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General: A common small shrub.

**Leaves and Twigs:** Rhodora has a tangle of greyshaded branches and twigs with small, hairy leaves.

Flowers and Fruits: The rose-purple flowers with long stamens occur in clusters of two or three flowers and appear before the leaves. A rare white form can be found in Newfoundland.

**Habitat**: Bogs and swampy areas throughout Newfoundland, rare on the Northern Peninsula and not found in Labrador.

Blooming Time: June

How to Observe: Tag a typical shrub (or several shrubs) for observation or if plants are very abundant select a one meter square patch of plants to observe.

**First Bloom:** When the first flowers are open in at least three places on the observed shrub.

**Mid Bloom:** When half the flowers are open on the observed shrub.