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Maine Natural Areas Program

Agalinis neoscotica (Greene) Fern.



Nova Scotia False-foxglove

- [State Rank \(rank.htm\)](#) : S1
- [Global Rank \(rank.htm\)](#) : G4
- [State Status \(rank.htm\)](#) : Threatened

Habitat: Damp sand, peat or sphagnum pockets near the shore, above the usual tidal zone. [Rocky coastal (non-forested, upland)]

Range: Sable Island and western Nova Scotia.

Aids to Identification: This small annual has a smooth square stem and rarely grows higher than 30 cm. The soft leaves are narrow (1-4.5 mm wide) and arranged oppositely along the stem. The pink flowers are broadly funnel-shaped, and they grow from the leaf axils. The relatively long calyx lobes, small anther sacs, and short style distinguishes this species from others in the genus.



Ecological characteristics: Growing in Maine along shores or edges of tidal pools.

Phenology: Flowers mid-July - early October.

Family: Orobanchaceae

Synonyms: *Agalinis paupercula* (L.) Pennell var. *parviflora*; *Agalinis purpurea* (L.) Pennell var. *neoscotica* (Greene) Boivin.; *Gerardia neoscotica* Greene; *Gerardia purpurea* L. var. *neoscotica* (Greene) Gleason.

Known Distribution in Maine: This rare plant has been documented from a total of 3 town(s) in the following county(ies): Washington.



Reason(s) for rarity: Disjunct from principal range; range naturally restricted.

Conservation considerations: Appears to be persisting in the few places where it occurs.

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