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Adopt-a-Swamp Pink Population

Volunteers Make the Difference

How volunteers can help:

New Jersey supports more than 70 percent of the world's swamp pink populations. Recovery of this species is dependent upon the long-term stability of existing populations; however, many New Jersey populations are not monitored on an annual basis. Through the Adopt-a-Swamp Pink Population program, volunteers play a significant role in recovering this threatened species by monitoring specific sites.

What the program does:

The purpose of the Adopt-A-Swamp Pink Population program is twofold: (1) to obtain trend data on an annual basis to assess the overall health and stability of a swamp pink population and (2) to involve the public in recovery efforts.

How the program works:

As U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service volunteers, individuals visit a specified swamp pink population to count the number of plants/clumps in a population, map the boundaries of a population, and record general observations about the habitat. Activities are conducted annually in April and May. A monitoring form is provided by the Service to ensure that necessary information is obtained. The completed form is then submitted to the Service after monitoring activities are finished.

If you are interested in the Adopt-a-Swamp Pink Population program, please contact the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service's New Jersey Field Office at (609) 646-9310 for more information.