



Plants of Concern

**CONFIDENTIALITY FORM
Regarding Locations of Rare Species**

Rare species are endangered for many reasons. One of the threats to many rare plants is that of theft or poaching of plants and/or their fruits. This unfortunately occurs all too frequently. Even those who only wish to view rare plants may damage their habitat by excessive trampling. In order to preserve our rarest species and their habitats, it is important to maintain the confidentiality of their locations. Plants of Concern monitors are privileged to work directly with these plants, but this privilege brings with it the responsibility to keep the information confidential.

As a Plants of Concern monitor, I understand that all information must be kept secure. I agree not to reveal the location of any rare species to others who are not involved in the monitoring, ownership, or legitimate management of the site(s) where I monitor. Any person who assists me with my monitoring assignment will have pre-approval from the Plants of Concern staff, the landowner/land manager, and the Nature Preserve Commission in the case of a Nature Preserve. Any person who assists me will also sign this confidentiality agreement.

I also agree not to remove or destroy any plant material, such as but not limited to seeds, propagules, flowers, stems, leaves, and roots, from the preserves where I monitor except with an official written permit to do so.

As a rare plant monitor, if you become aware of any immediate threat to the population, notify, without delay, your Forest Preserve District (FPD) land manager if it is a FPD site or Plants of Concern (Susanne Masi) if your site is not on FPD land (see guidelines for contact information).

Signature: _____ Date: _____

PRINT NAME: _____

This document is permanent. It only needs to be signed once regardless of the number of years or sites you monitor for Plants of Concern. This agreement remains in place even if you terminate your monitoring for Plants of Concern.

A copy of this form will be kept on file with the landowner and with Plants of Concern at the Chicago Botanic Garden.