

## Why is this area under consideration?

Flowing directly into the Gulf of St. Lawrence, the Big and Little Tracadie Rivers are major watercourses in the Acadian Peninsula. The candidate conserved areas that encompass their headwaters would protect 3,900 hectares (ha) of Gloucester County.

In this small geographical area, a wide range of natural habitats create a sanctuary for several plants that are near their northern limits and not found elsewhere on the Acadian Peninsula.



## **QUICK FACTS**

- Rare species such as Grey Hairstreak Butterfly, Eastern-wood Peewee, and Olive-sided Flycatcher make their homes in nearly 2,200 ha of old forest. The forest is dominated by Jack Pine, Red Spruce, and Black Spruce.
- 680 ha of floodplains, riverbanks and riparian areas provide habitat for rare riverside loving species such as Crawe's Sedge, Rusty Blackbird, and Auricled Twayblade Orchid.
- Most of the area falls within the former Tracadie Range, which was used by the Canadian military as a shooting range from 1939 to 1994. The range was transferred to the Government of New Brunswick in 1997 and is now a focal area for blueberry production, recreation, and nature conservation.

Inform our decision to protect these areas and their long-term care by visiting our interactive map and completing a local knowledge survey **here.** 





