

# FALL DROPSEED MUHLY (*Muhlenbergia uniflora*)

Grass Family (Poaceae)

## *Pennsylvania Endangered Plant Species*

**State Rank: S2 (imperiled), Global Rank: G5 (secure)**

### SIGNIFICANCE

The fall dropseed muhly grass has been given a status of Endangered on the Plants of Special Concern in Pennsylvania list by the Pennsylvania Biological Survey and the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, based on the relatively few recent records that have been documented in the state. More field work is needed in order to determine if this status is justified.

### DESCRIPTION

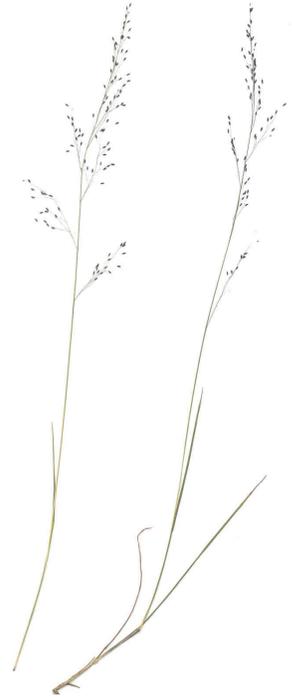
The fall dropseed muhly is a relatively delicate perennial with linear, elongate leaves and a diffuse, terminal inflorescence that appears in late summer and fall.

### HABITAT

The species grows in bogs and other types of peaty wetlands, especially in openings where light is abundant.

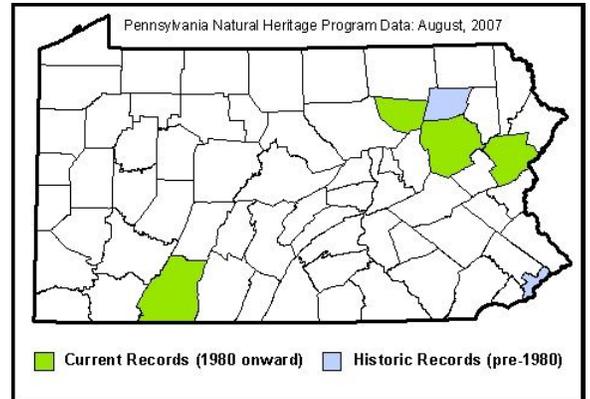
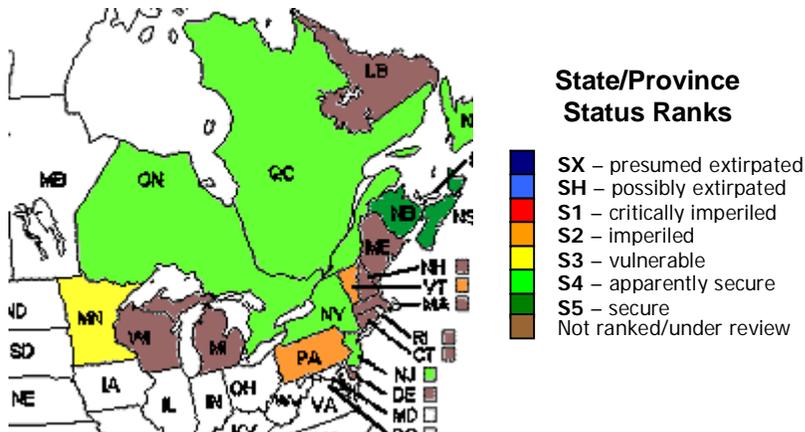
### RANGE

The fall dropseed muhly grass is widely distributed in the more northern and cooler portions of North America. It occurs mainly in the northeastern counties in Pennsylvania.



### North American State/Province Conservation Status

Map by NatureServe (2007)



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