



Maine Department of Conservation
Natural Areas Program

Lonicera oblongifolia (Goldie) Hook.

Swamp Fly-honeysuckle

- Habitat:** Bogs, swampy thickets and wet woods.
[Forested wetland; Open wetland, not coastal nor rivershore (non-forested, wetland)]
- Range:** New Brunswick and Quebec to Manitoba, New York, Pennsylvania, Michigan and Minnesota.
- Phenology:** Flowers May - June.
- Family:** Caprifoliaceae



Illustration from Britton & Brown's Illustrated Flora of the Northern United States and Canada, 2nd ed.

Aids to Identification: Swamp fly-honeysuckle is a shrub that grows up to 1.5 m high with upward pointing branches covered with small hairs, and opposite oval leaves 2-5 cm in length. The flowers, borne in pairs, are yellow, two-lipped, and narrow. The fleshy red berries also occur in pairs. The only other honeysuckle that is found in similar communities is *Lonicera villosa*, the mountain fly honeysuckle. It is distinguished by its blue berries and winter buds covered by 2 valvate scales (vs. several imbricate scales).

Ecological characteristics: Because of the specific habitat requirements of swamp fly-honeysuckle -- open areas of cool cedar swamps underlain by limestone -- it is not widespread, but populations may be plentiful where it does occur.

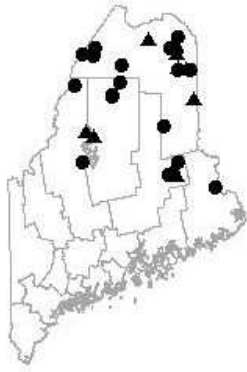
Synonyms:

Rarity of *Lonicera oblongifolia*

State Rank:	S3	Rare in Maine.
New England Rank:	None	
Global Rank:	G4	Widespread, abundant, and apparently secure globally, but with cause for long-term concern.

Status of *Lonicera oblongifolia*

Federal Status:	None	No Federal Status.
State Status:	Special Concern	Rare in Maine, based on available information, but not sufficiently rare to be considered Threatened or Endangered.



- ▲ Historical (before 1983)
- Recent (1983 - present)

Known Distribution in Maine:

This rare plant has been documented from a total of 25 town(s) in the following county(ies): Aroostook, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Somerset, Washington.

Dates of documented observations are: 1883 (2), 1937, 1938 (2), 1941, 1945, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989 (2), 1993 (4), 1994, 1997, 2001 (2), 2002 (5), 2003 (2)

Reason(s) for rarity:

Specific habitat requirements.

Conservation considerations:

Appears reasonably secure; known populations are persistent.

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If you know of locations for this plant or would like more information on this species, please contact the Natural Areas Program
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