

Volunteer

Role Description



Rare Plant Monitor

Volunteer Rare Plant Monitors perform the vital work of helping the Coastal Plain project staff to record and submit data on rare coastal plain plants in their area. Some Coastal Plain Plants occur exclusively in south-western Nova Scotia and are classified as endangered, which makes this work especially important. The job is low commitment, seasonal and perfect for individuals, couples or pairs, or families who love spending time outdoors!

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The volunteer will:

- With the help of Nature Trust staff, choose a site in Southwest Nova Scotia where coastal plain plants grow.
- Travel to the chosen site during flowering season and record data and observations on the plants and their habitat.
- Send data to Nature Trust staff when each field visit is completed.

Qualifications/Skills Required

- Enjoyment and experience of the outdoors.
- Interest in rare plants and willingness to learn
- Keen observation skills and attention to detail.
- Knowledge of the geographic area where work will be done.
- No experience required; training provided.

Time Commitment

The Nature Trust only requires one visit during the flowering season, which is between late July and early September. We strongly encourage additional visits, spread throughout the season, if volunteers are able. Visit length varies depending on site size. Travel time and accessibility also vary for each site. Some visits might take an hour or two, while others could take the better part of a day.

Many Rare Plant Monitors sign on with the Nature Trust for one season at a time, but we strongly encourage volunteers to stay because the best results are obtained when the same volunteers continue with the same site for consecutive years!
