Amphibian and Reptile Species List, NYS Breeding Bird Atlas Reports and Correspondence with Natural Heritage Program

List of Species Reported for the Patchogue, New York Quadrangle Topographic Map during the New York Amphibian and Reptile Atlas Project Survey (1990-1999)

American bullfrog
common garter snake
common snapping turtle
eastern box turtle
eastern milk snake
eastern ribbon snake
eastern tiger salamander
Fowler's toad
green frog
northern redback salamander
northern spring peeper
smooth green snake
wood frog

Rana catesbeiana
Thamnophis sirtalis
Chelydra serpentina
Terrapene carolina
Lampropeltis triangulum
Thamnophis sauritus
Ambtstoma tigrinum
Bufo fowleri
Rana clamitans
Plethodon c. cinereus
Pseudacris crucifer
Opheodrys vernalis
Rana sylvatica

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Block 6551A

2000-2005

Navigation Lools	Block 6551A Summary		
Perform Another Search	Total Species:	55	
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Sort by Field Card Order	Probable:	29	
Sort by Taxonomic Order	Confirmed:	19	
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Click on column heading to sort by that category.

List of Species Breeding in Atlas Block 6551A

Common Name	Scientific Name	Behavior Code	Date	NY Legal Status
American Crow	Corvus brachyrhyncho	os FY	6/9/2001	Game Species
American Goldfinch	Spinus tristis	T2	6/9/2001	Protected
American Robin	Turdus migratorius	FY	6/10/200	0 Protected
Baltimore Oriole	lcterus galbula	P2	6/25/200	0 Protected
Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	P2	6/9/2001	Protected
Belted Kingfisher	Megaceryle alcyon	P2	6/25/200	0 Protected
Black-and-white Warbler	Mniotilta varia	T2	6/9/2001	Protected
Black-capped Chickadee	Poecile atricapillus	FL	6/25/2000	Protected
Blue Jay	Cyanocitta cristata	FY	6/15/2003	Protected
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Polioptila caerulea	FL	6/9/2001	Protected
Blue-winged Warbler	Vermivora pinus	D2	6/8/2002	Protected
Brown Creeper	Certhia americana	X1	4/14/2002	Protected
Brown Thrasher	Toxostoma rufum	FY	6/25/2000	Protected
Brown-headed Cowbird	Molothrus ater	P2	6/9/2001	Protected
Canada Goose	Branta canadensis	P2	4/14/2002	Game Species
Carolina Wren	Thryothorus ludovicianus	P2		Protected
Cedar Waxwing	Bombycilla cedrorum	P2	6/25/2000	Protected
Chipping Sparrow	Spizella passerina	FY	6/8/2002	Protected
Common Grackle	Quiscalus quiscula	FL	6/9/2001	Protected
Common Yellowthroat	Geothlypis trichas	FY	6/25/2000	Protected
Downy Woodpecker	Picoides pubescens	B2	4/14/2002	Protected
Eastern Bluebird	Sialia sialis	P2	6/8/2002	Protected
Eastern Kingbird	Tyrannus tyrannus	NE	6/25/2000	Protected
Eastern Screech-Owl	Megascops asio	X1	2/20/2002	Protected
Eastern Towhee	Pipilo erythrophthalmus	FY	6/10/2000	Protected
Eastern Wood-Pewee	Contopus virens	P2	6/25/2000	Protected
European Starling	Sturnus vulgaris	ON	6/25/2000	Jnprotected
ield Sparrow	Spizella pusilla	FY	6/9/2001	Protected

row	Corvus ossifragus	P2	4/14/200	2 Protected
ду Catbird	Dumetella carolinensis	P2	6/25/2000	Protected
Great Crested Flycatcher	Myiarchus crinitus	ON	6/10/2000	Protected
Hairy Woodpecker	Picoides villosus	FY	6/9/2001	Protected
House Sparrow	Passer domesticus	P2	6/25/2000	Unprotected
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	P2	6/25/2000	Game Species
Mourning Dove	Zenaida macroura	P2	6/10/2000	Protected
Northern Bobwhite	Colinus virginianus	T2	6/8/2002	Game Species
Northern Cardinal	Cardinalis cardinalis	FY	6/9/2001	Protected
Northern Flicker	Colaptes auratus	T2	6/9/2001	Protected
Northern Mockingbird	Mimus polyglottos	X1	6/25/2000	Protected
Ovenbird	Seiurus aurocapilla	T2	6/9/2001	Protected
Pine Warbler	Dendroica pinus	FY	6/9/2001	Protected
Prairie Warbler	Dendroica discolor	P2	6/9/2001	Protected
Red-bellied Woodpecker	Melanerpes carolinus	T2	6/9/2001	Protected
Red-eyed Vireo	Vireo olivaceus	T2	6/9/2001	Protected
Red-tailed Hawk	Buteo jamaicensis	T2	6/9/2001	Protected
Red-winged Blackbird	Agelaius phoeniceus	P2	6/25/2000	Protected
Rock Pigeon	Columba livia	X1	6/25/2000	Unprotected
Scarlet Tanager	Piranga olivacea	X1	6/25/2000	Protected
Song Sparrow	Melospiza melodia	FY	6/9/2001	Protected
Tree Swallow	Tachycineta bicolor	X1	6/25/2000	Protected
Tufted Titmouse	Baeolophus bicolor	FL	6/25/2000	Protected
Veery	Catharus fuscescens	S2	6/25/2000	Protected
Wood Thrush	Hylocichla mustelina	T2	6/9/2001	Protected
Yellow Warbler	Dendroica petechia	T2	6/9/2001	Protected
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	Coccyzus americanus	X1	6/10/2000	Protected

Current Date: 7/1/2010





Block 6551B 2000-2005

Navigation Tools	Block 6551B Summary		
Perform Another Search	Total Species:	31	
Show All Records	Possible:	7	
Sort by Field Card Order	Probable:	10	
Sort by Taxonomic Order	Confirmed:	14	
View 1985 Data			

Click on column heading to sort by that category.

List of Species Breeding in Atlas Block 6551B

Common Name	Scientific Name	Behavior Code	Date	NY Legal Status
American Crow	Corvus brachyrhynchos	FL	6/7/2003	Game Species
American Robin	Turdus migratorius	FY	7/4/2003	Protected
Barn Swallow	Hirundo rustica	X1	9/4/2003	Protected
Black-capped Chickadee	Poecile atricapillus	FL	7/4/2003	Protected
Blue Jay	Cyanocitta cristata	FL	7/4/2003	Protected
Brown Thrasher	Toxostoma rufum	FY	7/4/2003	Protected
Brown-headed Cowbird	Molothrus ater	P2	6/7/2003	Protected
Carolina Wren	Thryothorus Iudovicianus	T2	4/25/2003	Protected
Common Grackle	Quiscalus quiscula	FS	5/15/2004	Protected
Common Yellowthroat	Geothlypis trichas	X1	6/7/2003	Protected
Downy Woodpecker	Picoides pubescens	X1	4/7/2002	Protected
Eastern Kingbird	Tyrannus tyrannus	D2	6/7/2003	Protected
Eastern Towhee	Pipilo erythrophthalmus	T2	4/25/2003	Protected
European Starling	Sturnus vulgaris	FY	5/15/2004	Unprotected
Field Sparrow	Spizella pusilla	FL	7/4/2003	Protected
Fish Crow	Corvus ossifragus	X1	6/7/2003	Protected
Gray Catbird	Dumetella carolinensis	T2	6/7/2003	Protected
House Finch	Carpodacus mexicanus	T2	6/7/2003	Protected
House Sparrow	Passer domesticus	ON	4/7/2002	Unprotected
House Wren	Troglodytes aedon	X1	7/4/2003	Protected
Killdeer	Charadrius vociferus	X1	6/7/2003	Protected
Mourning Dove	Zenaida macroura	FL	7/4/2003	Protected
Northern Cardinal	Cardinalis cardinalis	FL	6/7/2003	Protected
Northern Flicker	Colaptes auratus	T2	7/4/2003	Protected
Northern Mockingbird	Mimus polyglottos	FY	5/15/2004	Protected
Pine Warbler	Dendroica pinus	T2	6/7/2003	Protected
Red-tailed Hawk	Buteo jamaicensis	X1	4/25/2003	Protected
Red-winged Blackbird	Agelaius phoeniceus	FY	7/4/2003	Protected

Rock Pigeon	Columba livia	NE	4/7/2002	Unprotected
Song Sparrow	Melospiza melodia	T2	4/25/2003	Protected
Tufted Titmouse	Baeolophus bicolor	T2	6/7/2003	Protected

Current Date: 7/1/2010

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Transportation Land Development Environmental

Services



VHB Engineering, Surveying and Landscape Architecture, P.C. Affiliated with Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc.

June 14, 2010

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Ref: 27406.02

Ms. Tara Salerno
Information Services
New York Natural Heritage Program
New York State Department of
Environmental Conservation
625 Broadway, 5th Floor
Albany, New York 12233-4757

Re:

Proposed Transit-Orientated Development

Hamlet of Ronkonkoma

Towns of Brookhaven and Islip Suffolk County, New York

Dear Ms. Salerno:

VHB Engineering, Surveying and Landscape Architecture, P.C. ("VHB") has been contracted by the Town of Brookhaven, New York to prepare a Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement ("DGEIS") for the Land Use and Implementation Plan for the proposed Ronkonkoma Hub Transit-Oriented Development ("TOD"), the creation and adoption of the TOD zoning district and the rezoning of the project area to the TOD. The proposed TOD is an approximately 53.73±-acre area that includes the Long Island Railroad ("LIRR") – Ronkonkoma Train Station and other surrounding properties located within the Hamlet of Ronkonkoma, Towns of Brookhaven and Islip, Suffolk County, New York (see attached USGS Topographic map and aerial photograph).

In order to ensure that the DGEIS will address all significant issues, we are writing to ask whether there are any New York Natural Heritage Program records of rare plants, animals and/or natural communities or significant wildlife habitats on, or proximate to, the subject site.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter. If additional information is required, or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

VHB Engineering, Surveying and Landscape Architecture, P.C.

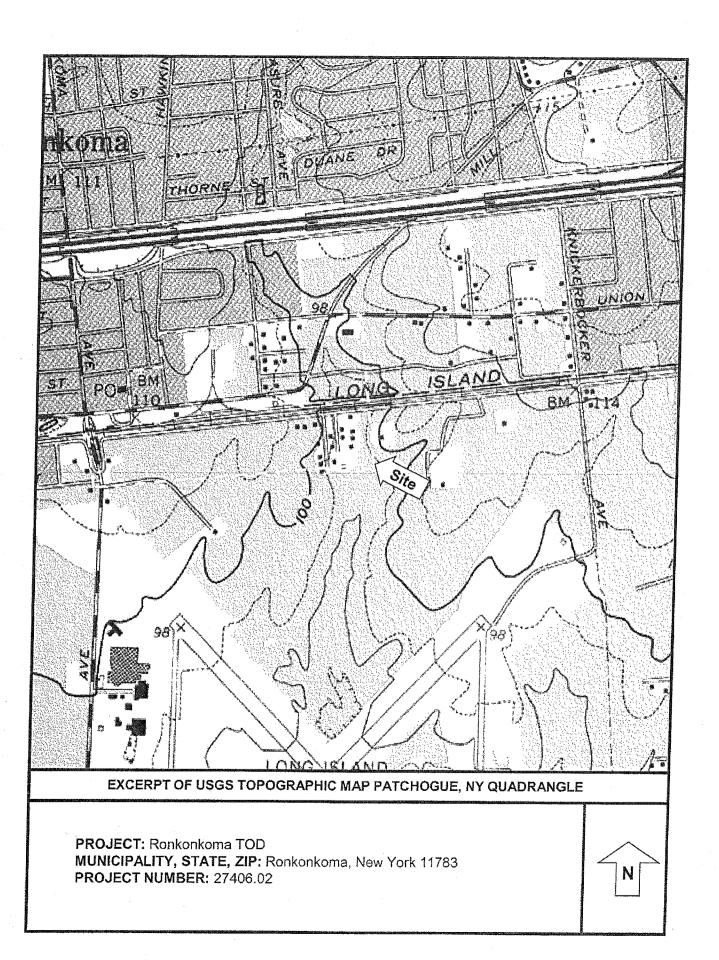
David Kennedy Project Scientist

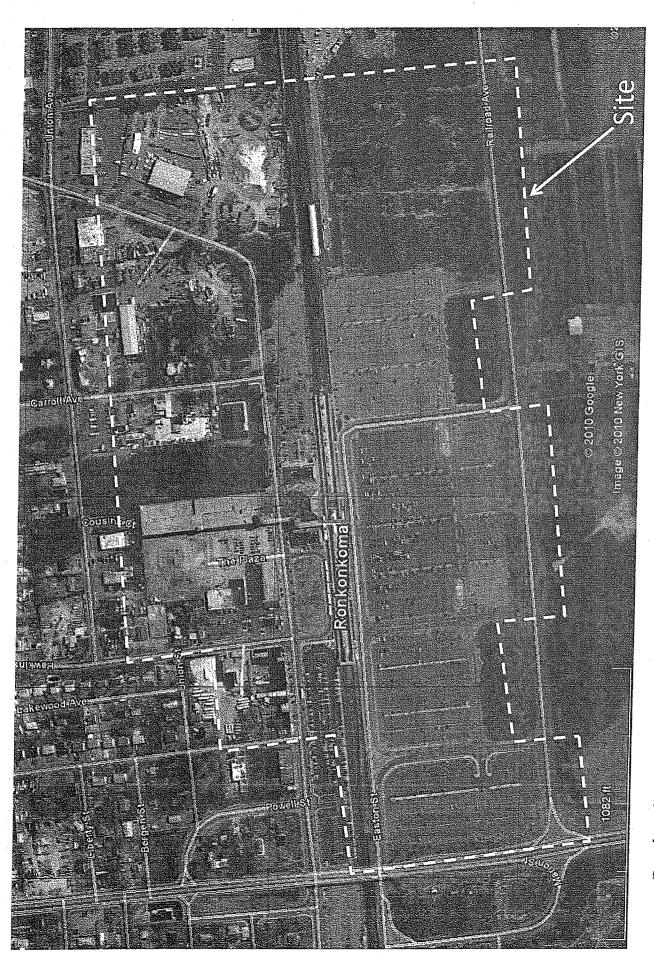
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Ronkonkoma TOD – Ronkonkoma, Suffolk County, New York

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Alexander B. Grannis
Commissioner

June 30, 2010

David Kennedy Vanasse Hangen Brustlin 2150 Joshuas Path, Suite 300 Hauppauge, NY 11788

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

In response to your recent request, we have reviewed the New York Natural Heritage Program database with respect to an Environmental Assessment for the proposed Ronkonkoma Hub Transit-Oriented Development – 53.73 Acres, area as indicated on the map you provided, located in the Towns of Brookhaven and Islip, Suffolk County.

Enclosed is a report of rare or state-listed animals and plants, significant natural communities, and other significant habitats, which our databases indicate occur, or may occur, on your site or in the immediate vicinity of your site. For most sites, comprehensive field surveys have not been conducted; the enclosed report only includes records from our databases. We cannot provide a definitive statement as to the presence or absence of all rare or state-listed species or natural communities. This information should not be substituted for on-site surveys that may be required for environmental impact assessment.

The enclosed report may be included in documents that will be available to the public. However, any enclosed maps displaying locations of rare species are considered sensitive information, and are intended only for the internal use of the recipient; they should not be included in any document that will be made available to the public, without permission from the New York Natural Heritage Program.

The presence of the plants and animals identified in the enclosed report may result in this project requiring additional review or permit conditions. For further guidance, and for information regarding other permits that may be required under state law for regulated areas or activities (e.g. regulated wetlands), please contact the appropriate NYS DEC Regional Office, Division of Environmental Permits, as listed at www.dec.ny.gov/about/39381.html.

Our databases are continually growing as records are added and updated. If this proposed project is still under development one year from now, we recommend that you contact us again so that we may update this response with the most current information.

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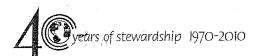
cc: Reg. 1, Wildlife Mgr.

Fara Salerno, Information Services

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~The information in this report includes only records entered into the NY Natural Heritage databases as of the date of the report. This report is not a definitive statement on the presence or absence of all rare species or significant natural communities at or in the vicinity of this site. ~Refer to the User's Guide for explanations of codes, ranks and fields.

~Location maps for certain species and communities may not be provided 1) if the species is vulnerable to disturbance, 2) if the location and/or extent is not precisely known, 3) if the location and/or extent is too large to display, and/or 4) if the animal is listed as Endangered or Threatened by New York State.

Natural Heritage Report on Rare Species and Ecological Communities



/ASCULAR PLANTS

Eurybia spectabilis

Showy Aster

Northern Blazing-star NY Legal Status: Threatened

Federal Listing:

1991-09-10 Last Report:

County:

Suffolk Islip

Town:

Location: MacArthur Airport

General Quality The plants are in the fields around the landing strips.

and Habitat:

Liatris scariosa var. novae-angliae

NY Legal Status: Threatened

1991-09-10

Federal Listing:

Last Report:

County:

Suffolk

Town:

Islip

Location:

Mac Arthur Airport

General Quality There are 150-220 plants in a large artificial grassland. The plants are in fields around landing

strips. and Habitat:

Sericocarpus linifolius

Flax-leaf Whitetop

NY Legal Status: Threatened

1991-09-10

Federal Listing:

Last Report:

Suffolk

County: Town:

Islip

Location:

MacArthur Airport

General Quality The plants are in the fields around the landing strips.

and Habitat:

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S2 - Imperiled

Global Rank: G5 - Secure

EO Rank:

NYS Rank:

Office Use

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S2 - Imperiled

Global Rank: G5?T3 - Vulnerable

EO Rank:

NYS Rank:

NYS Rank:

EO Rank:

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S2 - Imperiled 4910

G5 - Secure Global Rank:

Extant

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More detailed information about many of the rare and listed animals and plants in New York, including biology, identification, habitat, conservation, and management, are available online in Natural Heritage's Conservation Guides at www.acris.nynhp.org, from NatureServe Explorer at http://www.natureserve.org/explorer, from NYSDEC at http://www.natureserve.org/explorer, from NYSDEC at http://www.natureserve.org/explorer, from NYSDEC at http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/7494.html (for animals), and from USDA's Plants Database at http://plants.usda.gov/index.html (for plants).

More detailed information about many of the natural community types in New York, including identification, dominant and characteristic vegetation, distribution, conservation, and management, is available online in Natural Heritage's Conservation Guides at www.acris.nynhp.org. For descriptions of all community types, go to http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/29384.html and click on Draft Ecological Communities of New York State.

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HISTORICAL RECORDS

The following plants and animals were documented in the vicinity of the project site at one time, but have not been documented there since 1979 or earlier.

There is no recent information on these plants and animals in the vicinity of the project site and their current status there is unknown. In most cases the precise location of the plant or animal in this vicinity at the time it was last documented is also unknown and therefore location maps are generally not provided.

If appropriate habitat for these plants or animals is present in the vicinity of the project site, it is possible that they may still occur there.

Natural Heritage Report on Rare Species and Ecological Communities



VASCULAR PLANTS

Lespedeza stuevei

Velvety **Bush-clover**

NY Legal Status: Threatened

NYS Rank:

S2 - Imperiled

Office Use 3860

Federal Listing:

Last Report:

1928-09-11

Global Rank: G4? - Apparently secure

EO Rank:

Historical, no recent

information

County:

Town:

Suffolk Islip

Location:

Ronkonkoma

Directions: General Quality Ronkonkoma. Dry pine barrens.

and Habitat:

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Linum medium var. texanum

Southern Yellow

Flax

NY Legal Status: Threatened

NYS Rank:

Office Use S2 - Imperiled

5488.

Federal Listing:

Last Report:

1925-09-23

Global Rank: G5T5 - Secure

Historical, no recent

County:

Suffolk

EO Rank:

Town:

information

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Location:

Brookhaven, Islip, Smithtown

Ronkonkoma

Directions:

Ronkonkoma.

Use

General Quality Dry, sandy, oak woods.

350

and Habitat:

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Scleria pauciflora var. caroliniana

Few-flowered

NY Legal Status: Endangered

NYS Rank:

S1 - Critically imperiled

Office Use 4847

Nutrush

Federal Listing: Last Report:

Global Rank: G5T4T5 - Apparently secure

EO Rank:

Historical, no recent

information

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44070

County:

Suffolk

Town:

Brookhaven, Islip, Smithtown

Location: Directions: Ronkonkoma Ronkonkoma.

1922-09-25

General Quality and Habitat:

Symphyotrichum concolor var. concolor

Silvery Aster

NY Legal Status: Endangered

NYS Rank:

S1 - Critically imperiled

7593

Office Use

Federal Listing: Last Report:

1928-09-20

Global Rank: EO Rank:

G5T5 - Secure Historical, no recent

information

County:

Suffolk

Town:

Brookhaven, Islip, Smithtown

Location:

Ronkonkoma Ronkonkoma.

Directions: General Quality

Dry sandy barrens.

and Habitat:

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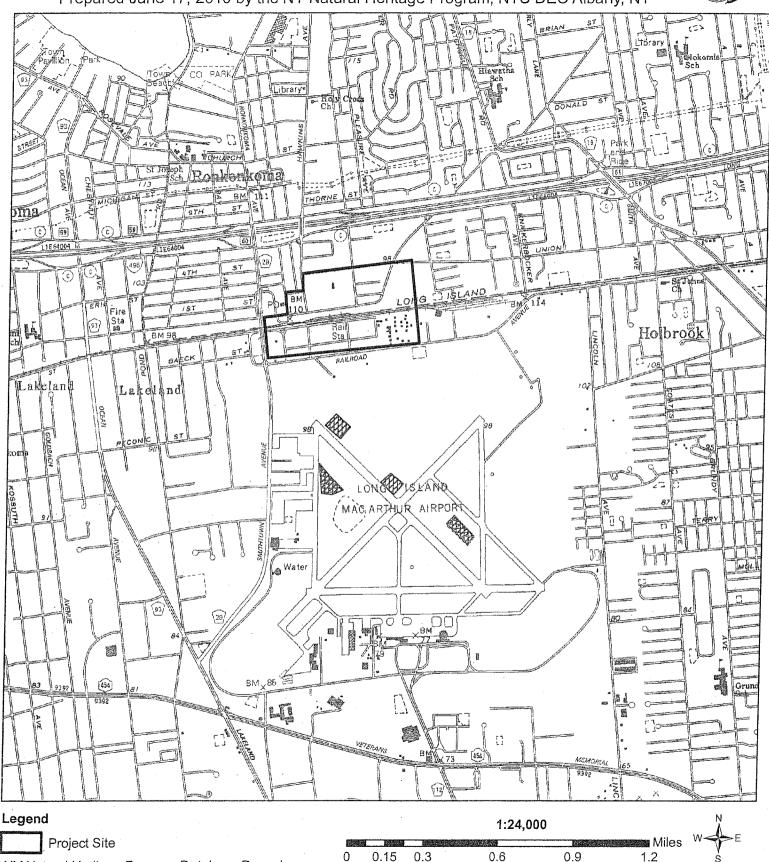
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Prepared June 17, 2010 by the NY Natural Heritage Program, NYS DEC Albany, NY



NY Natural Heritage Program Database Records

Flax-leaf Whitetop

Northern Blazing-star

Showy Aster

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USERS GUIDE TO NY NATURAL HERITAGE DATA

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NATURAL HERITAGE PROGRAM: The NY Natural Heritage Program is a partnership between the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC) and The Nature Conservancy. Our Mission is to facilitate the conservation of New York's biodiversity by providing comprehensive information and scientific expertise on rare species and natural ecosystems to resource managers and other conservation partners. We accomplish this mission by combining thorough field inventories, scientific analyses, expert interpretation, and the most comprehensive database on New York's distinctive biodiversity to deliver the highest quality information for natural resource planning, protection, and management.

DATA SENSITIVITY: The data provided in the report are ecologically sensitive and should be treated in a sensitive manner. The report is for your in-house use and should <u>not</u> be released, distributed or incorporated in a public document without prior permission from the Natural Heritage Program.

EO RANK: A letter code for the quality of the occurrence of the rare species or significant natural community, based on population size or area, condition, and landscape context.

A-E = Extant: A=Excellent, B=Good, C=Fair, D=Poor, E=Extant but with insufficient data to assign a rank of A-D.

F = Failed to find. Did not locate species during a limited search, but habitat is still there and further field work is justified.

H = Historical. Historical occurrence without any recent field information.

X = Extirpated. Field/other data indicates element/habitat is destroyed and the element no longer exists at this location.

U = Extant/Historical status uncertain.

Blank = Not assigned.

LAST REPORT: The date that the rare species or significant natural community was last observed at this location, as documented in the Natural Heritage databases. The format is most often YYYY-MM-DD.

NY LEGAL STATUS - Animals:

Categories of Endangered and Threatened species are defined in New York State Environmental Conservation Law section 11-0535. Animals listed as Endangered, Threatened, or Special Concern are protected against taking, importation, transportation, possession, or sale without a permit Endangered, Threatened, and Special Concern species are listed in regulation 6NYCRR 182.5.

- E Endangered Species: any species which meet one of the following criteria:
 - Any native species in imminent danger of extirpation or extinction in New York.
 - Any species listed as endangered by the United States Department of the Interior, as enumerated in the Code of Federal Regulations 50 CFR 17.11.
- T-Threatened Species: any species which meet one of the following criteria:
 - Any native species likely to become an endangered species within the foreseeable future in NY.
 - Any species listed as threatened by the U.S. Department of the Interior, as enumerated in the Code of the Federal Regulations 50 CFR 17.11.
- SC Special Concern Species: those species which are not yet recognized as endangered or threatened, but for which documented concern exists for their continued welfare in New York.
- P Protected Wildlife (defined in Environmental Conservation Law section 11-0103): wild game, protected wild birds, and endangered species of wildlife.
- U Unprotected (defined in Environmental Conservation Law section 11-0103): the species may be taken at any time without limit; however a license to take may be required.
- G Game (defined in Environmental Conservation Law section 11-0103): any of a variety of big game or small game species as stated in the Environmental Conservation Law; many normally have an open season for at least part of the year, and are protected at other times.

NY LEGAL STATUS - Plants:

The following categories are defined in regulation 6NYCRR part 193.3 and apply to NYS Environmental Conservation Law section 9-1503.

- E Endangered Species: listed species are those with:
 - . 5 or fewer extant sites, or
 - · fewer than 1,000 individuals, or
 - · restricted to fewer than 4 U.S.G.S. 7 ½ minute topographical maps, or
 - species listed as endangered by U.S. Dept. of Interior, as enumerated in Code of Federal Regulations 50 CFR 17.11.
- T Threatened: listed species are those with:
 - . 6 to fewer than 20 extant sites, or
 - 1,000 to fewer than 3,000 individuals, or
 - restricted to not less than 4 or more than 7 U.S.G.S. 7 and ½ minute topographical maps, or
 - listed as threatened by U.S. Department of Interior, as enumerated in Code of Federal Regulations 50 CFR 17.11.