

Response Statement - Purple Twayblade

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Common Name: Purple Twayblade

Scientific Name: *Liparis liliifolia*

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

How the Minister of the Environment intends to respond to the assessment: The Minister of the Environment will forward the COSEWIC re-assessment of the Purple Twayblade to the Governor in Council (GiC) within three months. This species is currently on the *List of Wildlife Species at Risk* (Schedule 1) under the *Species at Risk Act* as Endangered. The Minister of Environment will consult with the governments of Ontario and Quebec, Aboriginal peoples, stakeholders, and the public on whether or not the Purple Twayblade should have its Schedule 1 status of Endangered changed to Threatened.

Once a species has been assessed by COSEWIC, further steps must be undertaken before it is added to Schedule 1 of the *Species at Risk Act*. For more information on this process, please view [The Species Listing Process Under SARA](#).

Reason(s) for status designation provided by COSEWIC: This small inconspicuous orchid extends across southern Ontario to southwestern Quebec as a series of scattered populations. The discovery of several new populations in recent years has extended its known range in Canada. The few individuals present in the majority of the populations and the overall small size of the entire Canadian population places the species at continued risk from chance events.

Occurrence: Ontario, Quebec

Competent Minister(s):

Minister of Environment

Province(s) and territory (territories) to be consulted:

Ontario

Quebec

Conservation activities underway: A National Recovery Team has been put in place and a recovery strategy for the Purple Twayblade (*Liparis liliifolia*) is under development.