

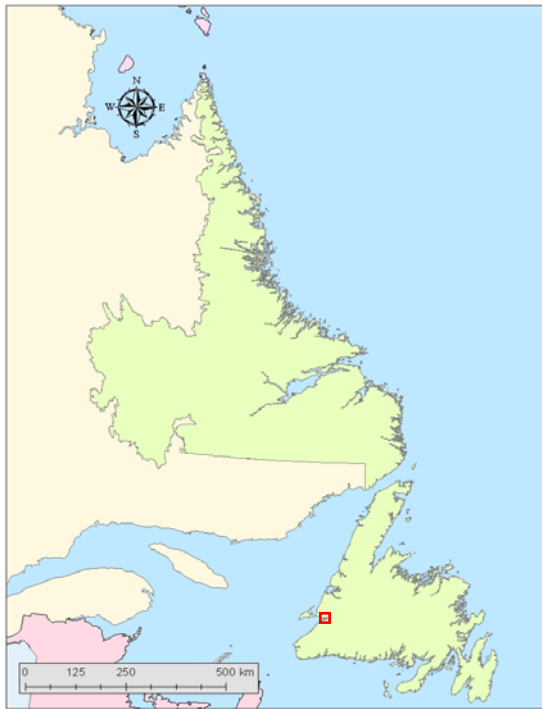
Tradescant's Aster

(*Symphyotrichum tradescantii*)

- Tradescant's Aster is a slender, perennial aster which is intermittently amphibious, meaning it can grow on land or immersed in water.
- It has small white flowers and narrow leaves.
- Its flowers are insect-pollinated and its seeds are wind-dispersed.



Provincial Distribution



Habitat/ Range

Tradescant's Aster is generally found in damp, rocky and gravelly shores, silt- or loam-filled cracks in rocky rapids of streams, and along freshwater estuaries. Within the Province it is found along 6 km of river shoreline near the Head of St. George's Bay. It is also found in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Québec, as well as in the United States.

Population Trends

The number of mature Tradescant's Aster individuals is estimated at 500 to 1000. It is unknown whether this population is stable or fluctuating.

Limiting Factors and Threats

The population's small size and proximity to an active recreation vehicle (RV) campground, an inactive gravel pit used for camping, and a popular fishing location may pose problems.

Special Significance

Tradescant's Aster is endemic to North America.

You can help protect the Tradescant's Aster:

- Support habitat protection for all our rare species.
- If you see a flower, take a picture instead of picking it.

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