

***Omalotheca sylvatica* (L.) Schultz-Bipontinus**

Current status: TU
Proposed status: PX

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Habitat: open or boggy woods, rocky slopes, clearings, fields, or edges

Range: *Omalotheca sylvatica* has a circumboreal range; in North America it occurs from Newfoundland south to PA and west to WI and Ontario, also in British Columbia. It is at its southern limit of range in PA.

Description: Erect perennial with leafy stems; leaves are silvery gray above. Flowering heads are borne in a loose, spiciform inflorescence.

Pennsylvania Status: Known from a single site in Tioga Co. where it was collected once in 1941.

Identification Problems: This species is distinctive.

Status in Other States: S1 in NY, VT, MI, and WI; S3 in ME; S4 in Ontario and New Brunswick; the closest known extant populations are in northern NY and VT.

Global Status: G4

Rationale for Change: The Tioga Co., PA site appears to be the southernmost occurrence of this species in North America. Because it has not been seen in the intervening 69 years we suggest PX. Additional searching on north-facing slopes in northern PA should be undertaken.

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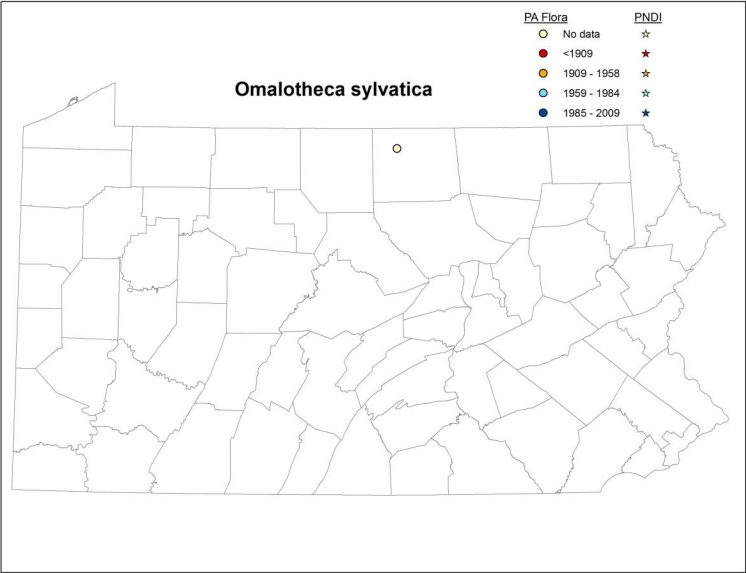
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