



False rosemary



Plant Botanical Name:

Conradina brevifolia

Plant Threat Level:

Endangered

False rosemary, federally listed as Endangered by the Endangered Species Act, is one of five shrubby mints found in central Florida scrub habitat. This short-lived, aromatic, perennial shrub occurs in fewer than 30 sites along the Lake Wales Ridge area of Highlands and Polk Counties in central Florida. Scrub habitat is dominated by evergreen scrub oaks, sand pine, and in open areas herbs and small shrubs, including short-leaved or false rosemary. These fire-dependent habitats are home numerous federally listed threatened and endangered plants and animals. Significant loss and

fragmentation of scrub habitat for residential and agricultural development has pushed this species to the brink of extinction.

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