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Application of the Residence Concept to the Barrens Willow (*Salix jejuna*) in Canada

Does the concept of residence under SARA apply to this species? **NO**

Detailed Rationale:
(1) Does the ecology of the species include the use of a dwelling place—which is a specific location (or locations) or discrete spatial area that contains features similar to a den or nest, or performs functions similar to a den or nest?
No - the specific location occupied by an individual Barrens Willow plant is plainly a part of the general habitat of the species; there is no inherent feature of this area similar to a den or nest.

(2) Are these locations occupied or habitually occupied during all or part of the species' life cycle?
NA

(3) Are these locations essential to the successful performance of a specific, crucial function of the species' life-cycle?
NA

Summary of Rationale:
Individual Barrens Willow plants do not appear to use a dwelling place similar to a nest or den, and therefore do not qualify for having a residence. There would be no additional legal protection not already afforded by protection of the individual and its critical habitat.

Additional Information
For more information on the Barrens Willow, go to:
http://www.speciesatrisk.gc.ca/search/speciesDetails_e.cfm?SpeciesID=678

For more information on SARA, go to: http://www.sararegistry.gc.ca/default_e.cfm

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