

# Response Statement - Eastern Mountain Avens

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**Common Name:** Eastern Mountain Avens

**Scientific Name:** *Geum peckii*

**Status assessment by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC):** Endangered

**How the Minister of the Environment intends to respond to the assessment:** The above assessment confirms the classification of this wildlife species in Schedule 1, the *List of Wildlife Species at Risk* as Endangered. Activities will continue to be undertaken in a manner consistent with the purposes, and according to the timelines identified in, the *Species at Risk Act*.

**Reason(s) for status designation provided by COSEWIC:** This globally imperiled species is geographically restricted in Canada to three locations of open peatland habitat in Nova Scotia. Its habitat has declined due to encroachment by woody vegetation, exacerbated by artificial drainage of sites. Portions of the habitat have also become degraded by nesting gulls. Threats including all-terrain vehicles, road maintenance and development have also impacted this species. Fewer than 9000 mature individuals remain with most found on private land.

**Occurrence:** Nova Scotia

**Competent Minister(s):**

Minister of Environment

**Conservation activities underway:** The final Recovery Strategy for the Eastern Mountain Avens (*Geum peckii*) in Canada is posted on the Species at Risk Public Registry. A draft of the Action Plan for the Eastern Mountain Avens (*Geum peckii*) in Canada is in preparation.