

DROSERA INTERMEDIA Hayne
Spathulate-leaved Sundew

FAMILY: Droseraceae

HABIT: Perennial herb, stem to 3 cm.; flowering June-August.

SIMILAR SPECIES: *Drosera intermedia* slightly resembles *Drosera rotundifolia*. The leaf-blades of *D. intermedia* are longer than broad, whereas the leaf-blades of *D. rotundifolia* are broader than long.

TOTAL RANGE: Interruptedly circumboreal in America from Newfoundland to FL, w. to MN, IL, TN, and TX.

STATE RANGE (as of 2008): Post-1980 records are from Geauga and Lucas counties. Pre-1980 records from Lake, Portage, Summit, and Wayne counties.

HABITAT: In full sun in wet acid sandy soil or sphagnum moss.

HAZARDS: Overshading by woody species as a result of succession; overdrying of the habitat.

RECOVERY POTENTIAL: Unknown, but possibly good. It has colonized recently-disturbed wet, sandy areas in Lucas County.

INVENTORY GUIDELINES: This species can be identified in vegetative condition, but mature flowering or fruiting material is preferred; avoid over-collecting.

COMMENTS: *Drosera intermedia* may grow in the same areas as *Drosera rotundifolia*, with which it sometimes hybridizes. It could easily be overlooked unless the plants are carefully examined. It should be sought throughout northern Ohio, especially at sites where *D. rotundifolia* has been reported.

The records from Geauga County may be from introduced populations.

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