

NEW ENGLAND NOTE

THE RE-DISCOVERY OF *SOLIDAGO ODORA* AIT. (ASTERACEAE) IN VERMONT

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Solidago odora Ait. is at the northern limit of its range in southeastern Vermont and is on the Vermont rare and endangered species list (Countryman, 1978). Oakes (1842) mentioned the species in his catalogue of Vermont plants, but by the time Brainerd et al. (1900) compiled the Vermont flora, the vouchers could not be located. The only specimens that have survived are those W. H. Blanchard collected in September 1901 from Vernon, Windham Co. (Eggleston et al., 1915). Blanchard found "one large clump of plants", in the vicinity of *Lespedeza ×nuttalii* Darl. and *Aureolaria pedicularia* (L.) Raf., at the border of Line's Woods. In October of 1982 I rediscovered a colony of 30 *S. odora* at the edge of open, dry oak woods about one mile north of Lily Pond, in the central part of Vernon [Zika 6758 (VT)]. Nearby were *Aureolaria pedicularia*, *Lespedeza hirta* (L.) Hornemann and a small colony of *Bartonia virginica* (L.) BSP. All of these species are rare plants in Vermont.

Blanchard also collected *Solidago odora* in 1901 from the east side of the Connecticut River, on the Drewsville Plains and on Fall Mountain, in Walpole, Cheshire Co., New Hampshire [*Blanchard s.n.* (VT)]. In view of the species persistence in Vernon, it seems likely it will be rediscovered in nearby Walpole as well.

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