

ROSE POGONIA

Pogonia ophioglossoides (L.) Ker-Gawl.

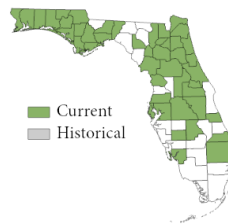
Synonyms: none

Family: Orchidaceae (orchid)

FNAI Ranks: G5/S3S4

Legal Status: US-none FL-Threatened

Wetland Status: US-OBL+ FL-OBL



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Field Description: Terrestrial orchid with stems to about 35 cm tall. Each stem has a single leaf to 2 cm wide about midway up the stem and terminates in one to three showy flowers, each about 4 cm wide. The three sepals and two of the petals are similar in shape and pink. The lip is downward pointing with a yellow beard and fringed margin, often darker pink in color.

Similar Species: Calopogon species also have showy pink flowers, but the lip petal in those species points upward.

Related Rare Species: More than 70 species of native orchids are endangered or threatened in Florida.

Habitat: Wet prairies, marshes and seepage slopes; wet roadside ditches.

Best Survey Season: Spring-summer; March to May

Range-wide Distribution: Throughout much of central and eastern North America south to Texas and Florida. In Florida, occurring throughout the Panhandle and in the peninsula south to Lake Okeechobee.

Conservation Status: State-threatened and tracked as vulnerable in Florida, this species occurs throughout the Panhandle and much of peninsular Florida south to Lake Okeechobee.

Protection and Management: Maintain open, herbaceous habitat by prescribed burning every 2-3 years with most fires performed during the growing season. Roadside populations may be maintained by mowing, but rutting and disking may be detrimental.

References: Wunderlin and Hansen 2011.