



# New England Botanical Society

## Strategic Goals for 2020-2025 are to:

- Expand NEBS's role as a catalyst for professional and social connections among botanists and others in the region, in part through **organizing biennial or triennial botanical conferences** featuring research on the flora of New England.
- Enhance NEBS's efforts to **inspire and connect with the next generation of botanists** and plant enthusiasts in the New England region through increased outreach and educational workshops, and by providing venues for students to share their research, with a commitment to **supporting and promoting inclusivity and diversity** in the botanical field.
- Maintain and, where possible, **expand NEBS's support of botanical research** in the region through grants to students, faculty, and professional and amateur botanists.
- Provide increased support for on-line resources in *Rhodora* articles, including linking digital object identifiers and hosting supplemental data, and **fostering development of articles by first-time authors**, such as graduate students, who are new to scientific writing.
- Serve as a significant force in efforts to **document the changing flora of New England** through maintaining, digitizing, and sharing the organization's invaluable collections, and by spearheading the generation of **new collections and botanical data to support researchers** in their efforts to understand floristic changes transpiring in the current era.
- Reinforce and **expand NEBS's connections with affiliated organizations and their members** within and beyond New England, including other botanical societies and conservation-oriented non-profits, by co-hosting research conferences and planning occasional joint meetings.
- Provide **professional advice and objective scientific insight into conservation issues** related to preserving the flora of New England in a time of significant environmental change.