

**Title**

DOCTOR'S BROOK RARE PLANT SURVEY

**Model Forest**

Western Newfoundland Model Forest

**From**

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Dec. 2005

**Keywords**

Geology, Vegetation, Ecoregions, Ecological, Specimens, Species, Survey,

**Objective**

To provide a rare plant survey in the Highlands area in order to provide information necessary to guide the decision on whether to protect the entire valley as an ecological reserve or whether timber management is possible without impacting rare plant species or other ecologically significant features.

**Description**

The Highlands of St. John area on the Great Northern Peninsula of Newfoundland harbours an especially large number of rare vascular plants, which is one of the reasons for its nomination as a proposed ecological reserve. The area contains one of the last accessible areas of mature timber on the Northern Peninsula, attracting the interest of the forest industry. However, due to the interim protection accorded to this area, the forests have not been included in the annual allowable cut calculations and harvesting operations are currently not permitted.

**Reports and Products**

**Doctor's Brook Rare Plant Survey: Final Report.** Hanel, C. 2005. Western Newfoundland Model Forest, Corner Brook, Newfoundland. WNMF: 2-221-001, 61p.