



FWS Expands SWP Survey Area in Virginia

The survey season for small whorled pogonia (*Isotria medeoloides*) is fast approaching. It is now apparent that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) has recommended surveys in the following counties:

Appomattox
Amherst
Bedford
Botetourt
Buckingham
Campbell
Caroline
Charles City
Essex
Fairfax
Franklin
Gloucester
Hanover
Henrico

James City
King George
King William
Lee
Madison
New Kent
Prince William
Roanoke
Rockbridge
Spotsylvania
Stafford
Wise
York

FWS generally will **not** accept any federally-listed plant or animal surveys (small whorled pogonia) from unqualified professionals. To be “qualified”, a professional must be included on the FWS-maintained list of survey contacts for a particular species. WEG has three (3) staff ecologists who are listed by FWS as survey contacts for small whorled pogonia. These experienced professionals are available to assist you with surveys or any issues that may arise regarding this plant or any other listed species in Virginia.

Failure to schedule your SWP surveys during the appropriate survey window could lead to significant project delays.

For more information, please contact your WEG PM at any of our offices: Williamsburg (757) 220-6869, Richmond (804) 267-3474, Herndon (703) 437-3096 or Fredericksburg (540) 785-5544.