

## **APPENDIX F**

### **Determination of Potential Rare Plant Sites**

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The first step in conducting the rare vascular plant modeling exercise was to obtain a list of rare species for Labrador. A list of 183 uncommon to very rare vascular plant species was provided by the Atlantic Canada Conservation Data Centre (ACCDC) (Table F-1).

<b>Table F-1: Uncommon and Rare Vascular Plants of Labrador</b>		
<b>Binomial</b>	<b>Common Name</b>	<b>S-rank</b>
<i>Acer spicatum</i>	Mountain Maple	S1
<i>Actaea rubra</i> ssp. <i>rubra</i>	Red Baneberry	S3S4
<i>Agrostis scabra</i> var. <i>septentrionalis</i>	Rough Bentgrass	S2S3
<i>Agrostis stolonifera</i>	Spreading Bentgrass	S2S4
<i>Ammophila breviligulata</i>	American Beachgrass	S1S2
<i>Anemone parviflora</i>	Small-Flower Anemone	S3S4
<i>Anemone richardsonii</i>	Yellow Anemone	S1
<i>Angelica lucida</i>	Angelica	S1S2
<i>Arabis drummondii</i>	Drummond Rockcress	S1S2
<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i>	Bearberry	S2S3
<i>Arethusa bulbosa</i>	Swamp-Pink	S1
<i>Armeria maritima</i> ssp. <i>sibirica</i>	Sea Pink	S3S4
<i>Asplenium trichomanes-ramosum</i>	Green Spleenwort	S1
<i>Astragalus eucosmus</i>	Pretty Milk-Vetch	S1S2
<i>Astragalus robbinsii</i> var. <i>fernaldii</i>	Robbins' Milkvetch	S1
<i>Astragalus robbinsii</i> var. <i>minor</i>	Robbins' Milk-Vetch	S1S2
<i>Athyrium americanum</i>	Alpine Lady Fern	S1
<i>Botrychium lanceolatum</i> var. <i>lanceolatum</i>	Lance-Leaved Moonwort	S1
<i>Botrychium matricariifolium</i>	Chamomile Grape-Fern	S1
<i>Botrychium multifidum</i>	Leathery Grape-Fern	S1
<i>Botrychium virginianum</i>	Rattlesnake Fern	S1
<i>Braya glabella</i>	Smooth Rockcress	S2S3
<i>Cakile edentula</i> var. <i>edentula</i>	American Sea-Rocket	S2S3
<i>Caltha palustris</i>	Marsh Marigold	S1
<i>Campanula uniflora</i>	Arctic Harebell	S2S3?
<i>Cardamine pensylvanica</i>	Pennsylvania Bitter-Cress	S2S3
<i>Carex adelostoma</i>	A Sedge	S1S2
<i>Carex aurea</i>	Golden-Fruited Sedge	S1S2
<i>Carex bipartita</i>	Arctic Hare's-Foot Sedge	S3?
<i>Carex buxbaumii</i>	Buxbaum's Sedge	S3?
<i>Carex capitata</i>	Capitate Sedge	S3?
<i>Carex castanea</i>	Chestnut-Colored Sedge	S1S2
<i>Carex chordorrhiza</i>	Creeping Sedge	S3?
<i>Carex concinna</i>	Beautiful Sedge	S1S2
<i>Carex crawfordii</i>	Crawford Sedge	S1S2
<i>Carex diandra</i>	Lesser Panicked Sedge	S1S2
<i>Carex foenea</i>	Dry-Spike Sedge	S2S3
<i>Carex glacialis</i>	Alpine Sedge	S2S3
<i>Carex intumescens</i>	Bladder Sedge	S1S2
<i>Carex leptonevia</i>	Finely-Nerved Sedge	S2S3
<i>Carex mackenziei</i>	Mackenzie Sedge	S2S3
<i>Carex macloviana</i>	Falkland Island Sedge	S3?
<i>Carex maritima</i>	Seaside Sedge	S1S2

<b>Table F-1: Uncommon and Rare Vascular Plants of Labrador</b>		
<b>Binomial</b>	<b>Common Name</b>	<b>S-rank</b>
<i>Carex membranacea</i>	A Sedge	S1S2
<i>Carex michauxiana</i>	Michaux Sedge	S1S2
<i>Carex microglochin</i>	False Uncinia Sedge	S1S2
<i>Carex misandra</i>	Short-Leaf Sedge	S3?
<i>Carex nardina</i>	Nard Sedge	S1S2
<i>Carex paleacea</i>	Chaffy Sedge	S2S3
<i>Carex praticola</i>	Northern Meadow Sedge	S3?
<i>Carex projecta</i>	Necklace Sedge	S1S2
<i>Carex rupestris</i>	Rock Sedge	S2S3
<i>Carex salina</i>	Salt-Marsh Sedge	S1S2
<i>Carex silicea</i>	Sea-Beach Sedge	S1S2
<i>Carex stipata</i>	Stalk-Grain Sedge	S2S3
<i>Carex umbellata</i>	Hidden Sedge	S1S2
<i>Carex ursina</i>	Bear Sedge	S1S2
<i>Carex viridula</i> ssp. <i>viridula</i>	A Sedge	S1S2
<i>Carex williamsii</i>	A Sedge	S1
<i>Catabrosa aquatica</i>	Brook Grass	S1S2
<i>Chrysosplenium tetrandrum</i>	Northern Golden-Carpet	S1
<i>Circaea alpina</i> ssp. <i>alpina</i>	Small Enchanter's Nightshade	S3S4?
<i>Comandra umbellata</i> ssp. <i>umbellata</i>	Umbellate Bastard Toad-Flax	S1
<i>Corydalis sempervirens</i>	Pale Corydalis	S3S4
<i>Crepis nana</i>	Dwarf Alpine Hawksbeard	S1S2
<i>Cryptogramma stelleri</i>	Fragile Rockbrake	S2S3
<i>Cystopteris montana</i>	Mountain Bladder Fern	S1S2
<i>Descurainia incana</i>	Richardson Tansy-Mustard	S1S2
<i>Draba alpina</i>	Alpine Whitlow-Grass	S1S2
<i>Draba aurea</i>	Golden Draba	S3?
<i>Draba cana</i>	Hoary Draba	S1
<i>Draba crassifolia</i>	Snowbed Whitlow-Grass	S2S3
<i>Draba fladnizensis</i> var. <i>fladnizensis</i>	White Arctic Whitlow-Grass	S2S3
<i>Draba lactea</i>	Milky Whitlow-Grass	S3?
<i>Dryopteris campyloptera</i>	Mountain Wood-Fern	S3?
<i>Dryopteris fragrans</i>	Fragrant Cliff Wood-Fern	S2S4
<i>Equisetum fluviatile</i>	Water Horsetail	S1S3
<i>Equisetum palustre</i>	Marsh Horsetail	S1
<i>Equisetum pratense</i>	Meadow Horsetail	S1
<i>Equisetum scirpoides</i>	Dwarf Scouring Rush	S1
<i>Equisetum variegatum</i> var. <i>variegatum</i>	Variegated Horsetail	S2?
<i>Eriocaulon aquaticum</i>	Seven-Angled Pipewort	S1S2
<i>Eutrema edwardsii</i>	Edward Eutrema	S1S2
<i>Festuca altaica</i>	Northern Rough Fescue	S1S2
<i>Festuca brachyphylla</i> ssp. <i>brachyphylla</i>	Short-Leaved Fescue	S2S4
<i>Festuca saximontana</i>	Rocky Mountain Fescue	S1
<i>Festuca vivipara</i>	Viviparous Fescue	S1S2
<i>Galium triflorum</i>	Sweet-Scent Bedstraw	S2S3
<i>Gentianella amarella</i> ssp. <i>acuta</i>	Northern Gentian	S2?
<i>Gentianella propinqua</i> ssp. <i>propinqua</i>	Four-Part Gentian	S1
<i>Geum rivale</i>	Purple Avens	S1S2
<i>Halenia deflexa</i>	Spurred Gentian	S2S3
<i>Hedysarum alpinum</i>	Apline Sweet-Vetch	S1S2
<i>Hutchinsia procumbens</i>	Prostrate Hymenolobus	S1S2

Table F-1: Uncommon and Rare Vascular Plants of Labrador		
Binomial	Common Name	S-rank
<i>Iris versicolor</i>	Blueflag	S2S3
<i>Isoetes lacustris</i>	Lake Quillwort	S1
<i>Juncus balticus</i>	Baltic Rush	S3
<i>Juncus tenuis</i>	Slender Rush	S1?
<i>Juncus vaseyi</i>	Vasey Rush	S1
<i>Koenigia islandica</i>	Island Koenigia	S2S3
<i>Lathyrus japonicus</i>	Beach Pea	S2S3
<i>Lathyrus palustris</i>	Vetchling Peavine	S1S2
<i>Lesquerella arctica</i>	Artic Bladderpod	S1S2
<i>Limonium carolinianum</i>	Sea-Lavender	S1
<i>Limosella australis</i>	Mudwort	S1
<i>Lycopodiella inundata</i>	Bog Clubmoss	S2S3
<i>Lysimachia terrestris</i>	Swamp Loosestrife	S1
<i>Mentha canadensis</i>	Canadian Mint	S2S3
<i>Mitella nuda</i>	Naked Bishop's-Cap	S2?
<i>Monotropa uniflora</i>	Indian-Pipe	S1S3?
<i>Myriophyllum sibiricum</i>	Common Water-Milfoil	S2S3
<i>Myriophyllum tenellum</i>	Slender Water-Milfoil	S1?
<i>Nuphar lutea ssp. variegata</i>	Yellow Cowlily	S3S4
<i>Onoclea sensibilis</i>	Sensitive Fern	S2S3?
<i>Oryzopsis pungens</i>	Slender Mountain-Ricegrass	S1S2
<i>Osmunda claytoniana</i>	Interrupted Fern	S2S4
<i>Oxalis montana</i>	White Wood-Sorrel	S1S3
<i>Oxytropis campestris var. johannensis</i>	St. John's Oxytrope	S1
<i>Oxytropis podocarpa</i>	Gray's Point-Vetch	S1S2
<i>Parnassia kotzebuei</i>	Kotzebue's Grass-of-Parnassus	S3S4
<i>Pedicularis hirsuta</i>	Hairy Lousewort	S2S4
<i>Pentaphylloides floribunda</i>	Shrubby Cinquefoil	S2S3
<i>Phippsia algida</i>	Ice Grass	S3?
<i>Pinguicula villosa</i>	Hairy Butterwort	S2S3
<i>Pinus banksiana</i>	Jack Pine	S1?
<i>Platanthera obtusata</i>	Small Northern Bog-Orchid	S3S4
<i>Pleuropogon sabinei</i>	Sabine-Grass	S1
<i>Poa flexuosa</i>	Wavy Bluegrass	S1
<i>Polygonum buxiforme</i>	Small's Knotweed	S1
<i>Polygonum fowleri</i>	Fowler Knotweed	S1
<i>Polypodium virginianum</i>	Rock Polypody	S2S3?
<i>Polystichum braunii</i>	Braun's Holly-Fern	S1
<i>Populus balsamifera ssp. balsamifera</i>	Balsam Poplar	S2S3
<i>Populus tremuloides</i>	Quaking Aspen	S2S3
<i>Potamogeton confervoides</i>	Algae-Like Pondweed	S1?
<i>Potamogeton oakesianus</i>	Oakes Pondweed	S1S3
<i>Potamogeton obtusifolius</i>	Blunt-Leaf Pondweed	S1?
<i>Potamogeton praelongus</i>	White-Stem Pondweed	S1
<i>Potamogeton pusillus var. tenuissimus</i>	Slender Pondweed	S1?
<i>Potamogeton richardsonii</i>	Redhead Grass	S1?
<i>Potentilla nana</i>	Arctic Cinquefoil	S2S3
<i>Potentilla pulchella var. pulchella</i>	Pretty Cinquefoil	S1S2
<i>Primula egaliksensis</i>	Greenland Primrose	S3S4
<i>Primula laurentiana</i>	Bird's-Eye Primrose	S3S4
<i>Primula mistassinica</i>	Bird's-Eye Primrose	S2

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<i>Prunus pensylvanica</i>	Fire Cherry	S2S3
<i>Pyrola chlorantha</i>	Greenish-Flowered Wintergreen	S2S3
<i>Ranunculus abortivus</i>	Kidney-Leaved Buttercup	S2
<i>Ranunculus allenii</i>	Allen Buttercup	S2S3
<i>Ranunculus hispidus</i> var. <i>caricetorum</i>	Hispid Buttercup	S1
<i>Ranunculus lapponicus</i>	Lapland Buttercup	S2S3
<i>Ranunculus nivalis</i>	Snowy Buttercup	S2
<i>Ranunculus pedatifidus</i> var. <i>affinis</i>	Northern Buttercup	S2
<i>Ranunculus pensylvanicus</i>	Bristly Crowfoot	S1
<i>Ranunculus pygmaeus</i>	Dwarf Buttercup	S3
<i>Ranunculus sulphureus</i>	Sulphur Butter-Cup	S1S2?
<i>Ribes lacustre</i>	Bristly Black Currant	S2S3
<i>Salix eriocephala</i>	Heart-Leaved Willow	S1
<i>Salix myricoides</i> var. <i>myricoides</i>	Blue-Leaf Willow	S1
<i>Sarracenia purpurea</i> ssp. <i>gibbosa</i>	Northern Pitcher-Plant	S2S3
<i>Saxifraga foliolosa</i>	Leafy Saxifrage	S2S3
<i>Saxifraga nivalis</i>	Snow Saxifrage	S3
<i>Saxifraga paniculata</i>	White Mountain Saxifrage	S3S4
<i>Saxifraga stellaris</i>	Star Saxifrage	S1S2
<i>Saxifraga tenuis</i>	Ottertail Pass Saxifrage	S3
<i>Saxifraga tricuspidata</i>	Prickly Saxifrage	S1
<i>Scheuchzeria palustris</i>	Pod Grass	S3
<i>Schizachne purpurascens</i>	Purple Oat	S2S3
<i>Scirpus microcarpus</i>	Small-Fruit Bulrush	S2S3
<i>Scutellaria galericulata</i>	Hooded Skullcap	S2S3
<i>Sparganium glomeratum</i>	Northern Bur-Reed	S1?
<i>Thalictrum alpinum</i>	Alpine Meadow-Rue	S1
<i>Tofieldia glutinosa</i>	Sticky False-Asphodel	S1?
<i>Urtica dioica</i> ssp. <i>gracilis</i>	Stinging Nettle	S2?
<i>Utricularia cornuta</i>	Horned Bladderwort	S2S3
<i>Valeriana dioica</i> var. <i>sylvatica</i>	Wood Valerian	S1
<i>Veronica scutellata</i>	Marsh-Speedwell	S2S3
<i>Viola blanda</i>	Smooth White Violet	S1S3
<i>Viola selkirkii</i>	Great-Spurred Violet	S2S4
<i>Woodsia alpina</i>	Northern Woodsia	S1
<i>Woodsia glabella</i>	Smooth Woodsia	S3S4
<i>Woodsia ilvensis</i>	Rusty Woodsia	S3S4
<i>Zostera marina</i>	Sea-Wrack	S1S2
<b>*Species Provincial S-Rank Brief Definitions</b>		
S1 - Extremely rare throughout its range in the province (typically 5 or fewer occurrences or very few remaining individuals). May be especially vulnerable to extirpation.		
S2 - Rare throughout its range in the province (6 to 20 occurrences or few remaining individuals). May be vulnerable to extirpation due to rarity or other factors.		
S3 - Uncommon throughout its range in the province, or found only in a restricted range, even if abundant in some locations. (21 to 100 occurrences).		
S4 - Usually widespread, fairly common throughout its range in the province, and apparently secure with many occurrences, but the species is of long-term concern (e.g. watch list). (100+ occurrences).		
S5 - Demonstrably widespread, abundant, and secure throughout its range in the province, and essentially ineradicable under present conditions.		
S#S# - Numeric range rank: A range between two consecutive numeric ranks. Denotes uncertainty about the exact rarity of the species (e.g., S1S2).		
? - Inexact or uncertain: for numeric ranks, denotes inexactness, e.g., SE? denotes uncertainty of exotic status. (The ? Qualifies the character immediately preceding it in the SRANK).		

A two step process was undertaken to screen out species unlikely to be found in the vicinity of the highway. First, species distribution data for the identified uncommon or rare species were consulted to determine if the study area was outside of the known range. Range data were derived from Meades et al. (2000). Meades et al. (2000) divides Labrador into five regions: western, northern (north of the Churchill River Basin), central (Lake Melville/Churchill River Basin), southern (west and south of the Churchill River Basin, excluding the southeastern coastal area), and southeastern (southeastern corner of Labrador along the Strait of Belle Isle). The proposed highway is located within the central and southern regions, thus species not found in these regions were excluded from the ACCDC list. This process reduced the list of candidate species to 115.

The habitat preferences of the remaining 115 species were reviewed and compared to habitat data collected along the proposed highway route in order to determine if suitable habitat was present. The habitat preferences for these species were derived from a variety of sources, including Meades et al. (2000), Hinds (2000), Bouchard et al. (1991), Britton and Brown (1970), Hultén (1968), and Fernald (1950). Since habitat preferences of plant species can change with latitude, sources of habitat information derived from areas close to Labrador, were used preferentially over sources from more distant locations. Habitat preferences of the 115 uncommon and rare species are provided in Table F-2.

<b>Species</b>	<b>Habitat</b>	<b>Source</b>
<i>Actaea rubra</i> ssp. <i>rubra</i>	Woods and thickets	Fernald 1950
<i>Agrostis scabra</i> var. <i>septentrionalis</i>	Wet sands, peats and barrens	Fernald 1950
<i>Agrostis stolonifera</i>	Damp thickets, swales, shores, etc. and fields and roadsides	Fernald 1950
<i>Anemone parviflora</i>	In wet or dry calcareous soil (Fernald 1950); Meadows, heaths, stony slopes and snow beds (Hultén 1968)	Fernald 1950; Hultén 1968
<i>Angelica lucida</i>	Rocky and gravelly coast, subalpine meadows	Fernald 1950
<i>Arabis drummondii</i>	Basic or circumneutral ledges, gravels and thickets (Fernald 1950); Dry, rocky slopes (Hultén 1968)	Fernald 1950; Hultén 1968
<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i>	On exposed rocks and sands (Fernald 1950); Dry, sandy places (Hultén 1968)	Fernald 1950; Hultén 1968
<i>Arethusa bulbosa</i>	Sphagnum bogs and peaty meadows	Fernald 1950
<i>Armeria maritima</i> ssp. <i>sibirica</i>	Common on cliffs along the sea, rare inland	Hultén 1968
<i>Asplenium trichomanes-ramosum</i>	Shaded, often calcareous, rock-crevices	Fernald 1950
<i>Astragalus robbinsii</i> var. <i>fernaldii</i>	Calcareous cliffs and talus, river gravels, sandy beach	Meades et al. 2000
<i>Botrychium lanceolatum</i> var. <i>lanceolatum</i>	Meadows, peaty slopes, clearings (Fernald 1950); Dryish meadow slopes (Bouchard et al. 1991)	Fernald 1950; Bouchard et al. 1991
<i>Botrychium multifidum</i>	Peaty, loamy or gravelly slopes, plains, thickets and clearings (Fernald 1950); Sandy meadows and woods (Hultén 1968)	Fernald 1950; Hultén 1968
<i>Botrychium virginianum</i>	Rich deciduous or mixed woods (Fernald 1950); Woods and meadows with a preference for calcareous soil (Hultén 1968)	Fernald 1950; Hultén 1968
<i>Caltha palustris</i>	Swamps, wet meadows, and wet woods (Fernald 1950); Moist places (Hultén 1968)	Fernald 1950
<i>Campanula uniflora</i>	Arctic region to calcareous alpine areas	Fernald 1950
<i>Cardamine pensylvanica</i>	Springs, rills, wet clearings, etc., "our commonest species"	Fernald 1950

<b>Table F-2: Habitat preferences of uncommon and rare vascular plants found in south and central Labrador.</b>		
<b>Species</b>	<b>Habitat</b>	<b>Source</b>
<i>Carex adelostoma</i>	Boggy Marshes	Meades et al. 2000
<i>Carex aurea</i>	Meadows, springy banks, and damp shores (chiefly calcareous)	Fernald 1950
<i>Carex bipartita</i>	Slopes of slaty and quartzite hills	Bouchard et al. 1991
<i>Carex buxbaumii</i>	Wet shores, swamps and bogs	Fernald 1950
<i>Carex capitata</i>	Peaty margins of pools in limestone barrens	Bouchard et al. 1991
<i>Carex castanea</i>	Calcareous woods, thickets, shores and meadows	Fernald 1950
<i>Carex chordorrhiza</i>	Sedge marshes along the coast	Bouchard et al. 1991
<i>Carex crawfordii</i>	Damp dry open ground, rarely in woods	Bouchard et al. 1991
<i>Carex diandra</i>	Peaty bogs, swamps, etc., oftenest calcareous (Fernald 1950); Swamps, mires, bogs, borders of ponds (Hultén 1968)	Fernald 1950; Hultén 1968
<i>Carex foenea</i>	Dry open soil (Fernald 1950); Woods, riverbeds, sandy soil (Hultén 1968)	Fernald 1950; Hultén 1968
<i>Carex intumescens</i>	Alluvial woods, meadows, swales	Fernald 1950
<i>Carex leptonevia</i>	Low woods, clearings, and thickets	Fernald 1950
<i>Carex macloviana</i>	Greenland to Labrador to alpine meadows (Fernald 1950) ; meadows, gravelly shores (Hultén 1968)	Fernald 1950; Hultén 1968
<i>Carex membranacea</i>	Wet places	Hultén 1968
<i>Carex michauxiana</i>	Acid peats, wet sands	Fernald 1950
<i>Carex microglochin</i>	Springy fens and turfey limestone barrens	Bouchard et al. 1991
<i>Carex misandra</i>	Sandy and stony places in mountains, marshes	Hultén 1968
<i>Carex praticola</i>	Open woods, meadows, prairies and clearings	Fernald 1950
<i>Carex projecta</i>	Swales, thickets and damp woods	Fernald 1950
<i>Carex stipata</i>	Low grounds (Fernald 1950) ; swamps and meadows (Hultén 1968)	Fernald 1950; Hultén 1968
<i>Carex umbellata</i>	Exposed, barren siliceous summits, gravelly terraces along rivers (Bouchard et al. 1991); Dry sandy, argillaceous or rocky soil (Fernald 1950)	Bouchard et al. 1991; Fernald 1950
<i>Carex viridula ssp. viridula</i>	Damp, often calcareous, gravels, shores, muddy spots, and springy places	Fernald 1950
<i>Circaea alpina ssp. alpina</i>	Cool moist woods and openings	Fernald 1950
<i>Corydalis sempervirens</i>	Rocky places and recent clearings (Fernald 1950); Rocky places, roadsides, occurs sometimes as a weed (Hultén 1968)	Fernald 1950; Hultén 1968
<i>Cystopteris montana</i>	Mossy glades in spruce thickets on limestone	Bouchard et al. 1991
<i>Descurainia incana</i>	On riverbanks	Hinds 2000
<i>Draba cana</i>	Calcareous cliffs and slopes	Fernald 1950
<i>Dryopteris campyloptera</i>	Cool woods and thickets	Fernald 1950
<i>Dryopteris fragrans</i>	Dry cliffs and rocky banks (Fernald 1950); sunny rocky slopes (Hultén 1968)	Fernald 1950; Hultén 1968
<i>Equisetum fluviatile</i>	Shallow water, wet shores, and swales	Fernald 1950
<i>Equisetum palustre</i>	Marshes, wet woods, meadows, wet shores, etc, often in calcareous soil (Fernald 1950); Wet, moist places, ponds, rare along shores, more common inland (Hultén 1968)	Fernald 1950; Hultén 1968
<i>Equisetum pratense</i>	Common in woods of the interior	Hultén 1968

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<b>Species</b>	<b>Habitat</b>	<b>Source</b>
<i>Equisetum scirpoides</i>	Woods, thickets, mossy knolls or springy banks, often partly buried in humus (Fernald 1950); Coniferous woods, tundra (Hultén 1968)	Fernald 1950; Hultén 1968
<i>Equisetum variegatum</i> var. <i>variegatum</i>	Damp, often calcareous sands, shores and marly bogs (Fernald 1950); Woods and tundra, scree slopes, in alpine zone (Hultén 1968)	Fernald 1950
<i>Eriocaulon aquaticum</i>	Common in shallow water of ponds and lakes	Hinds 2000
<i>Festuca brachyphylla</i> ssp. <i>brachyphylla</i>	Arctic region to rocky summit and slopes	Fernald 1950
<i>Festuca frederikseniae</i> ( <i>F. viviparia</i> excl)	Sandy, rocky places on tundra (Hinds 2000); Limestone crests, ledges and gravelly barrens (Bouchard et al. 1991)	Hinds 2000; Bouchard et al. 1991
<i>Galium triflorum</i>	Woods and thickets	Fernald 1950
<i>Gentianella amarella</i> ssp. <i>acuta</i>	In moist dunes, borders of abandoned dirt roads, hollows, and calcareous ledges	Hinds 2000
<i>Gentianella propinqua</i> ssp. <i>propinqua</i>	Coastal turfy limestone barrens	Bouchard et al. 1991
<i>Geum rivale</i>	Wet meadows, bogs and peaty slopes	Fernald 1950
<i>Halenia deflexa</i>	Damp and cool woods	Fernald 1950
<i>Hedysarum alpinum</i>	Calcareous rocks and gravels (Fernald 1950); Rocky slopes, spruce forests, gravel bars (Hultén 1968)	Fernald 1950; Hultén 1968
<i>Iris versicolor</i>	Marshes, meadows, ditches and turfy shores	Fernald 1950
<i>Isoetes lacustris</i>	In 10 - 50 of water; submerged or rarely above water in dry seasons	Britton and Brown 1970
<i>Juncus balticus</i>	Sandy brackish to fresh shores	Fernald 1950
<i>Juncus tenuis</i>	Roadsides, open ground	Hultén 1968
<i>Juncus vaseyi</i>	Damp thickets, shores, etc.	Fernald 1950
<i>Lathyrus palustris</i>	Shores, damp thickets and meadows	Fernald 1950
<i>Lycopodiella inundata</i>	Bogs and wet shores in lowlands	Hultén 1968
<i>Lysimachia terrestris</i>	Low grounds and wet shores	Fernald 1950
<i>Mentha canadensis</i>	Damp open soils, shores, etc.	Fernald 1950
<i>Mitella nuda</i>	Cool or mossy woods or swamps (Fernald 1950); Along streams, bogs (Hultén 1968)	Fernald 1950; Hultén 1968
<i>Monotropa uniflora</i>	Woodland humus (Fernald 1950); Woods (Hultén 1968)	Fernald 1950; Hultén 1968
<i>Myriophyllum sibiricum</i>	Shallow ponds on limestone	Bouchard et al. 1991
<i>Myriophyllum tenellum</i>	Shallow margins of ponds and pools in sand, granite gravel, mud, and peat	Fernald 1950
<i>Nuphar lutea</i> ssp. <i>variegata</i>	Ponds and low streams	Hultén 1968
<i>Onoclea sensibilis</i>	Low open ground, alluvial thickets and low woods, most often fruiting in the open	Fernald 1950
<i>Oryzopsis pungens</i> = <i>P</i>	Rocky sandy peaty soil (Fernald 1950); Sandy or rocky soil (Hultén 1968)	Fernald 1950; Hultén 1968
<i>Osmunda claytoniana</i>	Moist woods and thickets	Fernald 1950
<i>Oxalis montana</i>	Alder-maple thickets and balsam fir forests in sheltered river (Bouchard et al. 1991); Damp woods (Fernald 1950)	Bouchard et al. 1991; Fernald 1950
<i>Oxytropis campestris</i> var. <i>johannensis</i>	Calcareous cliffs and flats, shorelines and meadows	Meades et al. 2000
<i>Parnassia kotzebuei</i>	Moist cliffs, alpine ravines, and snowbeds	Bouchard et al. 1991
<i>Pentaphragmoides floribunda</i>	Both wet and dry ground, forests, heaths, muskeg & skree slopes	Hultén 1968
<i>Phippsia algida</i>	Bogs and wet places, snow beds, mostly on tundra	Hultén 1968



**Table F-2: Habitat preferences of uncommon and rare vascular plants found in south and central Labrador.**

Species	Habitat	Source
<i>Platanthera obtusata</i>	Mossy forests and wet places	Fernald 1950
<i>Poa flexuosa</i>	Rocky ground, cliffs, and alpine slopes.	Meades et al. 2000
<i>Polypodium virginianum</i>	On rocks, crests of ledges, bases of trees, and rocky slopes	Fernald 1950
<i>Populus balsamifera ssp. balsamifera</i>	River banks or gravels	Fernald 1950
<i>Populus tremuloides</i>	Dry open woods and recent burns	Fernald 1950
<i>Potamogeton confervoides</i>	Mountain lakes (Medes et al. 2000); Sandy or peaty ponds and pools on mountains (Fernald 1950)	Meades et al. 2000; Fernald 1950
<i>Potamogeton oakesianus</i>	Acid peaty-, sandy- or rocky bottomed pools	Fernald 1950
<i>Potamogeton obtusifolius</i>	Pools and shallow ponds (Bouchard et al. 1991); Cold streams, springs and lakes (Fernald 1950)	Bouchard et al. 1991; Fernald 1950
<i>Potamogeton pusillus var. tenuissimus</i>	Basic or alkaline waters	Fernald 1950
<i>Potamogeton richardsonii</i>	Lakes and rivers, frequently brackish or alkaline (Fernald 1950); Lakes (Hultén 1968)	Fernald 1950; Hultén 1968
<i>Primula laurentiana</i>	Ledges, cliffs and meadows, chiefly calcareous	Fernald 1950
<i>Primula mistassinica</i>	Calcareous or argillaceous rock, shores and meadows (Fernald 1950); Meadows, along streams (Hultén 1968)	Fernald 1950; Hultén 1968
<i>Prunus pensylvanica</i>	Dry woods, recent burns and openings	Fernald 1950
<i>Pyrola chlorantha</i>	Dry or dryish coniferous woods and thickets (Fernald 1950); Woods (Hultén 1968)	Fernald 1950; Hultén 1968
<i>Ranunculus abortivus</i>	Low woods, thickets, clearings, and damp slopes	Fernald 1950
<i>Ranunculus lapponicus</i>	Boggy plateau	Bouchard et al. 1991
<i>Ranunculus pensylvanicus</i>	Alluvial shores and swales	Bouchard et al. 1991
<i>Ribes lacustre</i>	Cold woods and swamps	Fernald 1950
<i>Salix eriocephala</i>	In swamps and moist hillsides	Britton and Brown 1970
<i>Sarracenia purpurea ssp. gibbosa</i>	Sphagnous bogs and peaty barrens	Fernald 1950
<i>Scheuchzeria palustris</i>	Bogs, quagmires and peaty shores	Fernald 1950
<i>Scirpus microcarpus</i>	Wet places	Hultén 1968
<i>Scutellaria galericulata</i>	Gravelly, sandy or rocky shores, meadows, swampy thickets (Fernald 1950); Wet meadows (Hultén 1968)	Fernald 1950; Hultén 1968
<i>Sparganium glomeratum</i>	Shallow pools	Meades et al. 2000
<i>Tofieldia glutinosa</i>	Calcareous marshes, damp ledges and shores	Fernald 1950
<i>Urtica dioica ssp. gracilis</i>	Waste places, roadsides, etc.	Fernald 1950
<i>Utricularia cornuta</i>	Wet peaty, sandy or muddy shores or bogs	Fernald 1950
<i>Valeriana dioica var. sylvatica</i>	Bogs, mossy woods and brooksides on limestone	Bouchard et al. 1991
<i>Veronica scutellata</i>	Wet places, shores and swamps	Fernald 1950
<i>Viola blanda</i>	Rich, chiefly deciduous woods	Fernald 1950
<i>Viola selkirkii</i>	Rich woods, shaded or cool rocky (often calcareous) slopes	Fernald 1950
<i>Woodsia alpina</i>	Crevice of limestone cliffs (Bouchard et al. 1991, Meades et al. 2000); Artic region south to shaded or exposed, damp to dry calcareous rocky banks of Newfoundland (Fernald 1950)	Bouchard et al. 1991; Meades et al. 2000; Fernald 1950
<i>Woodsia glabella</i>	Crevice of limestone cliffs (Bouchard et al. 1991); In thin moss or humus on calcareous rocks, often at crests of shaded cliffs (Fernald 1950)	Bouchard et al. 1991; Fernald 1950
<i>Woodsia ilvensis</i>	Dry, mostly sterile rocks, cliffs and talus, frequently exposed situations	Fernald 1950

In order to facilitate further analysis, the habitat preferences of the plant species were organized into 16 habitat types, each discernable on available mapping or aerial photography (Table F-3).

Table F-3: Matrix of uncommon and rare vascular plant species found in central and southern Labrador and their habitat preferences.																	
Species	S-rank (Labrador)	Mixed Woods and Thickets	Coniferous Forest	Recent Burns/Disturbance/Clearings	Sub-Alpine Meadow/Alpine Meadow	Rocky Meadow Slope	Sandy Substrates/Open Soils	Barrrens	Riparian	Lacustrine	Swamps	Marshes	Fens	Bogs	Cliffs/Talus Slopes	Rock outcrop	Calcareous <sup>1</sup>
<i>Actaea rubra ssp. rubra</i>	S3S4	X							X								
<i>Agrostis scabra var. septentrionalis</i>	S2S3						X	X	X								
<i>Agrostis stolonifera</i>	S2S4			X					X	X							
<i>Anemone parviflora</i>	S3S4																X
<i>Angelica lucida</i>	S1S2				X												
<i>Arabis drummondii</i>	S1S2								X								X
<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i>	S2S3						X	X									
<i>Arethusa bulbosa</i>	S1												X	X			
<i>Armeria maritima ssp. sibirica</i>	S3S4														X		
<i>Asplenium trichomanes-ramosum</i>	S1														X		
<i>Astragalus robbinsii var. fernaldii</i>	S1																X
<i>Botrychium lanceolatum var. lanceolatum</i>	S1					X	X										
<i>Botrychium multifidum</i>	S1	X					X										
<i>Botrychium virginianum</i>	S1	X							X								
<i>Caltha palustris</i>	S1								X	X	X						
<i>Cardamine pensylvanica</i>	S2S3								X		X						
<i>Carex adelostoma</i>	S1S2											X	X				
<i>Carex aurea</i>	S1S2								X	X							X
<i>Carex bipartita</i>	S3?					X											
<i>Carex buxbaumii</i>	S3?									X	X			X			
<i>Carex capitata</i>	S3?							X									X
<i>Carex castanea</i>	S1S2	X							X	X							X
<i>Carex chordorrhiza</i>	S3?										X						
<i>Carex crawfordii</i>	S1S2				X			X									
<i>Carex diandra</i>	S1S2										X			X			X
<i>Carex foenea</i>	S2S3						X		X								
<i>Carex intumescens</i>	S1S2								X								
<i>Carex leptonevia</i>	S2S3			X					X								
<i>Carex macloviana</i>	S3?				X												
<i>Carex membranacea</i>	S1S2								X	X	X	X	X				X
<i>Carex michauxiana</i>	S1S2													X	X		
<i>Carex microglochin</i>	S1S2							X						X			X
<i>Carex misandra</i>	S3?					X	X					X					X

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<i>Carex praticola</i>	S3?				X	X											
<i>Carex projecta</i>	S1S2								X			X					
<i>Carex stipata</i>	S2S3										X		X				
<i>Carex umbellata</i>	S1S2								X								
<i>Carex viridula ssp. viridula</i>	S1S2								X	X							X
<i>Circaea alpina ssp. alpina</i>	S3S4?	X	X							X							
<i>Corydalis sempervirens</i>	S3S4			X												X	
<i>Cystopteris montana</i>	S1S2		X														X
<i>Descurainia incana</i>	S1S2								X								X
<i>Draba cana</i>	S1														X		X
<i>Dryopteris campyloptera</i>	S3?	X	X														
<i>Dryopteris fragrans</i>	S2S4					X									X		
<i>Equisetum fluviatile</i>	S1S3									X		X					
<i>Equisetum palustre</i>	S1								X	X		X					X
<i>Equisetum pratense</i>	S1	X	X						X								
<i>Equisetum scirpoides</i>	S1	X	X						X								
<i>Equisetum variegatum var. variegatum</i>	S2?								X	X				X			
<i>Eriocaulon aquaticum</i>	S1S2									X							
<i>Festuca brachyphylla ssp. brachyphylla</i>	S2S4					X											
<i>Festuca frederikseniae (F. viviparia excl)</i>	S1S2						X	X									X
<i>Galium triflorum</i>	S2S3	X						X									
<i>Gentianella amarella ssp. acuta</i>	S2?			X											X		X
<i>Gentianella propinqua ssp. propinqua</i>	S1							X									X
<i>Geum rivale</i>	S1S2								X					X			
<i>Halenia deflexa</i>	S2S3	X															
<i>Hedysarum alpinum</i>	S1S2								X	X							X
<i>Iris versicolor</i>	S2S3								X	X	X	X					
<i>Isoetes lacustris</i>	S1									X							
<i>Juncus balticus</i>	S3								X	X							
<i>Juncus tenuis</i>	S1?						X		X	X							
<i>Juncus vaseyi</i>	S1								X	X							
<i>Lathyrus palustris</i>	S1S2								X	X							
<i>Lycopodiella inundata</i>	S2S3								X	X				X			
<i>Lysimachia terrestris</i>	S1								X	X							
<i>Mentha canadensis</i>	S2S3								X	X	X						

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<i>Mitella nuda</i>	S2?		X								X			X			
<i>Monotropa uniflora</i>	S1S3?	X	X														
<i>Myriophyllum sibiricum</i>	S2S3									X							X
<i>Myriophyllum tenellum</i>	S1?									X							
<i>Nuphar lutea ssp. variegata</i>	S3S4								X	X							
<i>Onoclea sensibilis</i>	S2S3?								X		X						
<i>Oryzopsis pungens=P</i>	S1S2					X	X										
<i>Osmunda claytoniana</i>	S2S4	X							X								
<i>Oxalis montana</i>	S1S3	X	X						X								
<i>Oxytropis campestris var. johannensis</i>	S1							X	X	X					X		X
<i>Parnassia kotzebuei</i>	S3S4														X		X
<i>Pentaphylloides floribunda</i>	S2S3		X					X									X
<i>Phippsia algida</i>	S3?												X	X			
<i>Platanthera obtusata</i>	S3S4	X	X								X						
<i>Poa flexuosa</i>	S1					X									X		
<i>Polypodium virginianum</i>	S2S3?	X	X													X	
<i>Populus balsamifera ssp. balsamifera</i>	S2S3								X								
<i>Populus tremuloides</i>	S2S3		X	X			X										
<i>Potamogeton confervoides</i>	S1?									X							
<i>Potamogeton oakesianus</i>	S1S3									X							
<i>Potamogeton obtusifolius</i>	S1?								X	X							
<i>Potamogeton pusillus var. tenuissimus</i>	S1?									X							X
<i>Potamogeton richardsonii</i>	S1?								X	X							X
<i>Primula laurentiana</i>	S3S4					X									X		X
<i>Primula mistassinica</i>	S2					X			X	X					X		X
<i>Prunus pensylvanica</i>	S2S3			X			X										
<i>Pyrola chlorantha</i>	S2S3		X														
<i>Ranunculus abortivus</i>	S2	X							X								
<i>Ranunculus lapponicus</i>	S2S3													X			
<i>Ranunculus pensylvanicus</i>	S1								X		X	X					
<i>Ribes lacustre</i>	S2S3										X						
<i>Salix eriocephala</i>	S1										X						
<i>Sarracenia purpurea ssp. gibbosa</i>	S2S3							X						X			
<i>Scheuchzeria palustris</i>	S3									X				X			
<i>Scirpus microcarpus</i>	S2S3								X	X		X					

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<i>Scutellaria galericulata</i>	S2S3								X	X	X	X					
<i>Sparganium glomeratum</i>	S1?									X	X	X					
<i>Tofieldia glutinosa</i>	S1?									X	X		X				X
<i>Urtica dioica ssp. gracilis</i>	S2?			X													
<i>Utricularia cornuta</i>	S2S3								X	X	X		X	X			
<i>Valeriana dioica var. sylvatica</i>	S1		X						X					X			X
<i>Veronica scutellata</i>	S2S3								X	X	X	X					
<i>Viola blanda</i>	S1S3	X															
<i>Viola selkirkii</i>	S2S4	X				X											X
<i>Woodsia alpina</i>	S1														X		X
<i>Woodsia glabella</i>	S3S4														X		X
<i>Woodsia ilvensis</i>	S3S4														X	X	

<sup>1</sup>Note that the calcareous habitat is used as a descriptor that can be applied to other habitat types.  
For example, Drummond rockcress (*Arabis drummondii*) is found in riparian areas on calcareous substrates.  
It would not be expected to occur in riparian areas on acidic substrates.

A habitat assessment was conducted along the proposed highway route to determine which of the 16 habitat types were present. Sources used for the assessment included 1:250,000 scale topographic, surficial geology, and geological maps, black-and-white aerial photography (various scales), data from numerous aerial flights along the highway route, and habitat descriptions compiled at 39 wetland sites, found within 100 m of the proposed highway right-of-way.

Habitats found within 100 m of the proposed highway right-of-way included mixed woods and thickets, coniferous forest, recent burns/disturbance/clearings, sandy substrates/open soils, riparian areas, lacustrine areas, swamps, marshes, fens, and bogs. Uncommon or rare species associated with these habitat types could be found along the proposed highway route. Habitats not found along the route included sub-alpine meadows/alpine meadow, rocky meadow slope, barrens, cliffs/talus slopes, rock outcrop, and calcareous substrates. Species associated with these habitat types are unlikely to be present along the proposed highway route and were eliminated from the final list of rare or uncommon species potentially present. The number of species potentially encountered along the proposed highway right-of-way is 73 (Table F-4). Note that species characteristic of calcareous substrates have been eliminated from the list regardless of the other habitat types they may be associated with. For example, mountain

bladder fern (*Cystopteris montana*) is associated with coniferous forest growing on calcareous substrates. Coniferous forest is plentiful along the route, however, no calcareous substrates are present so it is unlikely that this species would occur.

Species	S-rank (Labrador)	Mixed Woods and Thickets	Coniferous Forest	Recent Burns/Disturbance/Clearing	Sandy Substrates/Open Soils	Riparian	Lacustrine	Swamps	Marshes	Fens	Bogs
<i>Actaea rubra ssp. rubra</i>	S3S4	X				X					
<i>Agrostis scabra var. septentrionalis</i>	S2S3				X	X					
<i>Agrostis stolonifera</i>	S2S4			X		X	X				
<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i>	S2S3				X						
<i>Arethusa bulbosa</i>	S1									X	X
<i>Botrychium lanceolatum var. lanceolatum</i>	S1				X						
<i>Botrychium multifidum</i>	S1	X			X						
<i>Botrychium virginianum</i>	S1	X				X					
<i>Caltha palustris</i>	S1					X	X	X			
<i>Cardamine pensylvanica</i>	S2S3					X		X			
<i>Carex adelostoma</i>	S1S2								X	X	
<i>Carex buxbaumii</i>	S3?						X	X			X
<i>Carex chorderrhiza</i>	S3?							X			
<i>Carex foenea</i>	S2S3				X	X					
<i>Carex intumescens</i>	S1S2					X					
<i>Carex leptonevia</i>	S2S3			X		X					
<i>Carex michauxiana</i>	S1S2										X
<i>Carex praticola</i>	S3?				X						
<i>Carex projecta</i>	S1S2					X			X		
<i>Carex stipata</i>	S2S3							X		X	
<i>Carex umbellata</i>	S1S2					X					
<i>Circaea alpina ssp. alpina</i>	S3S4?	X	X				X				
<i>Corydalis sempervirens</i>	S3S4			X							
<i>Dryopteris campyloptera</i>	S3?	X	X								
<i>Equisetum fluviatile</i>	S1S3						X		X		
<i>Equisetum pratense</i>	S1	X	X			X					
<i>Equisetum scirpoides</i>	S1	X	X			X					
<i>Equisetum variegatum var. variegatum</i>	S2?					X	X				X
<i>Eriocaulon aquaticum</i>	S1S2						X				
<i>Galium triflorum</i>	S2S3	X									
<i>Geum rivale</i>	S1S2					X					X
<i>Halenia deflexa</i>	S2S3	X									
<i>Iris versicolor</i>	S2S3					X	X	X	X		
<i>Isoetes lacustris</i>	S1						X				
<i>Juncus balticus</i>	S3					X	X				

**Table F-4: Uncommon and rare vascular plant species potentially present along the highway RoW and the habitats they are typically found in.**

Species	S-rank (Labrador)	Mixed Woods and Thickets	Coniferous Forest	Recent Burns/Disturbance/Clearing	Sandy Substrates/Open Soils	Riparian	Lacustrine	Swamps	Marshes	Fens	Bogs
<i>Juncus tenuis</i>	S1?				X	X	X				
<i>Juncus vaseyi</i>	S1					X	X				
<i>Lathyrus palustris</i>	S1S2					X	X				
<i>Lycopodiella inundata</i>	S2S3					X	X				X
<i>Lysimachia terrestris</i>	S1					X	X				
<i>Mentha canadensis</i>	S2S3					X	X	X			
<i>Mitella nuda</i>	S2?		X					X			X
<i>Monotropa uniflora</i>	S1S3?	X	X								
<i>Myriophyllum tenellum</i>	S1?						X				
<i>Nuphar lutea ssp. variegata</i>	S3S4					X	X				
<i>Onoclea sensibilis</i>	S2S3?					X		X			
<i>Oryzopsis pungens=P</i>	S1S2				X						
<i>Osmunda claytoniana</i>	S2S4	X				X					
<i>Oxalis montana</i>	S1S3	X	X			X					
<i>Phippsia algida</i>	S3?									X	X
<i>Platanthera obtusata</i>	S3S4	X	X					X			
<i>Polypodium virginianum</i>	S2S3?	X	X								
<i>Populus balsamifera ssp. balsamifera</i>	S2S3					X					
<i>Populus tremuloides</i>	S2S3		X	X	X						
<i>Potamogeton confervoides</i>	S1?						X				
<i>Potamogeton oakesianus</i>	S1S3						X				
<i>Potamogeton obtusifolius</i>	S1?					X	X				
<i>Prunus pensylvanica</i>	S2S3			X	X						
<i>Pyrola chlorantha</i>	S2S3		X								
<i>Ranunculus abortivus</i>	S2	X				X					
<i>Ranunculus lapponicus</i>	S2S3										X
<i>Ranunculus pensylvanicus</i>	S1					X		X	X		
<i>Ribes lacustre</i>	S2S3							X			
<i>Salix eriocephala</i>	S1							X			
<i>Sarracenia purpurea ssp. gibbosa</i>	S2S3										X
<i>Scheuchzeria palustris</i>	S3						X				X
<i>Scirpus microcarpus</i>	S2S3					X	X		X		
<i>Scutellaria galericulata</i>	S2S3					X	X	X	X		
<i>Sparganium glomeratum</i>	S1?						X	X	X		
<i>Urtica dioica ssp. gracilis</i>	S2?			X							
<i>Utricularia cornuta</i>	S2S3					X	X	X		X	X
<i>Veronica scutellata</i>	S2S3					X	X	X	X		
<i>Viola blanda</i>	S1S3	X									
Total Number of Species		16	11	6	10	35	27	17	9	5	12

The habitat types varied substantially in the number of rare species associated with them. Riparian, lacustrine and swamp habitats support the largest number of species while fens, recent burns, and marshes support the lowest number of species (Table F-4).

Identification of areas having high potential to support rare plants was initially determined by recording the distribution of the habitat types along the highway route that have been associated with rare species. The potential distribution of rare plants along the route is widespread since almost all habitat types present along the route have the potential to harbour rare plant species. Using this criterion for selection, approximately 450 sites with the potential to support rare plants were identified. It is highly unlikely that rare species would be found at all of these locations. Therefore, further analyses were undertaken to select the sites having the highest potential to support rare species. The strategy employed to select the sites having the highest potential varied with habitat type.

Some habitat types such as mixed woods and thickets, recent burns/disturbance/clearings, sandy substrates/open soils, and marshes, are relatively uncommon along the proposed highway route. Mixed woods and thickets are restricted to the eastern terminus of the road at Cartwright Junction. Recent burns are also found only at the eastern end of the route between kilometre post (KP) 221 and 247. Sandy substrates are found at three locations along the route, at the Churchill River, at the eastern end of the route, and along an esker which extends from KP 192 to 202. Marsh habitats were found at only five locations along the route. Three of the marshes are associated with the above noted esker. Rare plants are generally associated with rare habitat types. Consequently, these areas were selected as sampling sites due to the high potential they have to harbour rare plant species.

The remaining six habitats are relatively common on the landscape. Coniferous forest is the most common habitat type along the route, occupying at least 50 percent of the landscape. Wetlands, particularly bogs, swamps and fens, are also abundant along the route, particularly along the central portion of the route. Riparian habitats are numerous although they do not account for a sizeable portion of the landscape. Only a small subset of these habitats will support rare plant species. In order to identify which of these sites is most likely to support rare plant species, it is necessary to identify habitat that contain features with the potential to provide niches for rare plants.

Some plant species require fertile sites in order to persist, others may be adapted to surviving in extremely infertile sites or in the presence of toxic concentrations of compounds such as metals or salts. Some species are at the northern or southern limits of distribution and may require special conditions in order to persist. For example, species characteristic of more northern areas may survive on mountain summits or north facing slopes while southern species may persist in sheltered areas with southern exposures. Similarly, the flood plains of large rivers often contain fertile fluvial deposits that can provide habitat for species characteristic of rich sites. River valleys are often sheltered from extremes of weather and may support species characteristic of more southern areas.



Wetlands found along the route have been subdivided into various wetland types depending on the structure and location of the wetland. There are five types of bog (dome bog, string bog, basin bog, shore bog, and slope bog) and three types of fen (Atlantic ribbed fen, stream fen and slope fen). Only one type of marsh (kettle marsh) and swamp (stream swamp) are present along the route. These wetland types have developed in response to a variety of environmental factors such as the availability of nutrients, basin morphology, topography, and climatic conditions. Rare plant species may be present as a result of various combinations of these environmental factors. The more uncommon wetland types can be expected to have a higher probability of harbouring rare plant species since they may represent an unusual combination of environmental factors. The most uncommon wetland types along the route are dome bog, kettle marsh, stream fen, and Atlantic ribbed fen.

Mapping and aerial photography was reviewed in concert with a consideration of environmental factors such as those outlined above in order to select sites having the highest potential to support rare plant species. A total of 33 sites were identified along the proposed highway route (Table F-5 and Figure F-1). Two of these sites, the floodplain of the Churchill River and the esker located between KP 192 and 202, have particularly high potential for rare vascular plants.

The Churchill River floodplain contains a number of features that increase the probability of finding rare species. The floodplain is located at low elevation, and near the shores of Lake Melville, where winter conditions are likely not as severe as in the surrounding landscape. As such, there is greater potential to find disjunct populations of southern species at this site. Also, as the floodplain is underlain by sand, species characteristic of sandy soils may be present. The flood plain of the river is also traversed by a series of flood channels that support wetlands and provide an abundance of habitat for riparian plant species. Within the highway right-of-way in this area, three shore bogs are present and elsewhere along these channels there are rich marsh and swamp habitats, suggesting that the soils of the floodplain are relatively rich. During the summer months, when water levels are low, large expanses of exposed sandbars are present along the river. These exposed sandbars are not found anywhere else along the highway route and may support rare species characteristic of sandy soils and/or riparian habitats.

The esker also contains a variety of features that may support rare plant species. It is one of only three sites along the route that is underlain by sandy or gravelly soils. Although no large areas of exposed sand or gravel were observed during aerial surveys, small patches of exposed soil may be present along the crest of the esker or along the banks of streams that traverse or drain the esker. These areas have high potential to support rare plant species such as bearberry (*Arctostaphylos uva-ursi*) or slender rush (*Juncus tenuis*). There are a number of wetland types present along the esker, including string bog, basin bog, slope bog, shore bog, stream fen, stream swamp and kettle marsh. Of particular interest are the kettle marshes found in this area. Three of the five kettle marshes identified along the route are found along this particular esker. Riparian and lacustrine habitats are also present at the base of the esker.

**Table F-5: Sites With High Potential to Support Rare Vascular Plant Species.**

Site	Kilometre Point/ Range	Air Photo Number	Habitats Present
1	0-1.8	88-A20583	Coniferous forest, sandy substrates, riparian area of a large river (Churchill River), shore bogs (3)
2	11.5	A21891-159	Coniferous forest, stream fen
3	29	A21891-78	Coniferous forests, riparian area of a large river
4	29.1	A21891-78	Kettle marsh
5	48.5	195-A20581	Coniferous forest, riparian area of medium river, shore bog
6	56.7-57.6	19-A20582	Coniferous forest, riparian area of streams (3), stream swamp (3),
7	61.7	A21900-107	Coniferous forest, riparian area of a large river
8	76.7-77.7	44-A20582	Coniferous forest, stream swamp, kettle marsh, slope fen, basin bog
9	91.0-91.6	A21900-112	Coniferous forest, riparian area of stream, lacustrine habitat
10	93.5-93.7	A21900-112	Coniferous forest, riparian area of a stream, lacustrine habitat
11	106.5	28-A20582	Coniferous forest, riparian area of a large river, stream swamp
12	122.5-122.9	A22924-17	Coniferous forest, riparian area of a medium river, stream swamp, string bog, slope bog
13	128.0	A22924-15	Coniferous forest, Atlantic ribbed fen
14	128.8	A22924-15	Stream swamp, Atlantic ribbed fen
15	129.1	A22924-15	Coniferous forest, possible rock outcrop /open soils
16	132.8	A22924-15	Coniferous forest, Atlantic ribbed fen
17	135.5	A22924-15	Coniferous forest, riparian area of a stream, Atlantic ribbed fen
18	138.8-139.1	A22924-14	Coniferous forest, riparian area of a stream, lacustrine habitat, (A slope bog and slope fen are nearby.)
19	147.2-147.9	137-A20581	Coniferous forest, slope fen (2) including rich slope fen, slope bog
20	159.0-159.4	141-A20581	Coniferous forest, riparian areas of a medium river and a stream, stream swamp, string bog
21	167.2-167.5	143-A20581	Coniferous forest, riparian area of a large river, basin bog
22	176.5	143-A20581	Coniferous forest, riparian area of a medium river, lacustrine habitat, string bog
23	185.3—189.0	147-A20581	Coniferous forest, esker (sandy substrates), lacustrine habitat (3 sections), slope bog (2), string bog (4), basin bog (3)
24	190.0-190.5	147-A20581	Riparian area of a medium river, string bog
25	195.0-199.4	147-A20581	Coniferous forest, esker (sandy substrates), riparian area of a medium river, lacustrine habitat (4), stream swamp, kettle marshes (3), shore bog (7), slope bog, basin bog, string bog
26	218.0-218.4	161-A20851	Recent burns, riparian area of stream, string fen/Atlantic ribbed fen
27	228.7-229.0	160-A20851	Coniferous forest, riparian area of a medium river, stream fen, string bog
28	232.7	A21891-117	Coniferous forest, recent burns, riparian area of a stream, stream fen
29	234.8-235.5	A21891-117	Coniferous forest, recent burns, riparian area of streams (2), lacustrine habitat, stream fen, shore bog
30	239.8	A21891-119	Coniferous woods, Atlantic ribbed fen
31	241.7-246.2	A21891-119	Recent burns, riparian areas of streams (2), stream swamp, stream fen, Atlantic Ribbed fen, slope Bog
32	251.3-251.5	A21900-4	Coniferous forest, riparian area of a large river, slope bog
33	251.8	A21900-4	Coniferous forest, riparian area of a stream, dome bog

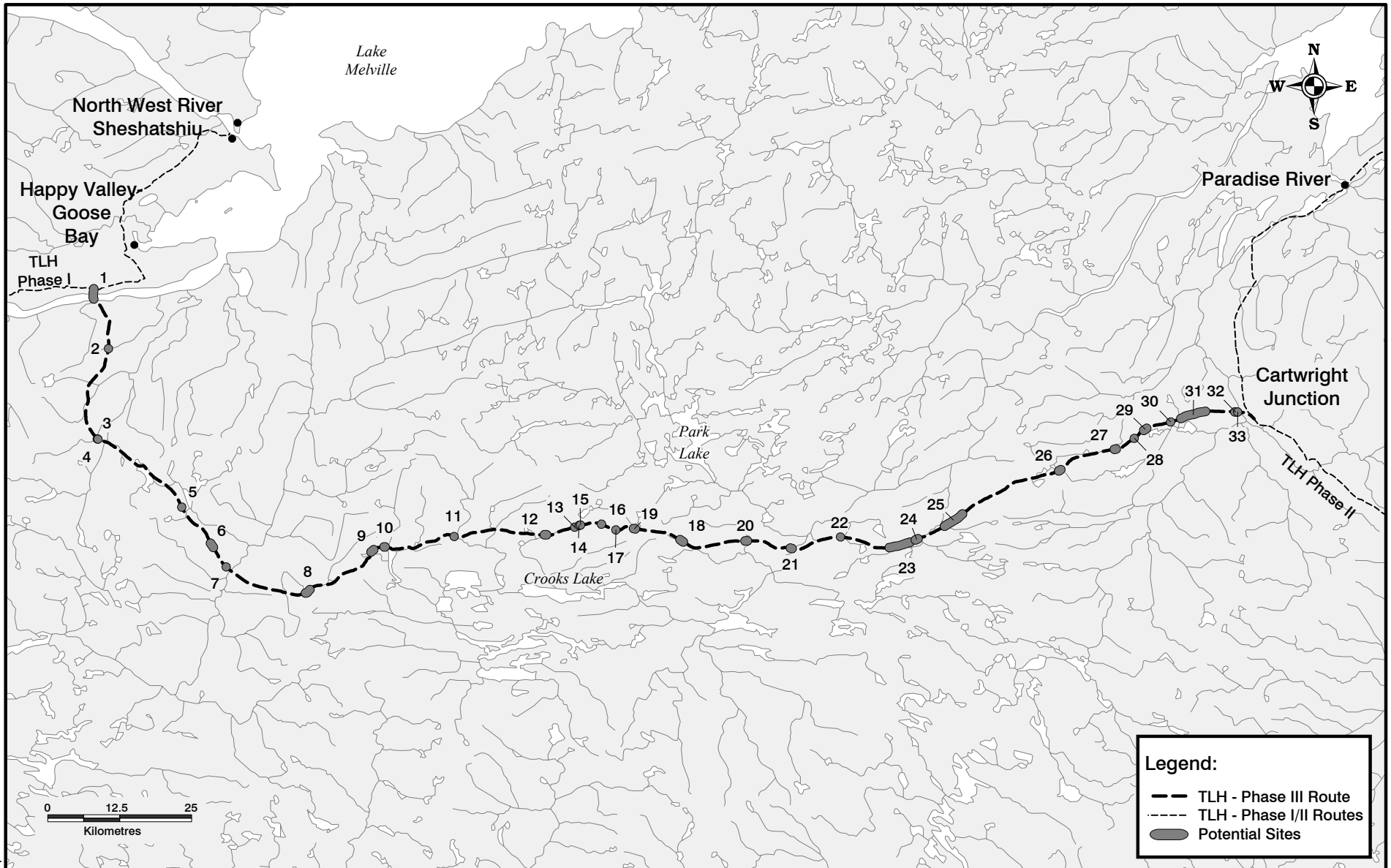


Figure F-1

Sites with Potential to Support Rare or Uncommon Vascular Plants