

## One-Flowered Wintergreen

### NAMES

*Moneses uniflora*, *Glas-luibh* *Chubhraidh*,  
*St Olaf's candlestick*

### DESCRIPTION

Arguably the rarest and most beautiful flowering plant of Scotland's pinewoods. The beauty of this plant led to its downfall in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries, when populations were over-collected. It is now found only in Moray, Easterness and Sutherland. This is an evergreen perennial herb, growing in heather dominated ground flora communities of old pine plantations, rarely now in native pine woodland. The solitary flower is insect-pollinated, but seed production is rare and most propagation is by vegetative spread. It reaches 300 m at Castle Grant in Moray.

Listed on the Scottish Biodiversity List.

### DISTRIBUTION MAP



New Atlas of the British & Irish Flora (1995): eds Preston, C, Pearman, D., Dines, T.



### THREATS

Diminished by past collection, this attractive species has continued to decline through changes in land use and forest management. Much of this decline took place before 1970, but its future is dependent on sympathetic management. Most remaining populations are small and vulnerable.

### ACTION REQUIRED

Sign up as a Flora Guardian to help monitor this rare species at [www.plantlife.org.uk/scotland](http://www.plantlife.org.uk/scotland)

### FURTHER READING

[http://www.plantlife.org.uk/scotland/wild\\_plants/plant\\_species\\_scotland/?ent=221](http://www.plantlife.org.uk/scotland/wild_plants/plant_species_scotland/?ent=221)

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