

Limestone Barrens: Ours to Protect!

Large portions of one of the rarest habitats in Newfoundland and Labrador have been damaged by human use. Today, community residents of the limestone barrens region are working to protect this unique habitat and the rare and endangered plants that live there.

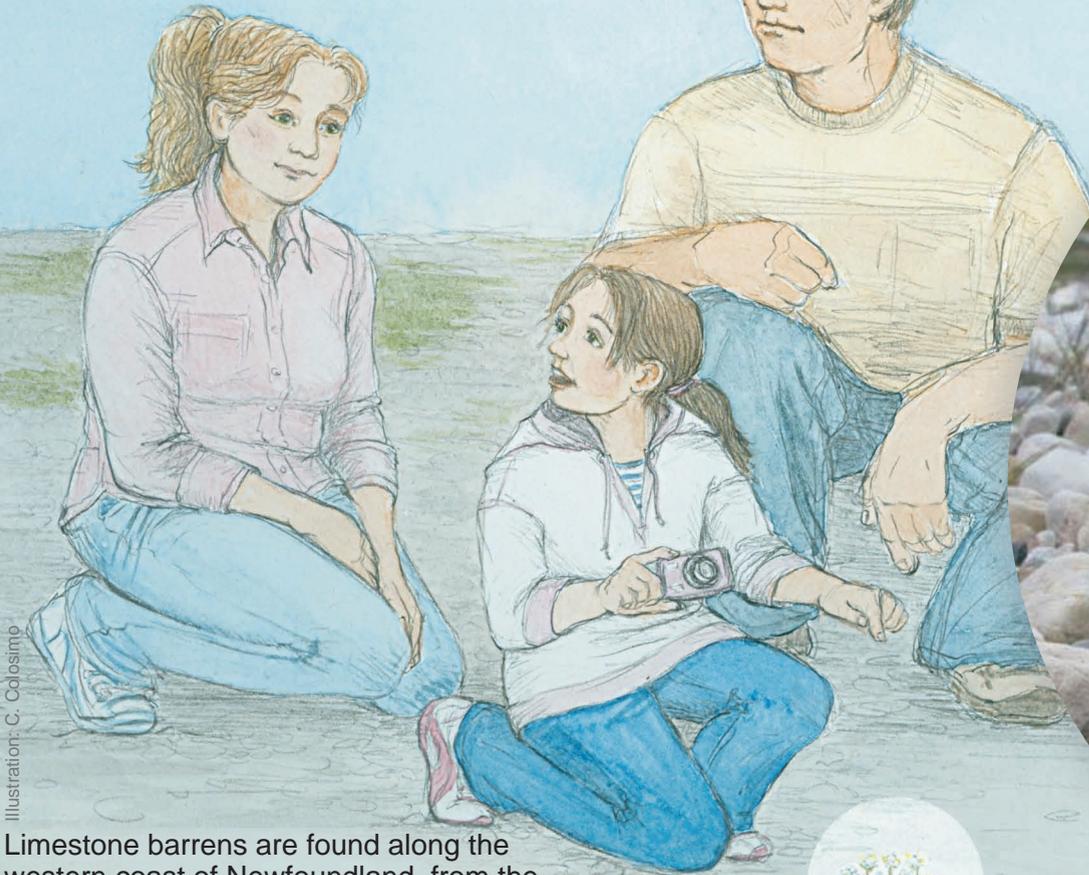


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Limestone barrens are found along the western coast of Newfoundland, from the Port au Port Peninsula to the northern tip of the Great Northern Peninsula, and along sections of the Labrador Straits. The region is a hotspot of plant diversity.



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Long's braya, *Braya longii*
Endangered. Height to 10 cm.
Blooms late June, early July.

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Purple saxifrage, Mayflower, *Saxifraga oppositifolia*
Earliest to flower. Leaves excrete excess calcium.



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The habitat is fragile. ATVs and other vehicles can kill plants and damage their homes.



Susan Squires

Mountain avens, *Dryas integrifolia*
Flowers follow the sun. Dense hair on underside of leaves.



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Barrens willow, *Salix jejuna*
Endangered.
Mat-forming shrub.

Three species found nowhere else in the world! Protected under federal and provincial laws.



John Maunder

Fernald's braya, *Braya fernaldii*
Threatened. Smaller than Long's braya with smaller, purplish petals.



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Through partnerships, people and corporations work together to restore the habitat.



Youth Ambassadors from the Straits Elementary School in Flower's Cove spread the message.

What you can do:

- Use approved ATV and snowmobile routes.
- Support community efforts to protect habitat.
- Please be careful where you walk.

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