

# Response Statement - Showy Phlox

**November 15, 2005**

**Common Name:** Showy Phlox

**Scientific Name:** *Phlox speciosa* ssp. *occidentalis*

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

**Reason(s) for status designation provided by COSEWIC:** A showy perennial known from a very small area and from fewer than 10 locations. The species is present within a region subject to on-going habitat loss and degradation as a consequence of private property development, agricultural practices, and the spread of invasive plants.

**Occurrence:** British Columbia

**Competent Minister(s):**

Minister of Environment

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

British Columbia

**Conservation activities underway:** A draft Recovery Strategy has been completed under RENEW (Recovery of Nationally Endangered Wildlife), the national recovery program.

**How the Minister of the Environment intends to respond to the assessment:** The Minister of the Environment will immediately forward the COSEWIC assessment of the Showy Phlox to the Governor in Council (GiC). The Minister of the Environment will consult with the government of British Columbia, Aboriginal peoples, stakeholders, and the public on whether or not the Showy Phlox should be added to the *List of Wildlife Species at Risk* (Schedule 1) under the *Species at Risk Act*. Information respecting opportunities to comment will be posted on the public registry. Comments received during consultations will be reviewed. The Minister of the Environment will make a recommendation to the GiC on whether or not to add the Showy Phlox to the List. The GiC will make a decision within nine (9) months of having received the assessment.

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](#).