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Cover: *Zanthoxylum thomasianum* is known from several sites in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. It is a small shrub (2-3 meters) that grows on the banks of cliffs. Threats to this taxon include development, seed consumption by insects, and road erosion. The seeds are difficult to germinate, but Fairchild Tropical Garden in Miami has plants growing as part of the Center for Plant Conservation's National Collection of Endangered Plants. (Drawing taken from USFWS 1987 Draft Recovery Plan.)

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SUMMARY

The Center for Plant Conservation (Center) has held two meetings of the Puerto Rico\Virgin Islands Task Force in Puerto Rico. The first task force meeting was August 21, 1989, and the second meeting was September 16 and 17, 1992. Both meetings were hosted by Puerto Rico's Department of Natural Resources. The results are compiled in this report. At both meetings species were ranked as to their degree of conservation concern. Those species which are at risk of extinction in the next five years if no conservation efforts are implemented are ranked as priority A, and those species at risk of extinction in the next ten years are ranked as priority B. Following the two meetings, 57 species have been ranked as priority A, and 21 as priority B, for a total of 78 species at risk of extinction. A total of 165 species were identified as species of conservation concern.

The data contained in the enclosed lists represents the collected field information of 37 individuals from 19 different agencies, and over 200 years of experience collectively in the botany of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The results of these meetings are used to assist the Center in setting priorities for what taxa to accession into the National Collection of Endangered Plants, a source of plant material for germplasm storage, research, and conservation of rare and endangered plants in the wild. Additionally, these meetings indicate the need for more studies on the lack of regeneration of many of the taxa and the need to do further surveys to determine more accurate distributions of these taxa. Recommendations from the meetings have been made to various government agencies and institutions, such as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, recommending surveys and additions to the Federal Register.

One recurring theme at these meetings was the need for a botanical garden in Puerto Rico to help with the plant conservation efforts of the region and to maintain the Center's National Collection. Several possibilities exist for such a local affiliation; such as the University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez (UPR). A representative of the university attended the Center's Participating Institutions Annual Meeting in 1991 to learn more about the Center and its programs. A Participating Institution in Puerto Rico would be a valuable addition to the Center's network and the Center is working towards that end.

The information in this report is as accurate as the information collected at the task force meetings or sent to the Center. Therefore, the Center would appreciate any updates, corrections, or new information. The Center is committed to keeping the lines of communication open through this exchange of information on the rare plants of Puerto Rico. The Center plans to generate such a report following each of the task force meetings, and appreciates the efforts of the task force participants in providing the needed information.

B. All Puerto Rico\Virgin Islands Species of Conservation Concern
Explanation of Attached Lists

SO	FED	G-RANK	P	PROPOSED	NCIN	EN	CPC_#	SCIENTIFIC_NAME.....	FAMILY.....	COMMON_NAME(S).....	RANGE.....
1		G1	B					6120	<i>Calyptranthes portoricensis</i>	Myrtaceae		PR
1	1	G1	A	89 FTG (P/A)	FTG			698	<i>Calyptranthes thomasiana</i>	Myrtaceae	Thomas' Lidflower	PR VI
				91 FTG (RC/A)								
1	2	G1	B					6121	<i>Calyptranthes triflora</i>	Myrtaceae	Three-blossom Lidflower	PR
2		G2G3						9620	<i>Calyptranthes woodburyi</i>	Myrtaceae		PR
1	LT	G1G2	B	85 FTG (P/A)	FTG			701	<i>Calyptronoma rivalis</i>	Arecaceae	Palma Manaca Puerto Rican Manac	PR
1	LE	G1	A					796	<i>Cassia mirabilis</i> [= <i>Chamaecrista mirabilis</i>]	Fabaceae	Puerto Rico Senna	PR
1	2	G7	A					9879	<i>Catesbaea melanocarpa</i>	Rubiaceae	Tropical Lily-thorn	PR
1	PT	G1NE	C					877	<i>Cereus portoricensis</i>	Cactaceae	Hijo Chumbo	PR
1	3C	G1	X					878	<i>Cereus quadricostatus</i> [= <i>Leptocereus</i> <i>quadricostatus</i>]	Cactaceae	Sebucan	PR
1		G1Q						8580	<i>Chamaesyce monensis</i>	Euphorbiac	Caribbean Broomspurge	PR
1			A					13644	<i>Chamaesyce orbifolia</i>	Euphorbiac		PR
1		G1Q						6179	<i>Coccoloba pallida</i>	Polygonace	Pale Seagrape	PR
1	1	G2	A					6180	<i>Coccoloba rugosa</i>	Polygonace	Ortegon	PR [VI]
1	2	G1G3	A					1047	<i>Cordia bellonis</i>	Boraginace	Puerto Rico Manjack	PR
1	2	G1	A	90 FTG (P/P)				1048	<i>Cordia rupicola</i>	Boraginace	Puerto Rico Manjack	PR, British Virgin Islands
				91 FTG (PR/P)								
				92 FTG (PR/A)								
1	1	G1	A					1049	<i>Cordia wagnerorum</i>	Boraginace	Luquillo Mountain Manjack Wagners' Cordia	PR
1	LE	G1	A	88 FTG (P/A)	FTG			1072	<i>Cornutia obovata</i>	Verbenaceae	Nigua Palo de Nigua	PR
				91 FTG (RC/A)								
1			A					9867	<i>Cranichis ricartii</i>	Orchidaceae		PR
1	LE	G1	C	90 FTG (P/A)	FTG			1103	<i>Crescentia portoricensis</i>	Bignoniace	Higuero de Sierra	PR
1			B					13642	<i>Croton fishlockii</i>	Euphorbiac		PR, British Virgin Islands VI
1	3C	G1G3						1110	<i>Croton impressus</i>	Euphorbiac	Puerto Rico Croton	Mexico PR, Latin America
1	LE		A					1203	<i>Cyathea dryopteroides</i> [= <i>Alsophila dryopteroides</i>]	Cyatheaceae	Elfin Tree Fern	PR
2	3C	G2						1224	<i>Cynanchum monense</i>	Asclepiada	Mona Island Swallow-wort	PR
1	2	G1Q						1230	<i>Cyperus urbanii</i> [= <i>Mariscus urbanii</i>]	Cyperaceae	Urban's Flatsedge	PR
1		GUT1						6232	<i>Dalea carthagnensis</i> var <i>portoricana</i>	Fabaceae		PR
1	LE	G1	A					1358	<i>Daphnopsis helleriana</i>	Thymelaeac		PR
1	2	G1G3						1393	<i>Dendropemon sintenisii</i>	Loranthace	Hicaquillo Mistletoe	PR
1	1	G1Q						1410	<i>Dicliptera krugii</i>	Acanthaceae	Krug's Mudwort	PR
1		G1	X					6236	<i>Didymopanax gleasonii</i>	Araliaceae	Yuquilla	PR
2		G2						6240	<i>Diospyros sintenisii</i>	Ebenaceae	Guayabota Wispero	PR
1	1	G?	A					9869	<i>Elaphoglossum serpens</i>	Elaphoglos	Cerro de Punta Jayuya	PR
1	3C	G1	X					1596	<i>Encyclia krugii</i>	Orchidaceae	Krug's Encyclia	PR
1	3B	G1G3						1597	<i>Encyclia sintenisii</i>	Orchidaceae	Sintenis' Encyclia	Mexico PR, Latin America, Jamaica, Cuba

SO	FED	G-RANK	P	PROPOSED	NCIN	EM	CPC_#	SCIENTIFIC_NAME	FAMILY	COMMON_NAME(S)	RANGE
1	3B	G1G3					1603	<i>Epidendrum lacerum</i>	Orchidaceae		PR, Cuba
1	2	G1G3					1813	<i>Erithalis revoluta</i>	Rubiaceae		PR
1	1	G1	A	90	FTG (P/A)	FTG	7012	<i>Erythrina eggersii</i>	Fabaceae	Cock's-spur Pinon Bucare Bucayo Coral Coral Vegetal Espuelo de Gallo Pinon espinoso	PR VI
1		G1	A				7013	<i>Eugenia bellonis</i>	Myrtaceae		PR
1		G1	X				6279	<i>Eugenia eggersii</i>	Myrtaceae	Guasavara	PR
1	1	G1	A				1847	<i>Eugenia haematocarpa</i>	Myrtaceae	Uvillo	PR
1	2	G1G3					1848	<i>Eugenia margarettae</i>	Myrtaceae		PR
1		G1	X				6280	<i>Eugenia stewardsonii</i>	Myrtaceae	Stewardson's Eugenia	PR
1	2	G1	A				1850	<i>Eugenia underwoodii</i>	Myrtaceae	Underwood's Eugenia	PR
1		G7	B				9881	<i>Eugenia woodburyana</i>	Myrtaceae		PR
1	2	G1G3					1852	<i>Eupatorium borinquense</i> [= <i>Chromolaena borinquensis</i>]	Asteraceae	Puerto Rico Thorough-wort	PR
1	2	GK	A				1853	<i>Eupatorium droserolepis</i>	Asteraceae	Oreganillo	PR
1	2	G1Q					1856	<i>Eupatorium oteroi</i> [= <i>Chromolaena oteroi</i>]	Asteraceae	Mona Island Thorough-wort	PR
1	2	G1G3	C				1971	<i>Galactia eggersii</i>	Fabaceae	Eggers' Milkpea	VI, British Virgin Islands
1		G1	C	89	FTG (P/A)	FTG	6294	<i>Goussia attenuata</i>	Arecaceae	Palma de Lluvia Palma Flaca Llume	PR
1	1	G1	A				2020	<i>Gesneria pauciflora</i>	Gesneriaceae	Few-flowered Gesneria	PR *
1	LE	G1	A	86	FTG (P/A)	FTG	2041	<i>Goetzea elegans</i>	Solanaceae	Mata Buey Beautiful Goetzea	PR
1	2	G1G3	A				2042	<i>Gonocalyx concolor</i>	Ericaceae		PR
1	2	G1G3Q					2073	<i>Graffenrieda ottoschulzii</i>	Melastomat	Petites Graines Camasey	Haiti PR XT, Dominican Republic
1	3B	G1G3Q					2208	<i>Heliotropium guanicense</i>	Boraginaceae	Cotorrilla	PR
1		G1	A				6318	<i>Henriettea membranifolia</i> [= <i>Henriettella membranifolia</i>]	Melastomat	Camasey	PR
1	LE	G1	A				2307	<i>Ilex cookii</i>	Aquifoliac	Cook's Holly Te	PR
1		G1	B				6341	<i>Ilex sintenisii</i>	Aquifoliac	Sintenis' Holly Cuero de Sapo	PR
1	2	G1G3					2316	<i>Ipomoea krugii</i>	Convolvula	Krug's White Morning-glory	PR
1	2	G2	A				6351	<i>Juglans jamaicensis</i>	Juglandaceae	West Indian Walnut Nogal	PR
1	2	G1G3					2373	<i>Justicia borinquensis</i>	Acanthaceae		PR
1	2	G1	X				2376	<i>Justicia culebritae</i>	Acanthaceae	Culebrita Island Water-willow	PR VI, British Virgin Islands
1	3C	G1G3					2433	<i>Laplacea portoricensis</i>	Theaceae	Nino de Cota Maricao Verde	Mexico PR, Latin America
1	3C	G1	X				2468	<i>Lepanthes dodiana</i>	Orchidaceae		PR
1	PE	G1	C				2469	<i>Lepanthes eltoroensis</i>	Orchidaceae		PR
1	1	G7	A				9882	<i>Leptocereus grantianus</i>	Cactaceae	Puerto Rico	PR

SO	FED	G-RANK	P	PROPOSED	NCIN	EN	CPC_#	SCIENTIFIC_NAME.....	FAMILY....	COMMON_NAME(S).....	RANGE.....
											Apple-cactus	
1		G3	B					6392	<i>Lycaste barringtoniae</i>	Orchidaceae		Cuba, Dominican Republic, Jamaica PR
1	1	G1G3	B					2789	<i>Malpighia infestissima</i>	Malpighiac	Stingingbush Cowhage-cherry	VI
1			B					13646	<i>Mappia racemosa</i>	Icacinaceae		Cuba, Jamaica PR
2	1							2802	<i>Mariscus urbanii</i> [= <i>Cyperus urbanii</i>]	Cyperaceae		PR
1	3B	G1	X					2803	<i>Marlierea sintenisii</i>	Myrtaceae	Murta	PR
1	2	G1G3						2804	<i>Marsdenia elliptica</i>	Asclepiada		PR
1	2	G1G3	A					2817	<i>Maytenus cymosa</i>	Celastraceae	Caribbean Mayten	PR VI, British Virgin Islands
1	2	G1	C					2818	<i>Maytenus elongata</i>	Celastraceae	Cuero de Sapo	PR VI
1	1	G1	C	91	FTG (P/P)			2819	<i>Maytenus ponceana</i>	Celastraceae	Cuero de Sapo	PR
1	3B	G1G3Q						2833	<i>Mesadenus portoricensis</i>	Orchidaceae		PR
1		G1	X					6408	<i>Miconia foveolata</i>	Melastomat	Camasey	PR
1		G1	X					6409	<i>Miconia pycnoneura</i>	Melastomat	Camasey	PR
1	3C	G1	B					2844	<i>Mikania stevensiana</i>	Asteraceae	Guaco	PR
1	1	G1Q	A	92	FTG (P/A)			2871	<i>Mitracarpus maxwelliae</i>	Rubiaceae		PR
1	2	G1	B	90	FTG (P/A)	FTG		2872	<i>Mitracarpus polycladus</i>	Rubiaceae		PR
				91	FTG (RC/A)							
1	1	G1Q	A					2911	<i>Myrcia paganii</i>	Myrtaceae	Ausu	PR
1		G1	C					6426	<i>Myrica holdridgeana</i>	Myricaceae	Palo de Cera	PR
1			A					13645	<i>Myrica maricaensis</i>	Myricaceae		PR
1	2	G1G3	-					3009	<i>Operculina triquetra</i>	Convolvula		VI
1	3C	G1G3		89	FTG (P/P)	FTG		3032	<i>Opuntia triacantha</i>	Cactaceae	Big Pine Key Prickly-pear Jumping Prickly Apple	FL, Mexico PR VI, Latin America, Guadeloupe
				92	FTG (PR/A)							
1		G1	X					6442	<i>Ossaea krugiana</i>	Melastomat	Camasey	PR
1	LE	G1G3	C					3062	<i>Ottoschulzia rhodoxylon</i>	Icacinaceae	Palo de Rosa	PR, Dominican Republic
1		GUT1						6444	<i>Palicourea crocea</i> var <i>crocea</i>	Rubiaceae	Cachimbo	PR
1	2	G1	A					3095	<i>Panicum stevensianum</i>	Poaceae	Stevens' Panic-grass	PR, Cuba
1	2	G1G3						3119	<i>Passiflora bilobata</i>	Passiflora	Two-lobe Passion-flower	Mexico PR, Latin America
1	3C	G1G3						3120	<i>Passiflora murucuja</i>	Passiflora	Virgin Island Passion-flower	Mexico PR, Latin America
1	1	G1	X					7032	<i>Peperomia megalopoda</i>	Piperaceae	Puerto Rico Peperomia	[PR]
1	LE	G1	B	87	FTG (P/A)	FTG		3299	<i>Peperomia wheeleri</i>	Piperaceae	Wheeler's Peperomia	PR
1	2	G1Q						3454	<i>Pilea leptophylla</i>	Urticaceae	Puerto Rico Clearweed	PR
1	2	G1G3	-					3455	<i>Pilea multicaulis</i>	Urticaceae	Many-stemmed Clearweed	PR VI
1	2	G1G3						3456	<i>Pilea richardii</i>	Urticaceae	Richard's Clearweed	PR VI
1	3C	G1G3						3457	<i>Pilea yunquensis</i>	Urticaceae	Mountain Clearweed	PR
1	1	G1	A					3525	<i>Pleodendron macranthum</i>	Canellaceae	Chupacallos	PR
1	3C	G1	C	89	FTG (P/A)	FTG		3568	<i>Polygala cowellii</i>	Polygalaceae	Palo de Violeta Violet Tree	PR
1	1	G1?	A					9870	<i>Polystichum calderonense</i>	Dryopterid		PR
1	3C	G1	C					3594	<i>Portulaca caulerpoides</i>	Portulacac	Puerto Rico Portulaca	PR
1		GUT1Q	C	90	FTG (P/P)			9208	<i>Pseudophoenix sargentii</i> var <i>saonae</i>	Areaceae		PR, Dominican Republic
1			A					13643	<i>Psidium insulanum</i>	Myrtaceae		PR
1	1	G1	A					3653	<i>Psidium sintenisii</i>	Myrtaceae	Hoja Menuda	PR

MEMORANDUM

TO: Recipients of CPC Lists
FROM: Center for Plant Conservation
RE: Explanation of Attached Lists

This memo is intended to explain the format of the CPC lists. Each list contains all the plants in our database that meet the selection criteria as described in the heading of each list.

The first column labelled SO is an algorithm used at the Center to determine an overall ranking for endangerment. Taxa with a value of 1 are of highest concern.

The column labelled FED lists the federal status of this taxon, if any, under the Endangered Species Act.

The column labelled G-RANK is the global rank as supplied by The Nature Conservancy.

The next column, simply labelled P, is the code from the Center's priority survey (results released December 1988), and from subsequent regional meetings. You should pay particular attention to any plant that has an "A" or a "B" in this column, as these are the plants of highest conservation concern.

The next column, PROPOSED, lists the institutions that have proposed to work on or have collected the plant as part of the National Collection of Endangered Plants, along with the decision of the Center's Advisory Council on those proposals.

The column labelled NCIN displays the institution that has accessioned this taxon into the National Collection of Endangered Plants.

The next column, EN, deals with sponsorships received (or promised) for the taxa in the National Collection of Endangered Plants.

The column labelled CPC # gives the unique number assigned to the plant within the Center's database.

The column labelled SCIENTIFIC NAME is fairly self-explanatory. Many of our 10,000+ names are synonyms of other names on the list; it is a difficult task to find and code all of these synonyms, and we have much more work to do in this regard. However, for some names, you will see bracketed names preceded by an equal sign; this indicates alternative names by which this plant may be known. Any other names that you can supply us will be appreciated.

The (often truncated) family name shows up under FAMILY.

The next heading, COMMON NAME(S), lists as many common names for a plant as we know. As always, we are interested in learning of other common names, so we seek your help in providing regional common names.

The last column, RANGE, lists the two-letter state abbreviations. In addition to "real" state abbreviations, some extra abbreviations show up here; these are the codes used by TNC for non-state areas such as the Canadian provinces, the Navajo Nation, the Tennessee Valley Authority, other countries, etc.

If you have questions about these lists, please call [(314) 577-9450] or write the Center for Plant Conservation.

Explanation of Codes Used in CPC Lists

Sorting Order [SO]

A numerical code based on rankings from the The Center for Plant Conservation, The Nature Conservancy, and the Fish Wildlife Service.

<u>SO</u>		<u>CPC</u>		<u>TNC</u>		<u>FWS</u>
1	=	A,B	or	G1,T1	or	LE,LT,PE,PT
2	=			G2,T2	or	1, 1*, 1**
3	=	C,-		G3,T3	or	2, 2*, 2**
4	=	X	or	G4,T4,G5	or	3, 3A, 3B, 3C
				T5,GH,GU		

Federal Status [FED] (as defined by the Fish and Wildlife Service)

- LE = Listed Endangered
- LT = Listed Threatened
- PE = Proposed Endangered
- PT = Proposed Threatened
- 1 = taxa for which FWS has on file substantial information on biological vulnerability and threat(s) to support the appropriateness of proposing to list taxa as Endangered or Threatened
- 1* = Category 1 taxa that may already have gone extinct
- 1** = Category 1 taxa believed to be extinct in the wild, but known to be extant in cultivation
- 2 = taxa for which information indicates that proposing to list the taxa as Endangered or Threatened is possibly appropriate, but for which substantial data on biological vulnerability and threat(s) are not currently known or on file to support proposed rules
- 2* = Category 2 taxa that may possibly be extinct
- 2** = Category 2 taxa believed to be extinct in the wild, but known to be extant in cultivation
- 3 = taxa no longer being considered for listing as Threatened or Endangered
- 3A = taxa for which FWS has persuasive evidence of extinction
- 3B = names that, on basis of current taxonomic understanding, usually as represented in published revisions and monographs, do not represent taxa meeting the Endangered Species Act's definition of "species"
- 3C = taxa that have been proven to be more abundant or widespread than was previously believed and/or those not subject to any identifiable threat

Global Rank [G-RANK] (as defined by The Nature Conservancy)

- G1 = critically imperiled globally because of extreme rarity (5 or fewer occurrences or very few remaining individuals or acres) or because of some factor(s) making it especially vulnerable to extinction

Explanation of Codes Used in CPC Lists - p. 2

Global Rank [G-RANK] (continued)

- G2 = imperiled globally because of rarity (6 to 20 occurrences or few remaining individuals or acres) or because of some factor(s) making it very vulnerable to extinction throughout its range
- G3 = either very rare and local throughout its range or found locally (even abundantly at some of its locations) in a restricted range, or because of other factors making it vulnerable to extinction throughout its range; in terms of occurrences, in the range of 21 to 100
- G4 = apparently secure globally, although it may be quite rare in parts of its range, especially at the periphery
- G5 = demonstrably secure globally although it may be quite rare in parts of its range, especially in its periphery
- GH = of historical occurrence throughout its range, i.e. formerly part of the established biota, with the expectation that it may be rediscovered
- GU = possibly in peril range-wide but status uncertain; need more information
- GX = believed to be extinct throughout its range with virtually no likelihood that it will be rediscovered

Subspecies and varieties are codes by combining the full species Global Rank with a "sub-rank" comprised of a "T" plus the appropriate rank (1,2,3,4,5,H,U, or X), representing the rarity of the subspecies or variety itself.

CPC Priority [P] (as defined by CPC survey and Priority Regions Task Force meetings)

- A = taxa that could possibly go extinct in the wild within the next 5 years
- B = taxa that could possibly go extinct in the wild within the next ten years
- C = taxa that will probably remain extant in the wild for the next 10 years
- "-" = very rare taxa for which no response was received or taxa that were proposed to be added to our survey list by respondents but for which no priority ranks were provided
- X = taxa that were once proposed as Priority A, B, or C, but that have since been removed from the list by one or more Regional Task Force

Proposed [PROPOSED] Type of Proposal Submitted
Codes that can appear before the slash (/):

- N = Renewal
- P = Proposed
- PR = Pre-approved

Explanation of Codes Used in CPC Lists - p. 3

Proposed [PROPOSED] Type of Proposal Submitted (continued)

Codes that can appear before the slash (/):

R = Reproposed
RC = Recollection
W = Withdrawn

Proposed [PROPOSED] Advisor's Decision

Codes that can appear after the slash (/):

- A APPROVED: Proposed taxon met the criteria for accession in the National Collection and was of the highest priority.
- M APPROVED: Same as above. Applicable to multi-year proposals.
- P PRE-APPROVED: Proposed taxon met the criteria for accession into the National Collection or for recollection of existing material, but was not of the highest priority at the time.
- H HOLD: Proposal was approved, or even pre-approved, conditionally on some specified requirement. Decision is on "hold" until the condition is met.
- D DENIED: Proposed taxa did not meet the criteria for accession in the National Collection at the time.

Institutional Abbreviations [PROPOSED] [NCIN]

AAH = The Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University
BERR = Berry Botanic Garden
BOK = Bok Tower Gardens
DES = Desert Botanical Garden
FTG = Fairchild Tropical Garden
HOL = The Holden Arboretum
KHD = Denver Botanic Gardens
MERC = Mercer Arboretum
MO = Missouri Botanical Garden
NCA = The North Carolina Arboretum
NCU = The North Carolina Botanical Garden
NEWF = Garden in the Woods
NSA = The Nebraska Statewide Arboretum
NY = The New York Botanical Garden
PTBG = National Tropical Botanical Garden
RPBG = Regional Parks Botanic Garden (Tilden)
RSA = Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden
SABG = San Antonio Botanical Gardens
TZHI = The Arboretum at Flagstaff
UCB = University of California Botanical Garden
UTSA = Red Butte Gardens and Arboretum at the University of Utah
WAI = Waimea Arboretum and Botanical Garden

Explanation of Codes Used in CPC Lists - p. 4

Endowed [EN]

- Y = this taxon has been endowed
- R = this taxon is "reserved" for endowment

Range [RANGE]

- [] = state historical - no currently known sites, but may still exist in this state
- () = state extirpated - no currently known sites, reasonable evidence that this taxon is gone from this state

C. Puerto Rico\Virgin Islands [A] and [B] species

ADIANTUM VIVESII Proctor (Adiantaceae)
[no common name]

Overall CPC sorting order: 1

CPC Priority: A (could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 5 years)

Federal status: 1

Global rank: G1?

TNC element code: PPAD1030NO

Distribution:

Puerto Rico

Habitat(s):

deep permanent shade, moist humus over limestone [2977]

Habit:

perennial herb [2977]

Extant individuals/population/sites:

known only from type locality (Quebradillas) - 100 individuals [1686]

250 individuals in 1 population at 1 site [2977]

Site ownership and status:

private, Barrio San Antonio, Quebradillas, Finca Alvarez [2977]

Threat(s):

development pressure in area, protected by limestone cliffs [2977]

Horticultural/economic potential:

almost none [2977]

Specialist(s):

Dr. George R. Proctor, Department of Natural Resources (DRN)

In cultivation at:

none [2977]

CPC#: 9868

AGAVE EGGERSIANA Trel. (Liliaceae)
Egger's Agave

Overall CPC sorting order: 1

In National Collection at: FTG

CPC Priority: A (could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 5 years)

Federal status: 2

Global rank: G1G3

TNC element code: PMAGA01070

Distribution:

U.S. Virgin Islands

Habitat(s):

dry, exposed areas [2977]

Extant individuals/population/sites:

only known in cultivation - Margaret Hayes; Fairchild; Conrad Fleming [1686]

end to St. Croix, extinct in wild [2977]

Reproductive biology:

unknown if cultivated ones are all from the same parent; offspring should be sent to FTG for work on DNA f

Reintroduction note(s):

good habitat available [2977]

In cultivation at:

FTG [2977]

WAI [2977]

Ken Jones, St. George Village Botanical Garden, St. Croix - from 2 parents that were destroyed and had been planted; may be vegetatively identical [2977]

Margaret Conrad Fleming, Cruzan Garden, by Fredricksted and at home [2977]

Eleanor Gibney, St. John [2977]

Darlene Brown, St. Thomas [2977]

CPC#: 46

ARDISIA LUQUILLENSIS (Britt.) Alain (Myrsinaceae)

Mameyuelo

Overall CPC sorting order: 1

CPC Priority: B (could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 10 years)

Federal status:

Global rank: G1

TNC element code: PDMRS01030

Distribution:

Puerto Rico (state rank: S1)

Extant individuals/population/sites:

100-200 individuals in ?? populations [1686]

very restricted, but doing fairly well there [1686]

Threat(s):

expansion of existing communication facility [1686]

Off-site need:

propagules needed [1686]

Horticultural/economic potential:

attractive, arborescent shrub [1686]

Specialist(s):

Mr. Cyrus Lundell

CPC#: 6041

ARISTIDA CHASEAE (Poaceae)

(alternate name: *Aristida chasei*)

[no common name]

Overall CPC sorting order: 1

CPC Priority: B (could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 10 years)

Federal status:

Global rank:

TNC element code: (unknown)

Distribution:

Puerto Rico

Habitat(s):

dry, stoney, sandy soil [2977]

Habit:

perennial herb (dies back in dry season) [2977]

Extant individuals/population/sites:

large colony found recently [1686]

ca 2000 individuals in 4 populations [2977]

most on private land - threats high [2977]

Site ownership and status:

Caba Rojo National Wildlife Refuge, 180 individuals 2 years ago [2977]

Sierra Burmeja - Cerro Mariquita, ca 200 individuals, private [2977]
Sierra Burmeja - west end (2 populations) [2977]

Threat(s):

exotic grasses [1686]
clearing [2977]
grazing [2977]
fire [2977]

Reproductive biology:

unknown [2977]

Seed:

seed is orthodox [2977]

Horticultural/economic potential:

none [2977]

Miscellaneous:

"A" to "B", DS#2977

Specialist(s):

Dr. Paul Mackensie, Louisiana State University
Dr. George R. Proctor, Department of Natural Resources (DRN)

In cultivation at:

none [2977]

CPC#: 9886

ARISTIDA PORTORICENSIS Pilger (Poaceae)

Pelos del Diablo

Overall CPC sorting order: 1

CPC Priority: A (could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 5 years)

Federal status: LE

Global rank: G1

TNC element code: PMPOAOKOU0

Distribution:

Puerto Rico (state rank: S1)

Habitat(s):

dry, stony ground or laterite [2977]

Habit:

perennial herb [2977]

Extant individuals/population/sites:

large population discovered recently [1686]
? individuals in 2 populations [2977]

Site ownership and status:

Sierra Bermeja - Cerro Mariquita [2977]
Cerro las Mesas, Mayaguez (on its way out, clearing area for housing) [2977]
Milleros - S. Silander (possible population?) [2977]

Threat(s):

exotic grasses [1686]
suburban development (at Mesas) [2977]
grazing (at Mariquita) [2977]
clearing (at Mariquita) [2977]
fire (at Mariquita) [2977]

Seed:

seed is orthodox [2977]

Horticultural/economic potential:

none [2977]

Specialist(s):

Dr. Paul Mackensie, Louisiana State University

Dr. George R. Proctor, Department of Natural Resources (DRN)

CPC#: 286

AUERODENDRON PAUCIFLORUM (Rhamnaceae)

[no common name]

Overall CPC sorting order: 1

CPC Priority: A (*could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 5 years*)

Federal status: 1

Global rank: G?

TNC element code: PDRHA0F010

Distribution:

Puerto Rico

Habitat(s):

woodland near brink of limestone cliff [2977]

Habit:

small tree [2977]

Extant individuals/population/sites:

10 individuals in 1 population at 1 site [2977]

Site ownership and status:

Costa Isabela - development company [2977]

2 trees that are not on Costa Isabella land [2977]

Threat(s):

resort development [2977]

Reproductive biology:

no seeds have been seen [2977]

Horticultural/economic potential:

used for fence posts, hard wood [2977]

Specialist(s):

Dr. Henri Alain Liogier, Botanic Garden

Cultivation information:

may be tissue cultured, not from cuttings [2977]

In cultivation at:

none [2977]

CPC#: 12937

BANARA VANDERBILTII Urban (Flacourtiaceae)

Palo de Ramon

Overall CPC sorting order: 1

In National Collection at: FTG

CPC Priority: A (*could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 5 years*)

Federal status: LE

Global rank: G1

TNC element code: PDFLA01020

Distribution:

Puerto Rico (state rank: S1)

Habitat(s):

limestone [2977]

Habit:

small tree [2977]

Extant individuals/population/sites:

ca 18 known in wild [1686]

second population was found several years ago - a disjunct population [1686]

original site was on limestone; new site is higher and on a different substrate [1686]

Site ownership and status:

Hwy. 2, west of Toabaja [2977]

east peak of Cayey [2977]

base of Luquillo by road (new location; Julio Figueroa), south of Hwy. 3 - one tree (Liogier has spec.) [2977]

Threat(s):

habitat destruction [1686]

limestone quarrying [1686]

cows [1686]

farming [1686]

road construction [1686]

Seed:

seed is recalcitrant [2977]

Off-site need:

increase genetic lineages in cultivation [1686]

Horticultural/economic potential:

very handsome plant, attractive flowers [1686]

Cultivation information:

dried and refrigerated, lose viability after 2 months (FTG) [2977]

In cultivation at:

25 plants from FTG, Cambalache Forest, doing well and FTG, St. John 2 plants [2977]

CPC#: 536

BRACHIONIDIUM CILIOLATUM Garay (Orchidaceae)

[no common name]

Overall CPC sorting order: 1

CPC Priority: A (could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 5 years)

Federal status: 1

Global rank: G1G3

CITES appendix: 2

TNC element code: PMORC08010

Distribution:

Puerto Rico

Habitat(s):

mossy branches of moss forest [2977]

elfin cloud forest [2977]

Habit:

perennial herb [2977]

epiphyte [2977]

Extant individuals/population/sites:

known only from type locality - Sierra de Luquillo, Pico del Este, ca 1000 m [1686]

may be extinct, needs to be surveyed [2977]

not collected since type (Dr. Dick Howard and Roy Woodbury) [2977]

Site ownership and status:

El Yunque Rock [2977]

El Yunque, west peak of east peak - 2 colonies [2977]

Threat(s):

expansion of communication facilities [2977]

Reproductive biology:

this might be a self-pollinating form [1686]

unknown [2977]

Horticultural/economic potential:

no horticultural potential [2977]

Miscellaneous:

*could be a self-pollinating, aberrant form of *B. parvum**

Specialist(s):

Dr. James D. Ackerman, University of Puerto Rico

Dr. George R. Proctor, Department of Natural Resources (DRN)

Reintroduction note(s):

good candidate if fruits are found and aseptically cultivated [2977]

Cultivation information:

aseptic culture [2977]

seeds are dust-like; lack endosperm, require microrhizae to germinate; intensive cultivation [2977]

In cultivation at:

none [2977]

CPC#: 6104

BRUNFELSIA DENSIFOLIA Krug & Urban (Solanaceae)

Serpentine Hill Raintree

Overall CPC sorting order: 1

In National Collection at: FTG

CPC Priority: B (could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 10 years)

Federal status:

Global rank: G1

TNC element code: PDSOLO5020

Distribution:

Puerto Rico (state rank: S1)

Habitat(s):

serpentine [1686]

Habit:

shrub [1686]

Extant individuals/population/sites:

fairly common locally; confined to serpentine [1686]

Threat(s):

habitat destruction [1686]

road widening [1686]

Horticultural/economic potential:

beautiful; good horticultural potential [1686]

Cultivation information:

being propagated at Fairchild - open pollinated [1686]

will grow from seeds as well as from cuttings [1686]

In cultivation at:

FTG

CPC#: 6112

Distribution:

Puerto Rico (state rank: S1)
U.S. Virgin Islands

Habitat(s):

lower montane [2977]

Habit:

tree (may be dioecious, need to determine) [2977]

Extant individuals/population/sites:

30 individuals in 6-7 sites [1686]

Site ownership and status:

Rio Abajo State Forest, Aricebo; 8 or 18 plants (largest population) [2977]
Caribbean National Forest; 2 plants, road 191, Woodbury population 0.25 km below washout [2977]

Threat(s):

road construction [2977]
forest maintenance [2977]

Reproductive biology:

no reproduction occurring [2977]

Horticultural/economic potential:

horticultural potential when in fruit [1686]
relatives have good wood [2977]

Specialist(s):

Sr. Jose Rivera, US Forest Service
Dr. Roger W. Sanders, Fairchild Tropical Garden

Cultivation information:

some seed germination trials were not successful [1686]
6 individuals in V. Guevedo's nursery were produced asexually [1686]

In cultivation at:

Jose Rivera, rooted from stump at Catalina [2977]

CPC#: 672

CALYPTRANTHES KIAERSKOVII (Myrtaceae)

[no common name]

Overall CPC sorting order: 1

CPC Priority: A (could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 5 years)

Federal status:

Global rank:

TNC element code: (unknown)

Distribution:

Puerto Rico

Habitat(s):

high moist or moist end of dry forest [2977]

Habit:

small tree [2977]

Extant individuals/population/sites:

1 individual left in 3 populations (2 are historic) [2977]
8 plants in several populations on a national park in Gorda Park on Virgin Gorda, BVI (1991) [3485]
it is speculated that there are more populations in the bush where access is difficult [3485]

Site ownership and status:

Tortola - not seen in years [2977]
Virgin Gorda Island - path to tower, 1 individual (Gibney) [2977]
Viequez - extirpated, 10-15 originally, now helipad (Woodbury) [2977]

the Gorda Park locality is within a national park and is protected from habitat destruction [3485]

Threat(s):

habitat destruction [2977]

low numbers [2977]

Reproductive biology:

unknown [2977]

Horticultural/economic potential:

may be used as an ornamental [2977]

Specialist(s):

Dr. Fred Kraus, Department of Biology

Ms. Eleanor Gibney

In cultivation at:

FTG [2977]

CPC#: 13641

CALYPTRANTHES PEDUNCULARIS Alain (Myrtaceae)

(alternate name: *Calyptranthes dumetorum*)

Serpentine Lidflower; Maricao

Overall CPC sorting order: 1

CPC Priority: B (*could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 10 years*)

Federal status: 2

Global rank: G1

TNC element code: PDMRT01060

Distribution:

Puerto Rico (state rank: S1)

Habitat(s):

serpentine [1686]

Habit:

shrub to 2 meters [1686]

Extant individuals/population/sites:

200-300 left - scattered in edges of thickets [1686]

Puerto Rico, Susua Forest and surrounding areas; 200-300 plants [3113]

Threat(s):

road widening [1686]

Horticultural/economic potential:

very little horticultural potential [1686]

Specialist(s):

Dr. Henri Alain Liogier, Botanic Garden

Dr. George R. Proctor, Department of Natural Resources (DRN)

Cultivation information:

cuttings are difficult to root in this family [3113]

CPC#: 697

CALYPTRANTHES PORTORICENSIS Britt. (Myrtaceae)

[no common name]

Overall CPC sorting order: 1

CPC Priority: B (*could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 10 years*)

Federal status:

Global rank: G1

TNC element code: PDMRT01070

Distribution:

Puerto Rico (state rank: S1)

Extant individuals/population/sites:

no current sites - 2 old sites (1981) [1686]

Miscellaneous:

very little information available for this taxon

CPC#: 6120

CALYPTRANTHES THOMASIANA Berg (Myrtaceae)

Thomas' Lidflower

Overall CPC sorting order: 1

In National Collection at: FTG

CPC Priority: A (could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 5 years)

Federal status: 1

Global rank: G1

TNC element code: PDMRT01090

Distribution:

Puerto Rico (state rank: S1)

U.S. Virgin Islands

Habitat(s):

moist forest [2977]

Habit:

shrub (Virgin Gorda) [2977]

tree (St. John) [2977]

Extant individuals/population/sites:

30-50 individuals left in 3 sites (original site may be gone) [1686]

is also on St. John (St. Thomas site has been developed) [1686]

ca. 15-20 plants occur at Bordeaux Mt. on St. John [3485]

ca. 100+ plants at the Gorda Peak locality [3485]

Site ownership and status:

St. Thomas - not relocated, development high in area [2977]

Threat(s):

habitat destruction [2977]

Reproductive biology:

not much recruitment [2977]

Horticultural/economic potential:

handsome shrub [1686]

may be used as an ornamental [2977]

Reintroduction note(s):

no habitat on St. Thomas [2977]

Cultivation information:

unknown [2977]

In cultivation at:

FTG; 2 plants from Flag Hill, St. Thomas [2977]

St. Thomas; seed and 4 F1 seedlings (may be hybrids) [2977]

CPC#: 698

CALYPTRANTHES TRIFLORA Alain (Myrtaceae)

Three-blossom Lidflower

Overall CPC sorting order: 1

CPC Priority: B (could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 10 years)

Federal status: 2

Global rank: G1

TNC element code: PDMRT010A0

Distribution:

Puerto Rico (state rank: S1)

Habit:

evergreen shrub [1686]

Threat(s):

road widening (grows along roadsides) [1686]

Off-site need:

should be propagated - interesting inflorescences [1686]

Miscellaneous:

serpentine; shrub in thickets along roadways

CPC#: 6121

CALYPTRONOMA RIVALIS (O.F. Cook) Bailey (Arecaceae)

Palma Manaca; Puerto Rican Manac

Overall CPC sorting order: 1

In National Collection at: FTG

CPC Priority: B (could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 10 years)

Federal status: LT

Global rank: G1G2

IUCN ranking: E

TNC element code: PMARE04010

Distribution:

Puerto Rico (state rank: S2)

Habit:

tree [1686]

Extant individuals/population/sites:

200-300 individuals total [1686]

locally abundant, but very localized [1686]

most are on private property [1686]

3-4 populations, only one is large [2977]

Site ownership and status:

Rio Camuy, ca. 150 individuals, including lots of seedlings [2977]

Rio Guajataca, just below lake, William Estramer or Papo Vives [2977]

below Callazo (or Quebazo Falls), San Sebastian, ca. 1 dozen; were ca. 100 earlier [2977]

Threat(s):

fire [1686]

grazing [1686]

destruction of habitat - land use change [2977]

Horticultural/economic potential:

very attractive, horticultural potential [1686]

Miscellaneous:

"A" to "B", DS#2977

Specialist(s):

Dr. John Popenoe, Fairchild Tropical Garden

Dr. Robert W. Read, Quest End

In cultivation at:

FTG [2977]

John Causquillo (Ackerman's Lab) planted at Guajataca Boy Scout Camp [2977]

Rio Abaja Forest, 400 plants, 3 locations, 98-99% success in 1983 (DNR), Diego Jimenez [2977]

widely cultivated by the Palm Society [1686]

CPC#: 701

CASSIA MIRABILIS Pollard (Fabaceae)
(alternate name: *Chamaecrista mirabilis*)
Puerto Rico Senna

Overall CPC sorting order: 1

CPC Priority: A (could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 5 years)

Federal status: LE

Global rank: G1

TNC element code: PDFABOS190

Distribution:

Puerto Rico (state rank: S1)

Habitat(s):

confined to white silica sand, open [2977]

Habit:

perennial herb, creeping but not rooting [2977]

Site ownership and status:

Toabaja Forest [2977]

Condado Lagoon - gone [2977]

Threat(s):

sand mining [2977]

construction [2977]

burning [2977]

pasture [2977]

Reproductive biology:

check with Heritage Program about transplants to preserve [2977]

Seed:

seed is orthodox [2977]

Horticultural/economic potential:

very little horticultural potential [1686]

Specialist(s):

Dr. Rupert Barneby, The New York Botanical Garden

Cultivation information:

easily from seed [2977]

flowers year round? [2977]

In cultivation at:

none [2977]

CPC#: 796

CATESBAEA-MELANOCARPA Krug & Urban (Rubiaceae)
Tropical Lily-thorn

Overall CPC sorting order: 1

CPC Priority: A (could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 5 years)

Federal status: 2

Global rank: *G?*

TNC element code: *PDRUB08010*

Distribution:

Puerto Rico

Habitat(s):

dry, stoney thickets [2977]

Habit:

shrub [2977]

Extant individuals/population/sites:

4 individuals in 1 population [1686]

6 individuals in 1 population [2977]

Site ownership and status:

Puerto Rico, no known populations, Guanica [2977]

St. Croix, 4 adults and 3 seedlings; lost 1 adult in hurricane [2977]

Antigua (Lesser Antilles); consult Howard's flora, rare [2977]

Threat(s):

development [1686]

low numbers [2977]

fire [2977]

close to oil refinery [2977]

was proposed for golf course [2977]

Reproductive biology:

unknown; 1-2 small plants at garden have fruits [2977]

pollinator unknown [2977]

Horticultural/economic potential:

good horticultural potential - handsome little shrub [2977]

Specialist(s):

Dr. Charlotte Taylor, Missouri Botanical Garden

Dr. George R. Proctor, Department of Natural Resources (DRN)

Reintroduction note(s):

good reintroduction to Guanica from St. Croix [2977]

reintroductions possible if propagated from seed [1686]

Cultivation information:

can establish without miccorrhize [2977]

In cultivation at:

13 in St. Croix Village Botanical Garden [2977]

5 at Mayaguez [2977]

CPC#: *9879*

CHAMAESYCE ORBIFOLIA (Euphorbiaceae)

[no common name]

Overall CPC sorting order: *1*

CPC Priority: *A (could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 5 years)*

Federal status:

Global rank:

TNC element code: *(unknown)*

Distribution:

Puerto Rico

Habitat(s):

bases of caves and depressions in rocks [2977]

Habit:

prostrate perennial herb, tussocks where goats are [2977]

Extant individuals/population/sites:

not more than 50 individuals in 1-6 populations at 1 site [2977]

Site ownership and status:

Mona Island - eastern end, state wildlife refuge [2977]

Threat(s):

goats [2977]

pigs [2977]

Horticultural/economic potential:

ground cover or bonsai [2977]

Specialist(s):

Mr. Roy Woodbury

In cultivation at:

none [2977]

CPC#: 13644

COCCOLOBA RUGOSA Desf. (Polygonaceae)

Ortegon

Overall CPC sorting order: 1

CPC Priority: A (*could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 5 years*)

Federal status: 1

Global rank: G2

TNC element code: PDPGN05080

Distribution:

Puerto Rico (state rank: S2)

U.S. Virgin Islands (state rank: SH)

Habitat(s):

semi-dry woodland ravines, lower montane [2977]

Habit:

small tree [2977]

Extant individuals/population/sites:

rare, PR endemic [1686]

also known as a record from St. Thomas ca 100 years ago [1686]

< 500 individuals in 4 populations (3 sites in same area, not counted) [2977]

most sites destroyed [2977]

Site ownership and status:

Palmas de Mar area, chief remaining site (121 plants) [2977]

Threat(s):

quarrying [1686]

development [1686]

all surrounded by condos, roads and resorts [2977]

Reproductive biology:

reproduces in wild [2977]

Off-site need:

engineers want to know how to propagate it [1686]

Horticultural/economic potential:

beautiful tree - very showy [1686]

whole flower spike is crimson [2977]

gorgeous, leathery, wrinkled leaves [2977]

Miscellaneous:

"B" to "A", DS#2977

Specialist(s):

Dr. George R. Proctor, Department of Natural Resources (DRN)

Cultivation information:

probably no special needs [2977]

In cultivation at:

previously under cultivation in Europe (Paris) [2977]

originally described from cultivation [2977]

CPC#: 6180

CORDIA BELLONIS Urban (Boraginaceae)

Puerto Rico Manjack

Overall CPC sorting order: 1

CPC Priority: A (*could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 5 years*)

Federal status: 2

Global rank: G1G3

TNC element code: PDBOR09040

Distribution:

Puerto Rico

Habitat(s):

serpentine, low, open thickets or road clearings within 1 km radius of Monte Aligrio tower, 750-900m [2977]

Habit:

weak shrub, very inconspicuous [2977]

4-merous sessile clusters of flowers [2977]

Extant individuals/population/sites:

4 plants with flower buds [2977]

Site ownership and status:

Maricao, Monte Aligrio, now a police tower [2977]

Maricao, San German, 1/2 km east southeast of HQ office of forest; 4 plants, adults; may be more, very inconspicuous [2977]

Monte Serrate Forest, near lookout tower in 1982; may be sw of Alto de la Bandera on Road 10, different soil, only collected once [2977]

Threat(s):

along gravel road not open to the public, should stay closed [2977]

Reproductive biology:

anomalous Cordia, closely related to C. wagnerorum [2977]

Horticultural/economic potential:

unlikely [2977]

Specialist(s):

Sr. Ruben Padron

Reintroduction note(s):

serpentine gravel not promising substrate [2977]

Cultivation information:

unknown [2977]

In cultivation at:

none [2977]

CPC#: 1047

CORDIA RUPICOLA Urban (Boraginaceae)

Puerto Rico Manjack

Overall CPC sorting order: 1

CPC Priority: *A (could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 5 years)*

Federal status: 2

Global rank: *G1*

TNC element code: *PDBOR090H0*

Distribution:

Puerto Rico (state rank: S1)

British Virgin Islands

Habitat(s):

serpentine [1686]

limestone [1686]

dry thicket, lots of orchids [2977]

Habit:

shrub [2977]

Extant individuals/population/sites:

2 known populations: 1) Puerto Rico, Guanica Forest (# individuals unknown), 2) British Virgin Islands, Anegada Island (# individuals unknown) [3113]

also fairly common in the central part of Anegada Island, with a few dozen individuals at each locality (according to Kraus) [3485]

Site ownership and status:

west side of Guanica State Forest (Guayanilla) (not found in recent years) [2977]

west end of Anagada, BVI, 2 collections [2977]

Los Indios [2977]

Threat(s):

habitat destruction [1686]

Anagada - overrun with livestock [2977]

Reproductive biology:

need to study - not sure how successful reproduction is [2977]

cuttings root readily [3113]

Horticultural/economic potential:

slight horticultural interest due to textured leaves [2977]

Specialist(s):

Sr. Ruben Padron

Dr. George R. Proctor, Department of Natural Resources (DRN)

Cultivation information:

easy to propagate [2977]

In cultivation at:

FTG, 1 plant; setting fertile seed, fast growing [2977]

CPC#: 1048

CORDIA WAGNERORUM Howard (Boraginaceae)

Luquillo Mountain Manjack; Wagners' Cordia

Overall CPC sorting order: 1

CPC Priority: *A (could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 5 years)*

Federal status: 1

Global rank: *G1*

TNC element code: *PDBOR090N0*

Distribution:

Puerto Rico (state rank: S1)

Habit:

straggling tree - rainforest species [1686]

woody vine to 12 ft. [2977]

Extant individuals/population/sites:

no recent sitings; only known from one site (El Toro trail) [1686]

if it still survives, it is excessively rare [1686]

known only from type locality [2977]

Site ownership and status:

type locality, El Toro Trail, no trace in July 1991; check if destroyed in slide area [2977]

Horticultural/economic potential:

not much horticultural potential [1686]

Specialist(s):

Dr. Patricia Holmgren, The New York Botanical Garden

Dr. George R. Proctor, Department of Natural Resources (DRN)

Dr. Jim Miller, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service-Region 6

CPC#: 1049

CORNUTIA OBOVATA Urban (Verbenaceae)

Nigua; Palo de Nigua

Overall CPC sorting order: 1

In National Collection at: FTG

CPC Priority: A (could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 5 years)

Federal status: LE

Global rank: G1

TNC element code: PDVER08010

Distribution:

Puerto Rico (state rank: S1)

Habitat(s):

dry serpentine (Susua) [2977]

moist limestone (other locations) [2977]

Habit:

small tree [1686]

Extant individuals/population/sites:

10 individuals total in 5 sites [1686]

8 individuals occurring in 5 populations in 3 sites [2977]

Site ownership and status:

Rio Abajo - 3 individuals [2977]

Aricedo Observatory - left of entrance [2977]

Barrenquitas - private, near community [2977]

Susua - population of 4 plants, not relocated, State Forest [2977]

Threat(s):

habitat destruction [2977]

Reproductive biology:

unknown [2977]

Horticultural/economic potential:

definite horticultural potential [1686]

may be hard wood [2977]

Reintroduction note(s):

easily grown from cuttings [2977]

propagules could be put back into protected areas [1686]

Cultivation information:

none [2977]

In cultivation at:

FTG [2977]
CPC#: 1072

CRANICHIS RICARTII (Orchidaceae)
[no common name]

Overall CPC sorting order: 1

CPC Priority: A (could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 5 years)

Federal status:

Global rank:

TNC element code: (unknown)

Distribution:

Puerto Rico

Habitat(s):

serpentine thickets, 600-700 m. elevation in decomposing litter [2977]

Habit:

perennial herb (terrestrial) [2977]

Extant individuals/population/sites:

known only from type locality [1686]

may be 20 individuals in 2 populations at 1 site [2977]

Site ownership and status:

both populations are in Maricao Forest Reserve [2977]

Threat(s):

pine plantation possible - management DNR [2977]

Reproductive biology:

probably self-pollinating [2977]

Seed:

seed is orthodox [2977]

Horticultural/economic potential:

none [2977]

Specialist(s):

Dr. James D. Ackerman, University of Puerto Rico

Sr. Ruben Padron

Reintroduction note(s):

limiting factor - terrestrial orchid propagation inexact science [2977]

Cultivation information:

miccorrhize, difficult from seed [2977]

fruit set is good [2977]

In cultivation at:

none [2977]

CPC#: 9867

CROTON FISHLOCKII (Euphorbiaceae)
[no common name]

Overall CPC sorting order: 1

CPC Priority: B (could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 10 years)

Federal status:

Global rank:

TNC element code: (unknown)

Distribution:

Puerto Rico
British Virgin Islands
U.S. Virgin Islands

Habitat(s):

scrub thicket to open canopy [2977]
low coastal forest [2977]

Habit:

small shrub < 1 m. [2977]

Extant individuals/population/sites:

several hundred individuals in 3 populations [2977]

Site ownership and status:

St. John, Minna Hill, southeast portion of Virgin Islands National Park - 100+ individuals [2977]
State Concordia roadside - 25-30 individuals (BVI) [2977]
Great Camino - several 100 individuals (BVI) [2977]

Threat(s):

encroached by buildings (El Camino Island) [2977]
donkeys - core population (St. John) [2977]
goats - east end pond (St. John) [2977]

Horticultural/economic potential:

none - need to study [2977]

Specialist(s):

Dr. Fred Kraus, Department of Biology

Cultivation information:

easy to grow [2977]

In cultivation at:

Fred Kraus - 25-30 plants in pots [2977]

CPC#: 13642

CYATHEA DRYOPTEROIDES (Cyatheaceae)

(alternate name: *Alsophila dryopteroides*)

Elfin Tree Fern

Overall CPC sorting order: 1

CPC Priority: A (could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 5 years)

Federal status: LE

Global rank:

TNC element code: (unknown)

Distribution:

Puerto Rico (state rank: S?)

Habitat(s):

high humidity, shade, upper montane wet forest [2977]

Habit:

tree fern [2977]

Extant individuals/population/sites:

total of 200 individuals in 4 sites [1686]
4 populations all on Toro Negro and Monte Guilarte State Forest [2977]

Site ownership and status:

Cerro Rosa [2977]
Cerro la Punta [2977]

Threat(s):

forest cutting [1686]
communication towers and maintenance roads [2977]

Reproductive biology:

hybridizes with other species [2977]

Horticultural/economic potential:

neat little tree-fern; good for greenhouse [1686]

horticultural; attractive [2977]

Specialist(s):

Dr. George R. Proctor, Department of Natural Resources (DRN)

Cultivation information:

high humidity, low temperature, shade [2977]

In cultivation at:

none [2977]

CPC#: 1203

DAPHNOPSIS HELLERIANA Urban (Thymelaeaceae)

(alternate name: *Daphnopsis hellerana*)

[no common name]

Overall CPC sorting order: 1

CPC Priority: *A (could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 5 years)*

Federal status: *LE*

Global rank: *G1*

TNC element code: *PDTHY02020*

Distribution:

Puerto Rico (state rank: S?)

Habitat(s):

moist woodland or limestone [2977]

Habit:

shrub [1686]

Extant individuals/population/sites:

*> 140 individuals total, including seedlings (Peter Ortiz found lots of seedlings) from 7 sites [1686]
finding more populations as they are searched for [2977]*

Site ownership and status:

Guajataca Public Forest (30 individuals) [2977]

Costa Isabella (160 individuals) - transferring designated areas to DNR [2977]

Nevarés, Toabaja (40-60 individuals; Peter Ortiz, PRHP) [2977]

Threat(s):

development [1686]

limestone quarry [2977]

Reproductive biology:

dioecious [1686]

no fruits at Guajataca [2977]

somewhat clonal [2977]

Horticultural/economic potential:

very attractive shrub [1686]

once used for making rope [2977]

attractive leaf venation and texture [2977]

Specialist(s):

Sr. Peter R. Ortiz, Natural Heritage Program - Conservation Data Center

Reintroduction note(s):

could be reintroduced into Commonwealth Forest [1686]

Cultivation information:

seedlings die back, need continual moisture (Vivian Negrier) [2977]

In cultivation at:
unknown [2977]
CPC#: 1358

ELAPHOGLOSSUM SERPENS Maxon & Morton (Elaphoglossaceae)
Cerro de Punta Jayuya

Overall CPC sorting order: 1
CPC Priority: A (*could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 5 years*)
Federal status: 1
Global rank: G?
TNC element code: PPASPODOK0
Distribution:
Puerto Rico
Habitat(s):
mossy cloud forest, highest points [2977]
Habit:
epiphyte [2977]
Extant individuals/population/sites:
30? plants total in 1 site (Cerro de Punta, Monte Jayuya) [1686]
30 individuals in 2 populations [2977]
Site ownership and status:
Cerro de Punta (Toro Negro State Forest) - 22 plants on 4 trees (trees-Lionia rubigenosa), not in good condition [2977]
Monte Tayuya - found none, mossy forest destroyed by Hurricane Hugo [2977]
Threat(s):
communication towers, need to prevent additional clearing [2977]
Specialist(s):
Dr. George R. Proctor, Department of Natural Resources (DRN)
Reintroduction note(s):
can't take disturbance, in extreme peril [2977]
CPC#: 9869

ERYTHRINA EGGERSII Krukoff & Moldenke (Fabaceae)
Cock's-spur; Pinon; Bucare; Bucayo; Coral; Coral Vegetal; Espuelo de Gallo;
Pinon espinoso

Overall CPC sorting order: 1
In National Collection at: FTG
CPC Priority: A (*could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 5 years*)
Federal status: 1
Global rank: G1
TNC element code: PDFAB1M040
Distribution:
Puerto Rico (state rank: S1)
U.S. Virgin Islands
Habitat(s):
humus or limestone [2977]
Habit:
starts as a vine and becomes a tree [1686]
Extant individuals/population/sites:

12 individuals in Puerto Rico, 2 on St. John [1686]
2 locations [2977]

Site ownership and status:

St. John, Virgin Islands N.P. - 4 sites; 3 with only 1-2 trees, 1 with 30-50 trees [2977]
Nevarez - 12 individuals, quarrying to east, have seen seedlings [2977]

Threat(s):

quarrying [1686]
habitat destruction [1686]
St. John (core population) - little human threat, hurricane [2977]
St. John (small populations) - roadside, pigs and donkeys [2977]
natural threat - shoot borer, prevents seed some years; one seedling seen [2977]

Reproductive biology:

research needs: reproductive biology, shoot borer [2977]
taxonomy may be 2 spp. according to Woodbury [2977]

Seed:

seed is orthodox [2977]

Horticultural/economic potential:

gorgeous crimson flowers [2977]

Miscellaneous:

although listed for St. Croix, only seen on St. John

Specialist(s):

Dr. David A. Neill, Missouri Botanical Garden
Ms. Eleanor Gibney

Reintroduction note(s):

should be easy to propagate and then reintroduce [1686]

Cultivation information:

control shoot borers [2977]
in cultivation, grows to a certain height and dies, may not reach reproductive age [2977]

In cultivation at:

St. George Village Botanical Garden [3089]
FTG [2977]
St. Croix - 4 [2977]
St. Thomas - 1 [2977]
St. John [2977]
Gemini Botanical Garden [2977]

CPC#: 7012

EUGENIA BELLONIS Krug & Urban (Myrtaceae)
[no common name]

Overall CPC sorting order: 1

CPC Priority: A (could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 5 years)

Federal status:

Global rank: G1

TNC element code: PDMRT03050

Distribution:

Puerto Rico (state rank: S1)

Habitat(s):

rocky, dry cliffs [2977]
tabletop hills [2977]

Habit:

shrub, 1 ft. in height [2977]

Extant individuals/population/sites:

1 individual in 1 population at 1 site [2977]

Site ownership and status:

Cayo de Muentos Island Lighthouse - 1 plant with 6 shoots [2977]

East Guanica - type locality, not relocated [2977]

Threat(s):

low numbers [2977]

Horticultural/economic potential:

unknown [2977]

Miscellaneous:

has not been seen for a long time, needs to survey for

Specialist(s):

Mr. Roy Woodbury

In cultivation at:

none [2977]

CPC#: 7013

EUGENIA HAEMATOCARPA Alain (Myrtaceae)

Uvillo

Overall CPC sorting order: 1

CPC Priority: *A (could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 5 years)*

Federal status: 1

Global rank: *G1*

TNC element code: *PDMRT030H0*

Distribution:

Puerto Rico (state rank: S1)

Habitat(s):

lower montane wet forest [2977]

Habit:

tree to 20 feet [1686]

small tree [2977]

Extant individuals/population/sites:

4-5 sites with very few individuals in each [1686]

very rare; at lower elevations [1686]

Site ownership and status:

edge of Carite Forest - 9 reproductive individuals with seedlings; private land [2977]

El Verde - 2 colonies, 50-100 individuals, 15.8 km last river to south up stream 200 ft. [2977]

Guavo - type collection [2977]

Threat(s):

landslides [1686]

little threat (El Verde) [2977]

Horticultural/economic potential:

a pretty Eugenia - large leaves and big, edible fruits [1686]

could be useful in breeding [1686]

Specialist(s):

Dr. George R. Proctor, Department of Natural Resources (DRN)

Mr. Eugenio Santiago

In cultivation at:

1-2 seedlings for reproductive biology study (Ricardo C.) [2977]

CPC#: 1847

EUGENIA UNDERWOODII Britt. (Myrtaceae)

Underwood's Eugenia

Overall CPC sorting order: 1

CPC Priority: A (could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 5 years)

Federal status: 2

Global rank: G1

TNC element code: PDMRT030Y0

Distribution:

Puerto Rico (state rank: S1)

Habitat(s):

moist forest on limestone (Puerto Rico) [2977]

moist ravine on volcanic rock (Guana Island) [2977]

Habit:

shrub [2977]

Extant individuals/population/sites:

1 individual known - Guana Island [1686]

since the Guana Island individual could not be located in 1991, it is believed that it was destroyed by Hurricane Hugo in 1989 [3485]

Site ownership and status:

Guana Island - 1 individual; Kraus has not been able to relocate [2977]

Nevarez - 1-2 individuals in 3 areas [2977]

Quebradillas [2977]

north of Salinas - 1-2 individuals [2977]

Threat(s):

low numbers [2977]

hurricane (on Guana) [2977]

quarrying (on Nevarez) [2977]

Reproductive biology:

need to study low numbers and lack of reproduction [2977]

Horticultural/economic potential:

no horticultural potential [1686]

nondescript shrub, flowers bright yellow to red [2977]

CPC#: 1850

EUGENIA WOODBURYANA (Myrtaceae)

[no common name]

Overall CPC sorting order: 1

CPC Priority: B (could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 10 years)

Federal status:

Global rank: G?

TNC element code: PDMRT03120

Distribution:

Puerto Rico

Habit:

tree to 20 feet, with very slender trunks [1686]

(strange, flabby wings on fruit) [1686]

Extant individuals/population/sites:

45 plants total in 3 populations [1686]

Threat(s):

fire [1686]
mining [1686]
road building [1686]
cow pastures [1686]

Off-site need:

should be cultivated [1686]

Horticultural/economic potential:

very beautiful [1686]

Specialist(s):

Dr. George R. Proctor, Department of Natural Resources (DRN)

CPC#: 9881

EUPATORIUM DROSEROLEPIS B.L. Robins. (Asteraceae)

Oreganillo

Overall CPC sorting order: 1

CPC Priority: A (*could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 5 years*)

Federal status: 2

Global rank: GH

TNC element code: PDAST3POJ0

Distribution:

Puerto Rico (state rank: S?)

Habitat(s):

montane wet forest, 950 m. [2977]

Habit:

perennial herb [2977]

Extant individuals/population/sites:

may be known from the type locality only [1686]

6 individuals in 1 population at 1 site [2977]

Site ownership and status:

type locality (1918) - Monte la Torrecillas, private, in Barranquitas [2977]

voucher only recently recollected in 1988 [2977]

Threat(s):

telecommunication towers [2977]

Specialist(s):

Dr. George R. Proctor, Department of Natural Resources (DRN)

In cultivation at:

none [2977]

CPC#: 1853

GESNERIA PAUCIFLORA Urban (Gesneriaceae)

Few-flowered Gesneria

Overall CPC sorting order: 1

CPC Priority: A (*could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 5 years*)

Federal status: 1

Global rank: G1

TNC element code: PDGES04030

Distribution:

Puerto Rico (state rank: S1)

Habitat(s):

rocky stream beds, at seeps near top [2977]

Habit:

rosette herb [1686]

miniature shrub [2977]

Extant individuals/population/sites:

50 individuals in 2 populations at 1 site (700-800 m) [1686]

estimated 1000 individuals in main colony, 2 populations [2977]

Site ownership and status:

south side of Maricao State Forest, few plants (Rueben Padron) [2977]

Threat(s):

flood wash-outs and landslides [2977]

storm damage [1686]

trail construction [1686]

best to leave it alone, no roads or trails into area [2977]

Horticultural/economic potential:

beautiful red flowers [1686]

gardeners would love it [1686]

mini gesneriad, beautiful salmon yellow flowers [2977]

Specialist(s):

Dr. Laurence E. Skog, Smithsonian Institution

Dr. George R. Proctor, Department of Natural Resources (DRN)

In cultivation at:

once in private collection in NJ but may not be there now [2977]

CPC#: 2020

GOETZEA ELEGANS Wydler (Solanaceae)

Mata Buey; Beautiful Goetzea

Overall CPC sorting order: 1

In National Collection at: FTG

CPC Priority: A (could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 5 years)

Federal status: LE

Global rank: G1

TNC element code: PDSOLOA010

Distribution:

Puerto Rico (state rank: S1)

Habitat(s):

limestone forest under canopy [2977]

Habit:

small tree [2977]

Extant individuals/population/sites:

48 total individuals in 3 populations plus 1 (planted?) individual [1686]

100-125 individuals (including juveniles) in 8 populations at 1 site [2977]

narrow distribution: 1 tree lost to Hugo, 1 west of Luguillo gone, all within 1 mile radius [2977]

road widening destroyed 6 trees but 40-50 root suckers came up [2977]

Site ownership and status:

private, Quebradillas, Isabela, 1 tree lost to Hugo, 1 west of Luguillo gone, all within 1 mile radius [2977]

Guajataca Gorge [2977]

Threat(s):

banana quits could be affecting pollinators [1686]

lots of flower damage - style is broken, buds are chewed [1686]

sewage [1686]
pipeline construction [1686]
habitat destruction [2977]
hotel complex construction [2977]
scale infection (may not be fatal) [2977]

Reproductive biology:

viable seed from single tree [2977]
self-compatible but more seeds from cross-pollination [2977]

Seed:

seed is orthodox [2977]

Horticultural/economic potential:

nice flowers, shiny leaves [1686]
horticulturally ornamental [2977]
Costa Isabela - to be used as an ornamental around hotel, have nursery [2977]

Miscellaneous:

disjunct populations historically

Specialist(s):

Sr. Geraldino Caminero, Universidad de Puerto Rico - Recinto de Univ. de Mayaguez (RUM)
Mr. Eugenio Santiago

Cultivation information:

scales can be a problem [2977]
not good to grow from cuttings, easy to grow from seed [2977]
greenhouse germination is relatively easy, but in the wild, very few seedlings [1686]
cuttings do not root very easily, but Fairchild has done it [1686]
Valerie Pence (Indiana) has done tissue cultures of it [1686]

In cultivation at:

FTG [2977]
50 in greenhouse at UPR, Mayaguez (Santiago) [2977]
6 specimens in Caribbean National Forest from seed [2977]
1 in UPR Botanical Garden [2977]
4 at Hacinda la Esperanza Puerto Rico Conservation Trust [2977]

CPC#: 2041

GONOCALYX CONCOLOR Nevl. (Ericaceae)
[no common name]

Overall CPC sorting order: 1

CPC Priority: A (could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 5 years)

Federal status: 2

Global rank: G1G3

TNC element code: PDERIOH010

Distribution:

Puerto Rico

Habitat(s):

cloud forest, high elevation [2977]

Habit:

shrubby epiphyte which becomes a vine [2977]

Site ownership and status:

Carite Forest - 35 individuals, type locality, state forest [2977]
Cerro la Santa - Sierra de Cayay (same site as Carite Forest) [2977]
destroyed - El Yunque - Roy Woodbury knows of population here; west peak of east peak, Cerro de Luqillo, Caribbean National Forest (where tower was built, population gone; 2-3 small colonies [2977])

Threat(s):

within forest land, communication towers require lots of maintenance [2977]

Reproductive biology:

no germination success [2977]

Horticultural/economic potential:

ornamental [2977]

Miscellaneous:

"C" to "A", DS#2977

Cultivation information:

can grow from cuttings, needs high humidity, probably needs miccorhize [2977]

In cultivation at:

Flores took cuttings [2977]

CPC#: 2042

HENRIETTEA MEMBRANIFOLIA Liogier (Melastomataceae)

(alternate name: *Henriettella membranifolia*)

Camasey

Overall CPC sorting order: 1

CPC Priority: A (could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 5 years)

Federal status:

Global rank: G1

TNC element code: PDMLS06030

Distribution:

Puerto Rico (state rank: S1)

Habitat(s):

wet montane forest [2977]

Habit:

small tree [2977]

Extant individuals/population/sites:

2 sites ? [1686]

Site ownership and status:

Cordillera Central - 1960's, not relocated [2977]

Specialist(s):

Dr. Henri Alain Liogier, Botanic Garden

CPC#: 6318

ILEX COOKII Britt. & Wilson (Aquifoliaceae)

Cook's Holly; Te

Overall CPC sorting order: 1

CPC Priority: A (could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 5 years)

Federal status: LE

Global rank: G1

TNC element code: PDAQU01090

Distribution:

Puerto Rico (state rank: S1)

Habit:

small tree [1686]

dioecious tree [2977]

Extant individuals/population/sites:

*no mature plants - only seen as seedlings; 2 sites [1686]
50+ with seedlings [2977]*

Site ownership and status:

*Cerro de Punta - west of towers, has been seen in flower (within Toro Negro State Forest) [2977]
Monte Jayuya (within Toro Negro State Forest) [2977]*

Threat(s):

*habitat destruction [1686]
communication towers probably destroyed most of population [2977]*

Reproductive biology:

dioecious [1686]

Off-site need:

ex-situ propagation needed [1686]

Horticultural/economic potential:

may have some horticultural potential [1686]

CPC#: 2307

ILEX SINTENISII (Urban) Britt. (Aquifoliaceae)
Sintenis' Holly; Cuero de Sapo

Overall CPC sorting order: 1

CPC Priority: B (could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 10 years)

Federal status:

Global rank: G1

TNC element code: PDAQU010T0

Distribution:

Puerto Rico (state rank: S1)

Habit:

small tree [1686]

Extant individuals/population/sites:

restricted habitats, but quite stable [1686]

Threat(s):

communication towers [1686]

Horticultural/economic potential:

no horticultural potential [1686]

CPC#: 6341

JUGLANS JAMAICENSIS C. DC. (Juglandaceae)
West Indian Walnut; Nogal

Overall CPC sorting order: 1

CPC Priority: A (could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 5 years)

Federal status: 2

Global rank: G2

TNC element code: PDJUG02050

Distribution:

Puerto Rico (state rank: S1)

Habitat(s):

wet montane forest [2977]

Habit:

large tree with large fruits [1686]

Extant individuals/population/sites:

10 trees in 1 population at ca 1000 meters [1686]

Site ownership and status:

P.R. - 10 trees - La Silla de Calderon [2977]

Cuba (not common) [2977]

Hispaniola (not common) [2977]

name may be wrong, individuals in Cuba and Hispaniola of *J. insularis* but may be 1 or 2 spp. [2977]

Threat(s):

farming [1686]

habitat destruction [1686]

area being cut by private owner for timber [2977]

Horticultural/economic potential:

some horticultural potential [1686]

fruit, desirable wood, long-term forestry [2977]

Specialist(s):

Dr. George R. Proctor, Department of Natural Resources (DRN)

Dr. Henri Alain Liogier, Botanic Garden

Cultivation information:

seed was collected by DRN before clear cut began [2977]

cuttings impossible - thereby propagate by seed [1686]

In cultivation at:

propagated now for DRN Nursery - Pedro Riviera - distributed to local farmers [2977]

Grenada cultivated extensively [2977]

El Toro - Puerto Rico Aq. Ext. in charge of fruit crops, growing in Rio Abaja DNR nursery, none in ITF nursery [2977]

seed was collected before site was cut for timber [2977]

CPC#: 6351

LEPTOCEREUS GRANTIANUS Britt. (Cactaceae)

Puerto Rico Apple-cactus

Overall CPC sorting order: 1

CPC Priority: A (could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 5 years)

Federal status: 1

Global rank: G?

TNC element code: PDCACOW010

Distribution:

Puerto Rico

Habitat(s):

crumbling rocky bank above seepage [2977]

Extant individuals/population/sites:

54 individuals in 1 population at 1 site [2977]

Site ownership and status:

southwest side of Culebra Islands, south of Ewing Village - 54 plants, private [2977]

Threat(s):

cut up and fed to livestock [1686]

landslide [2977]

development in nearby areas [2977]

Reproductive biology:

no flower or fruit seen in wild, but flower and fruit in cultivation [2977]

Off-site need(s):

needs to be propagated [1686]

needs taxonomic study [1686]

Horticultural/economic potential:

as cactus, no spines [2977]

Miscellaneous:

endemic to Culebra, PR

Specialist(s):

Dr. Robert Ross, University of Puerto Rico

Dr. George R. Proctor, Department of Natural Resources (DRN)

Reintroduction note(s):

cuttings, possibly good for reintroduction onto Wildlife Refuge [2977]

In cultivation at:

cuttings to St. George Village Botanical Garden, St. Croix [2977]

Conrad Fleming - 1-2 cuttings [2977]

Robert Ross has it in cultivation [1686]

CPC#: 9882

LYCASTE BARRINGTONIAE (Sm.) Lindl. (Orchidaceae)

[no common name]

Overall CPC sorting order: 1

CPC Priority: B (could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 10 years)

Federal status:

Global rank: G3

CITES appendix: 2

TNC element code: PMORC1P010

Distribution:

Cuba

Dominican Republic

Jamaica

Puerto Rico (state rank: S1)

Habitat(s):

moist forest, probably above 500 m. [2977]

Habit:

perennial herb [2977]

shrub [2977]

vine [2977]

epiphyte [2977]

Extant individuals/population/sites:

30 plants total in 6 sites (1 plant in PR) [1686]

Site ownership and status:

Puerto Rico - Maricao Forest Reserve - 1 individual [2977]

Threat(s):

horticultural collecting [2977]

habitat destruction [2977]

Reproductive biology:

bee-pollinated, probably chasmogamous [2977]

Seed:

seed is recalcitrant [2977]

Horticultural/economic potential:

good horticultural potential [2977]

Specialist(s):

Dr. James D. Ackerman, University of Puerto Rico

Reintroduction note(s):

could be propagated and reintroduced [1686]

In cultivation at:

unknown [2977]

CPC#: 6392

MALPIGHIA INFESTISSIMA L.C. Rich. ex Ndz. (Malpighiaceae)

Stingingbush; Cowhage-cherry

Overall CPC sorting order: 1

CPC Priority: B (*could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 10 years*)

Federal status: 1

Global rank: G1G3

TNC element code: PDMLP09040

Distribution:

U.S. Virgin Islands

Habitat(s):

coastal thickets, and inland dry thickets [2977]

Habit:

clonal [1686]

stinging hairs [2977]

Extant individuals/population/sites:

ca 10 plants total (clonal) in 10 populations [1686]

ca 200 plants (stems?) on St. Croix and St. Thomas in 4 populations - not all are protected [1686]

more now than 20 years ago, endemic to St. Croix, not on St. Thomas [2977]

Site ownership and status:

Buck Island - largest population, 50-100 individuals [2977]

St. Croix - widespread and scattered all over island; 1 in Sandy Point protected [2977]

Threat(s):

cut down because of stinging hairs, not affected by Hugo [2977]

Reproductive biology:

no seedlings seen [2977]

does clone [2977]

need to study reproduction [2977]

Miscellaneous:

"A" to "B", DS#2977

Specialist(s):

Mr. Roy Woodbury

In cultivation at:

St. George Village Botanical Garden [3089]

CPC#: 2789

MAPPIA RACEMOSA Jacq. (Icacinaceae)

[no common name]

Overall CPC sorting order: 1

CPC Priority: B (*could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 10 years*)

Federal status:

Global rank:

TNC element code: (*unknown*)

Distribution:

Cuba

Jamaica
Puerto Rico
Habitat(s):
moist limestone forest [2977]
Habit:
tree [2977]
Site ownership and status:
fairly common in Cuba [2977]
rare in Hispaniola [2977]
Jamaica - 1 tree at risk of destruction [2977]
Costa Isabela, Puerto Rico - 5 trees [2977]
Threat(s):
Costa Isabela - golf course planned [2977]
Jamaica - deforestation extensive, not protected [2977]
CPC#: 13646

MAYTENUS CYMOSA Krug & Urban (Celastraceae)
Caribbean Mayten

Overall CPC sorting order: 1
CPC Priority: A (*could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 5 years*)
Federal status: 2
Global rank: G1G3
TNC element code: PDCEL08010
Distribution:
Puerto Rico (state rank: S1)
U.S. Virgin Islands
British Virgin Islands
Habitat(s):
dry coastal woodland [2977]
Habit:
tree [2977]
Extant individuals/population/sites:
52 plants in 2 sites in PR [1686]
1 plant on St. Croix; also on St. Thomas [1686]
ca. 95-100 plants at the Gorda Peak locality [3485]
it is speculated that there are hundreds of these trees in Gorda Peak [3485]
Site ownership and status:
St. Croix - 1 plant but may be gone since Hurricane Hugo [2977]
Virgin Gorda - unknown size, at least 2 [2977]
island of navy base, east end Pineros, scattered, P.R. [2977]
Fajardo - west in mountain range, P.R. [2977]
Threat(s):
military maneuvers - bombing practice [1686]
Reproductive biology:
few to no seedlings [2977]
Horticultural/economic potential:
Maytenus can be used pharmaceutically [2977]
In cultivation at:
none [2977]
CPC#: 2817

MIKANIA STEVENSIANA Britt. (Asteraceae)

Guaco

Overall CPC sorting order: 1

CPC Priority: B (could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 10 years)

Federal status: 3C

Global rank: G1

TNC element code: PDAST6F080

Distribution:

Puerto Rico (state rank: S1?)

Habitat(s):

serpentine [1686]

Habit:

vining [1686]

may be suffrutescent [1686]

Extant individuals/population/sites:

common locally on serpentine [1686]

Threat(s):

road building [1686]

Off-site need:

should be easy to propagate by seeds or cuttings [1686]

Horticultural/economic potential:

minimal horticultural potential [1686]

Specialist(s):

Sr. Ruben Padron

CPC#: 2844

MITRACARPUS MAXWELLIAE Britt. & Wilson (Rubiaceae)

[no common name]

Overall CPC sorting order: 1

CPC Priority: A (could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 5 years)

Federal status: 1

Global rank: G1Q

TNC element code: PDRUB17020

Distribution:

Puerto Rico (state rank: S1)

Habitat(s):

exposed limestone gravel, scrub [2977]

Habit:

little mound-like shrub, < 1 foot [1686]

Extant individuals/population/sites:

ca 200 individuals [1686]

known from type locality only [1686]

1443 plants of 1/2 km area, many seedlings in 1 population at 1 site (Guanica State Forest, Puerto Rico) [3113]

Site ownership and status:

west segment of Guanica State Forest - Mt. Alba area [2977]

Threat(s):

roadside construction [1686]

danger from road improvement - grows in gravel road or 3 m. to side [2977]

Reproductive biology:

many seedlings seen [2977]

Horticultural/economic potential:

none likely [2977]

Specialist(s):

Dr. George R. Proctor, Department of Natural Resources (DRN)

Cultivation information:

cuttings root readily for this genus [3113]

In cultivation at:

none [2977]

CPC#: 2871

MITRACARPUS POLYCLADUS Urban (Rubiaceae)

[no common name]

Overall CPC sorting order: 1

In National Collection at: FTG

CPC Priority: B (*could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 10 years*)

Federal status: 2

Global rank: G1

TNC element code: PDRUB17030

Distribution:

Puerto Rico (state rank: S1)

Habitat(s):

exposed rocky areas near sea [2977]

Habit:

small, erect shrub [2977]

Extant individuals/population/sites:

50 ? individuals in 1 site [1686]

estimated 2000 individuals [2977]

no good count due to drought this year, needs more study after rains [2977]

Site ownership and status:

Guanica State Forest [2977]

Saba (Lesser Antilles) - 6 collections [2977]

in a protected area (Commonwealth Forest), but along roadside [1686]

Threat(s):

fire [1686]

none; goats removed, protected site (Guanica) [2977]

goats and sheep (Saba) [2977]

Horticultural/economic potential:

none [2977]

Miscellaneous:

"A" to "B", DS#2977

Specialist(s):

Dr. Charlotte Taylor, Missouri Botanical Garden

Dr. George R. Proctor, Department of Natural Resources (DRN)

Cultivation information:

grows easily from cuttings, not from seed [2977]

very dependent upon rain [1686]

In cultivation at:

FTG - dies back and resprouts, no seed set [2977]

CPC#: 2872

MYRCIA PAGANII Krug & Urban (Myrtaceae)

Ausu

Overall CPC sorting order: 1

CPC Priority: A (could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 5 years)

Federal status: 1

Global rank: G1Q

TNC element code: PDMRT09050

Distribution:

Puerto Rico (state rank: S1)

Habitat(s):

moist limestone forest [2977]

Extant individuals/population/sites:

10 individuals at 2 sites [1686]

Site ownership and status:

north and west of Florida, P.R., km 6.2 along road [2977]

Quebradillas [2977]

Threat(s):

only on private land [1686]

Reproductive biology:

no flowers or fruits seen [2977]

need study of flowers [2977]

Horticultural/economic potential:

none [2977]

tree cut for wood samples [2977]

Specialist(s):

Mr. Roy Woodbury

Cultivation information:

attempts to root cuttings have been unsuccessful [1686]

In cultivation at:

none [2977]

CPC#: 2911

MYRICA MARICAENSIS (Myricaceae)

[no common name]

Overall CPC sorting order: 1

CPC Priority: A (could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 5 years)

Federal status:

Global rank:

TNC element code: (unknown)

Distribution:

Puerto Rico

Habitat(s):

moist limestone forest [2977]

Habit:

tree [2977]

Extant individuals/population/sites:

3 individuals in 2 populations at 1 site [2977]

Site ownership and status:

Maricao State Forest - roadside of Highway 120 - 2 individuals [2977]

Maricao State Forest - unnamed mountain, 200 m., Monte Padron - 1 individual [2977]

Reproductive biology:

flowers and fruits have never been seen [2977]

Horticultural/economic potential:

none [2977]

Specialist(s):

Mr. Roy Woodbury

CPC#: 13645

PANICUM STEVENSIANUM A.S. Hitchc. & Chase (Poaceae)

Stevens' Panic-grass

Overall CPC sorting order: 1

CPC Priority: A (*could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 5 years*)

Federal status: 2

Global rank: G1

TNC element code: PMPOA4K220

Distribution:

Puerto Rico (state rank: S1)

Cuba

Habitat(s):

semi-aquatic, on acid white sands [1686]

wet silica sand [2977]

Habit:

perennial herb [2977]

Extant individuals/population/sites:

no current populations in PR; Woodbury knew where original collection was made [1686]

Site ownership and status:

type 1912, not seen since, edge of Laguna Tortugero, no trace in recent surveys [2977]

west Cuba - common [2977]

Threat(s):

habitat destruction [2977]

Reproductive biology:

vegetative propagation occurs in the wild [1686]

Reintroduction note(s):

reintroduction is desirable [1686]

In cultivation at:

FTG willing to grow; Proctor can get propagules from Cuba to FTG [2977]

CPC#: 3095

PEPEROMIA WHEELERI Britt. (Piperaceae)

Wheeler's Peperomia

Overall CPC sorting order: 1

In National Collection at: FTG

CPC Priority: B (*could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 10 years*)

Federal status: LE

Global rank: G1

TNC element code: PDPIP01240

Distribution:

Puerto Rico (state rank: S1)

Habit:

bushy shrubs, almost woody [1686]

Extant individuals/population/sites:

1 site, but common in those 10 acres [1686]

Threat(s):

chicken scratching [1686]

habitat modification [1686]

Off-site need:

habitat protection is all that is needed [1686]

Horticultural/economic potential:

definite horticultural potential [1686]

In cultivation at:

FTG

CPC#: 3299

PLEODENDRON MACRANTHUM (Baill.) v. Tiegh. (Canellaceae)

Chupacallos

Overall CPC sorting order: 1

CPC Priority: *A (could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 5 years)*

Federal status: *1*

Global rank: *G1*

TNC element code: *PDCAN02010*

Distribution:

Puerto Rico (state rank: S1)

Habitat(s):

wet to moist lower montane forest [2977]

Habit:

small tree [2977]

Extant individuals/population/sites:

10-12 individuals left, in 3 populations [1686]

Site ownership and status:

Rio Abajo State Park [2977]

El Yunque - 2 individuals [2977]

Threat(s):

habitat modification [1686]

low numbers, in protected area [2977]

Reproductive biology:

fruit and seed produced [2977]

Off-site need:

needs to be propagated; propagules are needed [1686]

Horticultural/economic potential:

aromatic oil [2977]

fish-stunning chemicals [1686]

ornamental [2977]

In cultivation at:

seeds collected - DNR (Deigo Jimenez), in nursery? [2977]

V. Quevedo started seeds in August 1989 [1686]

CPC#: 3525

POLYSTICHUM CALDERONENSE Proctor (Dryopteridaceae)
[no common name]

Overall CPC sorting order: 1

CPC Priority: A (could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 5 years)

Federal status: 1

Global rank: G1?

TNC element code: PPASPOUONO

Distribution:

Puerto Rico

Habitat(s):

cool, mossy ledges; partial shade [2977]

Habit:

perennial herb [2977]

Extant individuals/population/sites:

60 plants total in 2 sites (La Silla de Calderon, Adjuntas; Cerrote de Penuelas, Penuelas) [1686]

57 individuals in 2 populations at 2 sites [2977]

Site ownership and status:

45 plants, La Silla de Calderon State Forest (same site as Juglans jamaicensis) [2977]

12 plants, Serrote de Peluevao State Forest [2977]

Threat(s):

clearing, individuals, private individuals encroaching into forest (Calderon) [2977]

Horticultural/economic potential:

horticultural [2977]

Specialist(s):

Dr. George R. Proctor, Department of Natural Resources (DRN)

In cultivation at:

none [2977]

CPC#: 9870

PSIDIUM INSULANUM (Myrtaceae)
[no common name]

Overall CPC sorting order: 1

CPC Priority: A (could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 5 years)

Federal status:

Global rank:

TNC element code: (unknown)

Distribution:

Puerto Rico

Habitat(s):

dry coastal forest [2977]

Habit:

shrub to 6 ft. [2977]

Extant individuals/population/sites:

3 adults and 10 saplings in 1 population [2977]

Site ownership and status:

east end of Viequez Islands, U.S. Navy [2977]

Threat(s):

off-road vehicles [2977]

military maneuvers [2977]

Reproductive biology:

mostly young plants [2977]

Horticultural/economic potential:

flowers tasty [2977]

Specialist(s):

Dr. Henri Alain Liogier, Botanic Garden

Cultivation information:

*susceptible to *Cassytha filiformis*, a parasitic plant [2977]*

In cultivation at:

none [2977]

CPC#: 13643

PSIDIUM SENTENISII (Kiaersk.) Alain (Myrtaceae)

Hoja Menuda

Overall CPC sorting order: 1

CPC Priority: A (*could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 5 years*)

Federal status: 1

Global rank: G1

TNC element code: PDMRTOE050

Distribution:

Puerto Rico (state rank: S1)

Habitat(s):

mossy, wet forest on peaks [2977]

Habit:

small tree to 15 feet [1686]

Extant individuals/population/sites:

6 individuals total in 3 sites (El Yunque) [1686]

4 populations [2977]

Site ownership and status:

Luquillo, El Yunque - 2 sites [2977]

Maricao - capetal section, not far from tower, north of highway 120 [2977]

Carite report [2977]

Threat(s):

road-widening [1686]

electronic site enlargement - communication towers [2977]

Reproductive biology:

no seedlings [2977]

Horticultural/economic potential:

attractive tree [1686]

Specialist(s):

Sr. Vicente Quevedo, PR Natural Heritage Program

Dr. George R. Proctor, Department of Natural Resources (DRN)

Reintroduction note(s):

could be used for reintroduction [1686]

CPC#: 3653

SABAL CAUSIARUM (O.F. Cook) Becc. (Arecaceae)

Palma de Sombrero; Puerto Rican Hat-palm

Overall CPC sorting order: 1

In National Collection at: FTG

CPC Priority: *B (could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 10 years)*

Federal status:

Global rank: *G1*

TNC element code: *PMARE0D010*

Distribution:

Puerto Rico (state rank: S1)

U.S. Virgin Islands

British Virgin Islands

Habitat(s):

hillside or ridges in dry forest [2977]

flatlands behind beaches [2977]

fairly tolerant of wind [2977]

Habit:

tree to 30 feet [1686]

Extant individuals/population/sites:

1000's of trees now in 3 sites in PR [1686]

12-15 individuals on St. Thomas [1686]

116 individuals on Guana Islands, BVI (106 occur in 1 population) [3485]

14 individuals which occur on the southwest part of Anegada Island [3485]

Threat(s):

commercial collecting (especially large specimens) - very "hot" item horticulturally [1686]

hotel complex [1686]

road construction [1686]

feral sheep (Guana) [2977]

sheep and goats (Anegada) [2977]

Reproductive biology:

flowers infrequently on Guana Islands [2977]

Seed:

seed is orthodox [2977]

Off-site need:

could be propagated and distributed, but people are after large specimens [1686]

Horticultural/economic potential:

has horticultural potential, especially as large specimens [1686]

Specialist(s):

Dr. John Popenoe, Fairchild Tropical Garden

Dr. Fred Kraus, Department of Biology

Cultivation information:

slow-growing, long-term project [2977]

In cultivation at:

St. George Village Botanical Garden [3089]

CPC#: *6532*

SCHOEPFIA ARENARIA Britt. (Olacaceae)

Arana

Overall CPC sorting order: *1*

CPC Priority: *A (could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 5 years)*

Federal status: *LT*

Global rank: *G1?*

TNC element code: *PDOLA01010*

Distribution:

Puerto Rico (state rank: S1?)

Extant individuals/population/sites:

120 individuals total in 4 sites [1686]

Site ownership and status:

Pinones - hard hit by Hurricane Hugo [2977]

Isabela - only good population [2977]

Threat(s):

habitat destruction [1686]

Reproductive biology:

seeds heavily in Pinones [2977]

Off-site need:

would be useful to have propagules, if they could be produced [1686]

Horticultural/economic potential:

not much horticultural potential [1686]

Miscellaneous:

"B" to "A", DS#2977

Cultivation information:

hard to propagate [2977]

*hemiparasite - try it on *Coccoloba uvifera* [1686]*

In cultivation at:

FTG

CPC#: 3875

SOLANUM DRYMOPHILUM O.E. Schulz (Solanaceae)

Enrubio; Erubia

Overall CPC sorting order: 1

In National Collection at: FTG

CPC Priority: A (could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 5 years)

Federal status: LE

Global rank: G1

TNC element code: PDSOLOZOLO

Distribution:

Puerto Rico (state rank: S1)

Habitat(s):

thickets at edge of pasture [2977]

Habit:

spiny shrub to 10 feet tall [1686]

Extant individuals/population/sites:

50-150 individuals total in only 1 site [1686]

Threat(s):

fire [1686]

private land - unprotected - depends upon what the farmer chops out [1686]

development [2977]

Reproductive biology:

becoming weed in disturbed areas [2977]

Horticultural/economic potential:

chemical - alkaloids [1686]

chemical - pest resistance? [1686]

In cultivation at:

FTG [2977]

CPC#: 4028

STAHLIA MONOSPERMA (Tul.) Urban (Fabaceae)
Cobana Negra

Overall CPC sorting order: 1

CPC Priority: B (could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 10 years)

Federal status: LT

Global rank: G1G3

TNC element code: PDFAB3S010

Distribution:

Puerto Rico (state rank: S2)

Dominican Republic

Extant individuals/population/sites:

several sites [1686]

2 known populations in Puerto Rico: 1) Boqueron and 2) Sabana Grande with both populations totaling < 20 individuals [3113]

Threat(s):

coastal development [1686]

Reproductive biology:

cuttings will likely root if seed unavailable [3113]

Off-site need:

Gary Breckon's student is conducting electrophoretic studies [1686]

Miscellaneous:

very rare in the Dominican Republic

CPC#: 4087

STYRAX PORTORICENSIS Krug & Urban (Styracaceae)
Palo de Jazmin

Overall CPC sorting order: 1

CPC Priority: A (could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 5 years)

Federal status: 3A

Global rank: G1

TNC element code: PDSTY02050

Distribution:

Puerto Rico (state rank: S1)

Habitat(s):

upper montane wet forest [2977]

Habit:

tree [2977]

Extant individuals/population/sites:

3 individuals total in only 1 population [1686]

4 individuals in 1 population at 1 site [2977]

Site ownership and status:

Caribbean National Forest [2977]

Threat(s):

hurricane [2977]

Horticultural/economic potential:

should have horticultural potential [1686]

Specialist(s):

Sr. Vicente Quevedo, PR Natural Heritage Program

Sr. Carlos Rivera, Institute of Tropical Forestry

Reintroduction note(s):

could be reintroduced if propagules were available [1686]

CPC#: 4161

TECTARIA ESTREMERANA Proctor & Evans (Dryopteridaceae)
[no common name]

Overall CPC sorting order: 1

CPC Priority: A (*could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 5 years*)

Federal status: 1

Global rank: G1?

TNC element code: PPASPOW0A0

Distribution:

Puerto Rico

Habitat(s):

moist limestone ravine; shady [2977]

Extant individuals/population/sites:

20 plants in 1 site (Arecibo) [1686]

23 individuals in 1 population [2977]

Site ownership and status:

few 100 m. south of Arecedo Observatory; type locality [2977]

Threat(s):

future observatory enlargement but rough area [2977]

low numbers and distribution [2977]

Horticultural/economic potential:

horticultural, handsome [2977]

Specialist(s):

Dr. George R. Proctor, Department of Natural Resources (DRN)

In cultivation at:

was at University of Tennessee for cytological studies (Dr. A. Murray Evens) [2977]

CPC#: 9871

TERNSTROEMIA LUQUILLENIS Krug & Urban (Theaceae)
Palo Colorado

Overall CPC sorting order: 1

CPC Priority: A (*could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 5 years*)

Federal status: 1

Global rank: G1

TNC element code: PDTHC07020

Distribution:

Puerto Rico (state rank: S1)

Habitat(s):

dwarf elfin forest [1686]

upper montane forest [2977]

Habit:

small tree to 25 feet [1686]

Extant individuals/population/sites:

8-10 individuals total in 4-6 sites [1686]

few more individuals on slopes (according to Woodbury) [2977]

Threat(s):

communication towers [1686]
road widening [1686]
low numbers [2977]

Off-site need:

difficult to grow [1686]
CPC#: 4208

TERNSTROEMIA SUBSESSILIS (Britt.) Kobuski (Theaceae)
[no common name]

Overall CPC sorting order: 1

CPC Priority: A (*could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 5 years*)

Federal status: 1

Global rank: G1

TNC element code: PDTHC07050

Distribution:

Puerto Rico (state rank: S1)

Habitat(s):

montane wet forest [2977]

Habit:

small tree to 15 feet [1686]

Extant individuals/population/sites:

15 individuals total in 2 site [1686]

30 individuals in 3 populations at 1 sites [2977]

Site ownership and status:

Caribbean National Forest - road 191 [2977]

Carlos Rivera - 10-15 throughout forest near landslide (new location) [2977]

Threat(s):

landslides [1686]

reopening of road [2977]

Reproductive biology:

no seedlings [2977]

need to study lack of reproduction [2977]

Horticultural/economic potential:

probably not [2977]

In cultivation at:

none [2977]

CPC#: 4209

THELYPTERIS HASTATA VAR HETERODOXA Proctor (Thelypteridaceae)
[no common name]

Overall CPC sorting order: 1

CPC Priority: A (*could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 5 years*)

Federal status:

Global rank: G?T?

TNC element code: PPASPOXQJ1

Distribution:

Puerto Rico

Habitat(s):

moist limestone ravines [2977]

grows with Goetzia [2977]

Extant individuals/population/sites:

15 plants total in 2 sites [1686]

PR sites: Hatillo, Cueva de la Catedral; Quebradillas, Quebrada Bellaca [1686]

Site ownership and status:

Quebrada Riaja - with? [2977]

Threat(s):

land clearing [2977]

Reproductive biology:

none noticed [2977]

Specialist(s):

Dr. George R. Proctor, Department of Natural Resources (DRN)

CPC#: 9872

THELYPTERIS INABONENSIS Proctor (Thelypteridaceae)

[no common name]

Overall CPC sorting order: 1

CPC Priority: A (could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 5 years)

Federal status:

Global rank: G?

TNC element code: PPASPOX1N0

Distribution:

Puerto Rico

Habitat(s):

upper montane mossy cloud forest, deeply shaded humus, 1250 m. [2977]

Habit:

perennial herb [2977]

Extant individuals/population/sites:

46 individuals in 2 populations [2977]

Site ownership and status:

stream Rio Inabon - Toro Negro State Forest [2977]

summit of Cerro Rosa, Cordillera Central (may be Toro Negro State Forest) [2977]

Threat(s):

floods at Rio Inabon [2977]

landslide at Cerro Rosa [2977]

Horticultural/economic potential:

very attractive, ornamental potential [2977]

Specialist(s):

Dr. George R. Proctor, Department of Natural Resources (DRN)

In cultivation at:

none [2977]

CPC#: 9873

THELYPTERIS VERECUNDA Proctor (Thelypteridaceae)

Susanna

Overall CPC sorting order: 1

CPC Priority: A (could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 5 years)

Federal status: 1

Global rank: G?

TNC element code: PPASPOX1Q0

Distribution:

Puerto Rico

Habitat(s):

limestone detritus at mouth of caves [2977]

Habit:

fern [2977]

Extant individuals/population/sites:

ca 20 plants left in 3 sites [1686]

Site ownership and status:

private [2977]

Threat(s):

development [2977]

cave with largest population - owner wants to make tourist attraction [2977]

Horticultural/economic potential:

horticultural potential is doubtful [2977]

Specialist(s):

Dr. George R. Proctor, Department of Natural Resources (DRN)

CPC#: 9874

HELYPTERIS YAUCOENSIS Proctor (Thelypteridaceae)

[no common name]

Overall CPC sorting order: 1

CPC Priority: A (could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 5 years)

Federal status: 1

Global rank: G1?

TNC element code: PPASPOX1X0

Distribution:

Puerto Rico

Habitat(s):

wooded slopes, moist forest, near dolomite [2977]

Habit:

fern [2977]

Extant individuals/population/sites:

at least 65 plants known from 3 sites [1686]

Site ownership and status:

Municipal Yauco, Pico Rigadera - 800m, largest population, near dolomite cliffs (all private) [2977]

Tres Picachos, north of Cerro Rosa (private) [2977]

Threat(s):

fire at largest site [2977]

Horticultural/economic potential:

little horticultural value [2977]

Specialist(s):

Dr. George R. Proctor, Department of Natural Resources (DRN)

Cultivation information:

hard to grow [2977]

In cultivation at:

none [2977]

CPC#: 9875

TILLANDSIA LINEATISPICA Mez (Bromeliaceae)

Pinon

Overall CPC sorting order: 1

CPC Priority: A (could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 5 years)

Federal status: 2

Global rank: G1

TNC element code: PMBRO090B0

Distribution:

Puerto Rico (state rank: S1)

U.S. Virgin Islands

Habitat(s):

coastal moist forest, rocky to peaks [2977]

Extant individuals/population/sites:

10 individuals total in 3 sites [1686]

Site ownership and status:

St. Thomas - substantial, at least 50 individuals [2977]

St. John - Cruz Bay, 200 yds. from main street [2977]

St. John - 2 other populations, 200-300 individuals total [2977]

Culebra - protected area, at least 50 individuals [2977]

Guanica, west end Viequez - 2 populations, (affected by Hugo?) [2977]

Threat(s):

habitat destruction [1686]

overcollecting (St. John) [2977]

site proposed for development (St. Thomas) [2977]

Reproductive biology:

don't know if reproducing - seed study needed (produces no seed as known) [2977]

Horticultural/economic potential:

should have horticultural potential [1686]

fantastic plant [2977]

Miscellaneous:

may be a hybrid; no good fruit set

Specialist(s):

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Dr. Robert W. Read, Quest End

Mr. Harry E. Luther, The Marie Selby Botanical Gardens

Ms. Eleanor Gibney

In cultivation at:

St. Thomas-Brown [2977]

St. George Village Botanical Garden [3089]

CPC#: 4291

TRICHILIA TRIACANTHA Urban (Meliaceae)

Bariaco

Overall CPC sorting order: 1

CPC Priority: A (could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 5 years)

Federal status: LE

Global rank: G1

TNC element code: PDMLC05030

Distribution:

Puerto Rico (state rank: S1)

Habitat(s):

semi-dry forest over limestone [2977]
most occur along roadsides or in ravines [2977]

Habit:

shrub [2977]
tree to 25 ft. on west coast [2977]

Extant individuals/population/sites:

50-55 individuals total in 5-6 sites [1686]

Site ownership and status:

Guanica Forest [2977]
Boqueron [2977]

Threat(s):

road construction [2977]
housing construction [1686]

Reproductive biology:

not reproducing in wild [2977]
need to study reproductive biology [2977]
does not set a lot of seed [1686]

Horticultural/economic potential:

horticultural potential - glossy leaves [1686]
economic potential (mahogany family) [1686]

Miscellaneous:

"B" to "A", DS#2977

Cultivation information:

some cuttings have rooted at Fairchild [1686]

CPC#: 4316

VERNONIA PROCTORI L.E. Urbatsch (Asteraceae)
[no common name]

Overall CPC sorting order: 1

CPC Priority: A (could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 5 years)

Federal status: 1

Global rank: G1

TNC element code: PDAST9SOY0

Distribution:

Puerto Rico

Habitat(s):

dry, scrubby woodland over chert [2977]

Extant individuals/population/sites:

ca. 950 individuals at 1 site [2977]

Site ownership and status:

Cerro Mariquita, Cabo Rojo, top, scattered over 250 x 100 m.; private [2977]

Threat(s):

major highway (100) completed to Mayaguez [2977]
land cleared for grazing and quarrying [2977]
suburbs are likely to be built [2977]

Horticultural/economic potential:

has beautiful purple flowers [2977]

Specialist(s):

Dr. George R. Proctor, Department of Natural Resources (DRN)

Reintroduction note(s):

possible if a protected habitat can be found [2977]

In cultivation at:

none [2977]

CPC#: 13082

XYLOSMA PACHYPHYLLUM (Krug & Urban) Urban (Flacourtiaceae)
(alternate name: *Xylosma pachyphylla*)
Spiny Log-wood

Overall CPC sorting order: 1

CPC Priority: A (*could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 5 years*)

Federal status:

Global rank: G1

TNC element code: PDFLA09050

Distribution:

Puerto Rico (state rank: S1)

Habitat(s):

serpentine gravel (Maricao) [2977]

moist limestone, lower montane forest (Cambalache) [2977]

Extant individuals/population/sites:

14 individuals total left in 4 sites [1686]

very rare [2977]

Site ownership and status:

Cambalache Forest [2977]

Maricao [2977]

Threat(s):

development [1686]

cutting [1686]

burning [1686]

habitat destruction [1686]

Reproductive biology:

dioecious [1686]

Off-site need:

could be grown at Fairchild [1686]

Horticultural/economic potential:

some horticultural potential [1686]

Specialist(s):

Sr. Ruben Padron

CPC#: 6635

ZANTHOXYLUM THOMASIANUM (Krug & Urban) Krug & Urban ex P. Wilson (Rutaceae)
St. Thomas Prickly-ash

Overall CPC sorting order: 1

In National Collection at: FTG

CPC Priority: A (*could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 5 years*)

Federal status: LE

Global rank: G1

TNC element code: PDRUTOLOMO

Distribution:

Puerto Rico (state rank: S1)

U.S. Virgin Islands

Habitat(s):

brink of cliffs [2977]

Habit:

small shrub, 2-3 m. [2977]

Extant individuals/population/sites:

200 individuals at 1 site, and several other sites [1686]

widely scattered, but never common - St. Thomas, St. John [1686]

Site ownership and status:

Isabela - 2 populations [2977]

St. Thomas - after Hugo lots of damage, some dead; 150 before lost to development and Hugo [2977]

St. John - Minna Hill, 25 individuals, Cobb Fish Bay (private being developed, may be destroyed)

west side has 1 individual [2977]

Guajataca Forest [2977]

Piedras Chiquitas Forest, 1-3 individuals [2977]

Banos de Coamo, 5-6 individuals [2977]

Threat(s):

development is pressuring the main population [1686]

seeds may be consumed by insects [2977]

roads eroded in development (St. Thomas) [2977]

Reproductive biology:

dioecious [1686]

needs reproductive biology study [2977]

some trees copious, seeds but no seedlings, no germination [2977]

Off-site need:

seeds very difficult to germinate [1686]

Reintroduction note(s):

low to medium germination in cultivation, regrows when cut [2977]

Cultivation information:

seeds very difficult to germinate [1686]

low to medium germination in cultivation [2977]

In cultivation at:

FTG [2977]

CPC#: 4452

D. Blank Taxon Questionnaire

Center for Plant Conservation - TAXON QUESTIONNAIRE

NAME: _____

1. Good taxon/good name: [circle one and explain if 'no']: yes no

2. CPC Priority Ranking [circle one of A, B, C, or X]

A (= could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 5 years)

B (= could possibly go extinct in the wild in the next 6-10 years)

C (= will probably remain extant in the wild for the next 10 years)

X (= should be removed from this list because of abundance or synonymy)

3. Known wild individuals/populations/sites:

individuals:

populations:

sites:

4. If 5 sites or less, ownership and status of each site:

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

5. Specific management problems/threats in the wild:

6. Good candidate for reintroduction/enhancement: [circle one and explain if 'no'] yes no

7. Approximate number of potential reintroduction sites: [circle one]

1-2

3-5

6-10

> 10

8. Special cultivation needs:

9. Problems with *ex-situ* cultivation of plants: [e.g., hybridization, space limitations at garden]

10. Economic potential: [e.g., food, medicinal, horticultural]

11. Location of species already in cultivation:

12. Seed: [circle one] orthodox recalcitrant unknown

13. Reproductive biology:

14. Habit: [circle one and/or explain]

annual herb

perennial herb

shrub

tree

vine

epiphyte

aquatic

other:

15. Habitat:

16. Other specialist(s) in this taxon: [name and institution]:

17. Potential funding sources for research or species sponsorship:

E. Data Sources for Puerto Rico\Virgin Islands [A] and [B] species

Center for Plant Conservation - Data Sources for Puerto Rico\Virgin Islands [A] and [B] Species

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