

# **RIGHTS OF WAY ENDANGERED SPECIES SURVEY FOR THE CENTRAL REGION OF GEORGIA**

The central region consists of the following 26 counties: Spalding, Butts, Jasper, Putnam, Hancock, Monroe, Lamar, Jones, Baldwin, Washington, Bibb, Twiggs, Wilkinson, Peach, Houston, Bleckley, Laurens, Pulaski, Dodge, Wheeler, Wilcox, Telfair, Johnson, Pike, Upson and Crawford.

Based on the Georgia Natural Heritage Inventory records, the following plants, plant communities and animals habitats were searched for on Georgia Power Company rights of way:

## **Plants:**

Alexander rock aster – *Aster avitus*  
Dwarf Chinqua-pin oak – *Quercus prinoides*  
Sweet pitcherplant – *Sarracenia rubra*

## **Animals:**

American bald eagle(nest) – *Haliaeetus leucocephalus* (Federal Endangered)

**There are no maintenance concerns. Records in Spalding and Monroe counties remain to survey.**

**Discussion and recommendations:** Only 4 locations required field surveys for this region. The small number may be due to the extensive agriculture/timber land use in the area. This region of the state does not have the wetlands found further south and toward the coast or the granite outcrops that occur to the north.

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All the counties within the Central Georgia Region are summarized below. The GPC numbers is listed along with the common name of the plant/animal. The numbered line items refer to locations within the country; only those in bold print were considered close enough to the rights of way to field survey. Line items in regular print refer to animal species not considered in the survey or locations too far from the line to be of concern, usually 500-700 feet.

## **Spalding County (1 location to be checked)**

**#826 – Alexander Rock Aster, under 46Kv line, near Pike county line, along county line road. October, 1988 record. Just South of Griffin of highway 19/41, near rock quarries. (check)\*\*\***

## **Butts County (0 locations to be checked)**

## **Jasper County (no map)**

## **Putnam County (no map)**

## **Hancock County (0 locations to be checked)**

#732 – American Pillwort, OPC LINE. 500 Feet from line

## **Monroe County (1 location to be checked)**

**#744 Dwarf Chinqua-pin Oak. 1988 record. South of I-75, just west of I-475. On little Deer Creek between I-75 and Highway 41. June, 1988 record. Upland hardwood site. 115Kv line (check)\*\*\***

## **Lamar County (0 locations to be checked)**

## **Jones County (0 locations to be checked)**

#593 – Bog Spicebush. 1988 record. West of 46/115Kv dual line. 1400 feet from line

## **Baldwin County (no map)**

**Washington County (0 locations to be checked)**

#1125 – American Pillwort, 1937 record, 1800 feet from line

**Bibb County (0 locations to be checked)**

#1086 – fringed campion, 1988 record. Under 115Kv line. Bass Road exit of I-75, turn left, go 1.3 miles, turn right into subdivision cul-de-sac. 1700 Feet from line

#780 – Yellow flytrap

#748 – Sweet Pitcher Plant , same location as #780

**Twiggs County (1 location checked, correspondence with State/No Maintenance Concern)**

#1056 – Bald eagle nest, Hill near Ray's swamp, 115kv line, near Bibb Co line. Personal communications with Jim Ozier (Ga Wildlife Resources Division) on 18 March 2002 disclosed that the nest is no longer there, but is about 1 mile Northwest away near the Twiggs, Bibb county lines. Also the nest has been moved for over 5 years. Jim said he would check out the old nest site on his nest aerial survey of eagle nests this year. No Maintenance Concern (No Field Note)

**Wilkinson County 0 locations to be checked)**

#224 – silky Camelia

#710 – Robust Redhorse

**Peach County (0 locations to be checked)**

**Houston County (0 locations to be checked)**

#742 Harper Heartfeaf (on Warner Robbins AFB/check during peacetime)

#959 – Awnweed meadow beauty

Note: #60 is incorrect

**Bleckley County (0 locations to be checked)**

**Laurens County (0 locations to be checked)**

#526 – Skullcap, Dublin along Oconnee River, near 115Kv line. 1500 Feet from the line.

#709 – Robust Redhorse,

**Pulaski County (0 locations to be checked)**

**Dodge County (0 locations to be checked)**

#1176 – Hooded Pitcher Plant  
#1079 – Milkvetch  
#622 – Yellow Flytrap

**Wheeler County (0 locations to be checked)**

#735 – skullcap, Bluff along Oconee River, slightly above 46Kv crossing near CORD 7. 100 year old location, 500 feet from line.  
#83 – Sweet Pitcher Plant – Green Creek Swamp, West of Erick, near 46Kv crossing, near CORD 7. 1700 feet from line.  
#1075 – Hooded Pitcher Plant - 3 miles north of McCrae on US 319. 2000 feet from line.  
#1163 – Pondberry, 2 miles North of Little Ocmulgee State Park entrance on US 441. 1600 feet from line.  
#341 – Wireleaf Dropseed  
#707 – Sailfin Shiner  
#875 – Yellow Crown Night Heron.

**Wilcox County (0 locations to be checked)**

**Telfair County (0 locations to be checked)**

**Johnson County (0 locations to be checked)**

**Pike County (0 locations to be checked)**

**Upson County (0 locations to be checked)**

**Crawford County (1 location checked/No Maintenance Concern)**

**#140 Sweet Pitcher Plant. 1994 record in an Atlantic White Cedar swamp. 230Kv line. North of SH42 and West of I-75. No Maintenance Concern (Field Note # 58, 16 May 2001)**

#669 – Purple Bankclimber. 1962 record.  
#853 – Lined Pocketbook. Pre-1960 record