

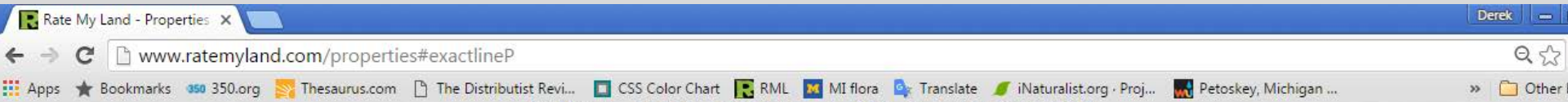


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By John R. Platt on November 17, 2015







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## Unusual RI Wildflower Rediscovered After 160 Years


*Posted on May 26, 2015*

A rare wildflower native to New England but not seen in Rhode Island since 1846 was discovered May 3 on a protected parcel of land on Block Island by staff of the Rhode Island Natural History Survey.

Three plants of spring beauty (*Claytonia virginica*), a tiny white flower with pink highlights and long narrow leaves, were found by Kira Stillwell, program administrator for the Natural History Survey, while she was participating in a bird banding project near Clay Head with master bander Kim Gaffett, president of the Survey's board of directors.

"We were checking the bird nets and noticed a flower along the trail we hadn't seen before," said Stillwell, a Narragansett resident who visits Block Island with her daughter Bryn several times each spring and fall to band migratory birds. "It was different from anything we knew, so we got down on our hands and knees and took pictures so we could look it up."

When Stillwell and Gaffett were unsuccessful at identifying it themselves, Stillwell plucked a stem and brought it to the Survey.



*Spring Beauty (Claytonia virginica)*

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