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SPECIES: Desmodium glabellum (Michx.) DC

SYNONYM:

PRESENT STATUS: TU PROPOSED STATUS: PE

TOTAL LOCATIONS, HISTORIC AND EXTANT: (total number of documented occurrences in PA)

EXTANT LOCATIONS: 1

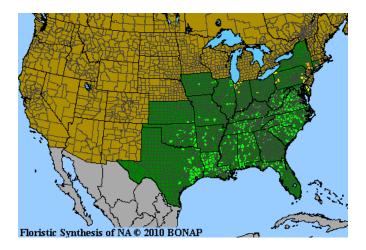
(number of occurrences thought to be currently extant)

ESTIMATED TOTAL EXTANT PLANTS IN PA: 25-50

HABITAT: Dry open hillsides, slopes, utility cuts, mixed graminoids and forbs, usually with other species of Desmodium, a habitat threatened by succession, development, overenthuastic maintenance, and alien invasives.

Primarily southern, but as far north as Michigan, New York, and Connecticut. DE Status - S1 (not listed in other states, possibly due to taxonomic confusion)

JUSTIFICATION: Only seen once in the field in PA In 25 years (2006, pipeline cut, Chester County, site possibly destroyed due to additional line emplacement). NOTE: Difficult to distinguish from its common relative D. perplexum (uncinate vs straight hairs).





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SPECIES: Desmodium laevigatum (Nutt.) DC

SYNONYM:

PRESENT STATUS: N PROPOSED STATUS: PE

TOTAL LOCATIONS, HISTORIC AND EXTANT: (total number of documented occurrences in PA)

EXTANT LOCATIONS: ?

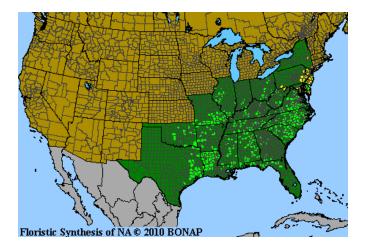
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ESTIMATED TOTAL EXTANT PLANTS IN PA: Unknown

HABITAT: Dry open hillsides, slopes, utility cuts, mixed graminoids and forbs, usually with other species of Desmodium, a habitat threatened by succession, development, overenthuastic maintenance, and alien invasives.

Primarily southern, but as far north as Illinois, Indiana, Pennsylvania, New York. Listed in DE (S3), MD (S3/S4), NJ (S3), NY (SH)

JUSTIFICATION: Last seen in the field by the proposers in 2006 at a site since destroyed by expansion of an airfield runway. Unlike most other Desmodiums quite distinctive and showy, especially in flower, unlikely to be missed. Only seen 4-5 times in last 25 years.





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SPECIES: Desmodium nuttallii (Schindl.) B.G. Schub.

SYNONYM:

PRESENT STATUS: TU PROPOSED STATUS: PE

TOTAL LOCATIONS, HISTORIC AND EXTANT: (total number of documented occurrences in PA)

EXTANT LOCATIONS: 6

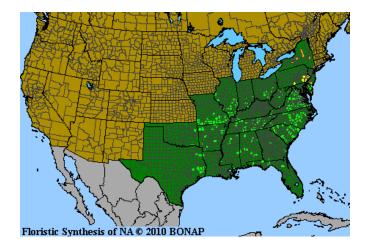
(number of occurrences thought to be currently extant)

ESTIMATED TOTAL EXTANT PLANTS IN PA: 500-1000

HABITAT: Dry open hillsides, slopes, utility cuts, mixed graminoids and forbs, usually with other species of Desmodium, a habitat threatened by succession, development, overenthuastic maintenance, and alien invasives.

Primarily southern, but as far north as New York, Connecticut, and Michigan. Listed in DE (S3), MD (SU), NJ (S3), NY (SH)

JUSTIFICATION: The most common of the 'rare' tick-trefoils, observed five times in last five years, one site had 100+ large and healthy plants. However most populations are small and in decline.





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SPECIES: Desmodium obtusum (Muhl ex Willd.) DC

SYNONYM: Desmodium rigidum (Elliott) DC

PRESENT STATUS: N PROPOSED STATUS: PE

TOTAL LOCATIONS, HISTORIC AND EXTANT: (total number of documented occurrences in PA)

EXTANT LOCATIONS: ?

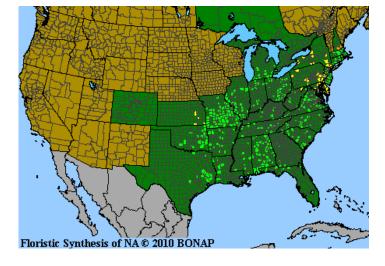
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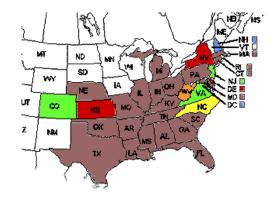
ESTIMATED TOTAL EXTANT PLANTS IN PA:

HABITAT: Dry open hillsides, slopes, utility cuts, mixed graminoids and forbs, usually with other species of Desmodium, a habitat threatened by succession, development, overenthuastic maintenance, and alien invasives.

RANGE: Primarily southern, but as far north as Michigan, New York, and Vermont. Listed in DE (S1), MD (S1), NY (S1)

JUSTIFICATION: Only seen twice in the field in 25 years (Goat Hill, above the Octorara, western Delaware County). No known extant populations. Can be difficult to distinguish from D. ciliare and small-leaved plants of D. perplexum and D. nuttallii





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SPECIES: Desmodium viridiflorum (L.) DC

SYNONYM:

PRESENT STATUS: **N** PROPOSED STATUS: **PE**

TOTAL LOCATIONS, HISTORIC AND EXTANT: (total number of documented occurrences in PA)

EXTANT LOCATIONS: 1?

(number of occurrences thought to be currently extant)

ESTIMATED TOTAL EXTANT PLANTS IN PA: 25-50

HABITAT: Dry open hillsides, slopes, utility cuts, railroad banks, mixed graminoids and forbs, usually with other species of Desmodium, a habitat threatened by succession, overenthuastic maintenance, development, and alien invasives.

Primarily southern, north to Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania. Listed in MD (S3/S4), NJ (S2). Possibly not present in DE.

JUSTIFICATION: Only seen once in the field in PA In 25 years (1980's, southern Berks County, along an abandoned railroad.

Difficult to distinguish from close relative D. nuttallii

