientific Name	Common Name	Status
	A waala aa ki ay awaa kiiia	Leves flavored	Dues in sielle Deue
AME AMAB	Amelanchier amabilis	Large-flowered Juneberry	Provincially Rare
AZO CARO	Azolla caroliniana	Eastern Mosquito Fern	Provincially Rare
BOT RUGU	Botrychium rugulosum	Rugulose Grape Fern	Provincially Rare
CAR FORM	Carex formosa	Handsome Sedge	Provincially Rare
CAR GRAC	Carex gracilescens	Slender Wood Sedge	Provincially Rare
CAR SCHW	Carex schweinitzii	Schweinitz's Sedge	Provincially Rare
COR ODON	Corallorhiza odontorhiza	Autumn Coral-root	Provincially Rare
CRA CORU	Crataegus corusca	Gleaming Hawthorn	Provincially Rare
EUO ATRO	Euonymus atropurpurea	Burning Bush	Provincially Rare
GEN QUIN	Gentianella quinquefolia	Stiff Gentian	Provincially Rare
HED CAER	Hedyotis caerulea	Bluets	Provincially Rare
LIA CYLI	Liatris cylindracea	Cylindric Blazing Star	Provincially Rare
LIN SULC	Linum sulcatum	Grooved Yellow Flax	Provincially Rare
LIP LILI	Liparis liliifolia	Purple Twayblade	SARO-listed Endangered
LUP PERE	Lupinus perennis	Wild Lupine	Provincially Rare
MON DIDY	Monarda didyma	Oswego-tea	Provincially Rare
PAN QUIN	Panax quinquefolius	American Ginseng	SARO-listed Endangered
PAN PERL	Panicum perlongum	Prolonged Panic Grass	2
PAN VILL	Panicum villosissimum	Hairy Panic Grass	Provincially Rare
PEL VIRG	Peltandra virginica	Green Arrow Arum	Provincially Rare
PLA BLEP	Platanthera blephariglottis	White Fringed Orchid	Provincially Rare
RAN HISP	Ranunculus hispidus var.	Hispid Buttercup	Provincially Rare
RAN RHOM	hispidus Ranunculus rhomboideus	Prairie Buttercup	Provincially Rare
SOL ARGU	Solidago arguta	Sharp-leaved Goldenrod	Provincially Rare
THA THAL	Thalictrum thalictroides	Tall Meadow-rue	Provincially Rare
VAL SITC	Valeriana sitchensis	Swamp Valerian	Provincially Rare



## Appendix A.3 Rare Breeding Birds on the Oak Ridges Moraine

Ten breeding bird species on the Oak Ridges Moraine are SARO-listed species at risk, being special concern (SC) or endangered (E) .

Another 51 breeding bird species are considered rare on the Oak Ridges Moraine, being known from 20 or fewer stations.

Common Loon **Pied-billed Grebe** Least Bittern (SC) American Bittern Yellow-crowned Night Heron Green-winged Teal American Black Duck Northern Pintail Gadwall Hooded Merganser Osprey Sharp-shinned Hawk Cooper's Hawk Northern Goshawk Red-shouldered Hawk (SC) **Broad-winged Hawk** Common Moorhen American Coot **Upland Sandpiper** Black Tern (SC) Barred Owl Long-eared Owl Short-eared Owl (SC) Northern Saw-whet Owl Red-headed Woodpecker (SC) Yellow-bellied Sapsucker **Olive-sided Flycatcher** Yellow-bellied Flycatcher Common Raven Sedge Wren Marsh Wren Golden-crowned Kinglet Ruby-crowned Kinglet Blue-gray Gnatcatcher Swainson's Thrush Hermit Thrush Northern Mockingbird Loggerhead Shrike (E) Blue-headed Vireo Yellow-throated Vireo Blue-winged Warbler

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Golden-winged Warbler Northern Parula Magnolia Warbler Cape May Warbler Black-throated Blue Warbler Yellow-rumped Warbler Black-throated Green Warbler Blackburnian Warbler Prairie Warbler Cerulean Warbler (SC) Prothonotary Warbler (E) Louisiana Waterthrush (SC) Hooded Warbler Canada Warbler Dicksissel Clay-colored Sparrow Henslow's Sparrow (E) Dark-eyed Junco Western Meadowlark **Orchard Oriole Red Crossbill** White-winged Crossbill Pine Siskin **Evening Grosbeak** 

#### Appendix A.4 Rare Fish on the Oak Ridges Moraine

Three fish species on the Oak Ridges Moraine are considered provincially rare (P) with 100 or fewer occurrences in the Province; two of these are SARO-listed species at risk, being special concern (SC) or threatened (T).

American Brook Lamprey (P) Northern Brook Lamprey (SC) Redside Dace (T)



# Appendix A.5 Rare Reptiles and Amphibians on the Oak Ridges Moraine

Seven reptile and amphibian species on the Oak Ridges Moraine are considered SARO-listed species at risk being special concern (SC) or threatened (T). These seven species and another 10 species are also considered rare on the Oak Ridges Moraine, being known from 20 or fewer stations in Site District 6E7, an area centered on the Moraine and an adjacent portion of the Niagara Escarpment.

Mink Frog Pickerel Frog Bullfrog Common Mudpuppy **Blue-spotted Salamander** Jefferson Salamander (T) Common Map Turtle (SC) Smooth Green Snake Blanding's Turtle (T) Northern Ribbon Snake Northern Ringneck Snake Eastern Hognose Snake (T) Northern Water Snake Massasauga (T) Northern Redbelly Snake Eastern Milk Snake (SC) Five-lined Skink (SC)

#### Appendix A.6 Rare Mammals on the Oak Ridges Moraine

Three mammal species on the Oak Ridges Moraine are considered SARO-listed species at risk, being, special concern (SC), threatened (T) or endangered (E).

Another 16 species are considered rare on the Oak Ridges Moraine, being known from 20 or fewer stations.

Southern Bog Lemming Pygmy Shrew Smoky Shrew Water Shrew Hairy-tailed Mole Northern Long-eared Bat Hoary Bat Eastern Red Bat Southern Flying Squirrel (SC) Northern Flying Squirrel Woodland Jumping Mouse Snowshoe Hare Moose Fisher River Otter

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Gray Fox (T) American Badger (E) Lynx Black Bear

# Appendix A.7 Rare Insects on the Oak Ridges Moraine

# **Butterflies - Provincial or National Species at Risk**

Provincially Rare Common Name	Scientific Name		
Sleepy Duskywing Olympia Marble	Erynnis brizo Euchloe olympia		
Hickory Hairstreak	Satyrium caryaevorum		
Edward's Hairstreak	Satyrium edwardsii		
Provincially Vulnerable			
West Virginia White	Pieris virginiensis		
Provincially Endangered - Historical Record			
Karner Blue	Lycaeides melissa samuelis		
Dragonflies and Damselflies - Provincial Species at Risk			

Provincially Rare		
Common Name	Scientific Name	
Eastern Red Damsel Lilypad Clubtail Ocellated Darner Delta-spotted Spiketail Twin-spotted Spiketail Azure Bluet Clamp-tipped Emerald Brush-tipped Emerald Williamson's Emerald Zebra Clubtail Black Meadowhawk	Amphiagrion saucium Arigomphus furcifer Boyeria grafiana Cordulegaster diastotops Cordulegaster maculata Enallagma asperum Somatochlora tenebrosa Somatochlora walshii Somatochlora williamsoni Syylurus scudderi Sympetrum danae	



# Appendix A.8 Provincially Rare Mosses on the Oak Ridges Moraine

Aulacomnium heterostichum Climacium americanum Cryto-hypnum pygmaeum Dichelyma capillaceum Drepanocladus capillofolius Ephemerum cohaerens Ephemerum spinulosum Homomallium adnatum Hypnum curvifolium Leskea obscura Meesia longiseta Orhtotrichum sordidum Phascum cuspidatum Platydictya confervoides Pottia davalliana Thelia hirtella Tortula papillosa

