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Platanthera praeclara IN MINNESOTA
AN UPDATE ON STATUS, INVENTORY AND MONITORING

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COOPERATION WITH MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

In 1988 the Minnesota Department of Agriculture and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service initiated a pilot Landowner Agreement program for the administration of federal pesticide control regulations (FIFRA, 7 U.S.C.). Under this program private individuals who own lands harboring federally listed species are invited to enter into voluntary agreements controlling pesticide use within endangered species habitat. As a cooperator with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Minnesota Natural Heritage Program has agreed to provide data on the location of known populations of each of the listed species, assist the Department of Agriculture in locating these populations where necessary, and enter into consultation with the Department of Agriculture in the development of individualized plans for each population as is appropriate.

Because the Western white fringed prairie orchid has not undergone consultation with regard to pesticide jeopardy its protection from this jeopardy is not technically part of the EPA's pesticide labelling restrictions at present. However, in anticipation of the need to address pesticide jeopardy, the Minnesota Natural Heritage Program and the Minnesota Department of Agriculture initiated a program of cooperation as soon as the orchid was listed. The Heritage Program provided the Department of Agriculture with all Platanthera locations in its database. Of these only 3 were wholly within boundaries of private lands, with an additional 7 occurring in rights of way and ditches. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and Minnesota Department of Agriculture have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding that protects DNR-owned orchid populations through a departmental Pesticide Operational Order requiring review of proposed pesticide applications by the Natural Heritage Program.

Under the provisions of this departmental Pesticide Operational Order, Minnesota Natural Heritage Program staff reviewed one proposal for herbicide application at Blue Mounds State Park. Heritage staff attended a meeting with the Regional Parks Biologist, Park Manager, Department of Agriculture Endangered Species Pesticide Agreement Coordinator and county Agricultural Inspector in an attempt to resolve conflicts between enforcement of the state's noxious weed laws and potential jeopardy to the orchid population at Blue Mounds State Park.

Because the identity and habits of Platanthera pollinators remain unknown and their potential flight area is large, both the Heritage Program and Department of Agriculture have deferred attempting to design restrictions on insecticide use in the neighborhood of orchid populations. At the request of the federal recovery team the Minnesota Department of Agriculture has provided recommendations for necessary pesticide research to be incorporated into the draft Recovery Plan.

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TABLE 1.

State	County	Site Name	Ownership	Protection Status ¹	Number of Ramets ²	Date of First Observation	Date of Last Observation ³	
MN	Clay	Bicentennial Prairie EO #15	Clay Co.	9	-	1979-07-25	1975-07-25	
	Clay	Bluestem Prairie EO #26	TNC	8	16	1987	1990-07-13	
	Clay	Ulen WMA	Township/MN DNR					
			EO #29		0	3	1990-07-21	1990-07-21
			EO #20		1	38	1986-08-21	1990-07-21
	Dodge		Unnamed EO #18	Unknown	0	1	1982-07	1982-07
	Mower		Leroy-Rose CRK ROW NHR EO #16	MN DOT	6	38	1980-07	1983-07-26
	Norman		Agsco Dunes EO #21	Private	0	1	1985-07-17	1985-07-17
	Norman		T146N R44W S21 EO #10	Unknown	0	1	1975-07	1975-07
	Norman		T145N R44W S17 EO #11	Unknown	0	3	1975-07	1975-07
	Pipestone		Pipestone Natl. Monument					
			EO #39	NPS	6	1	1984	1984
			EO #40	NPS	6	2	1980	1980
	Polk		Benoit Station EO #38	Unknown	0	34	1990-07	1990-07
	Polk		Burnham WMA	MN DNR	1		1971-07	1990-07-20
			EO #8			78		
			EO #28			15		
	Polk		Floan Prairie EO #7	Private	1	370	1956	1987-07
	Polk		Onstad 3 EO #33	Unknown	0	3	1990-07	1990-07
	Polk		Pembina Trail	TNC/MN DNR/Private				
			EO #9	TNC	9	1	1979	1979
			EO #12	TNC	9	-	1975-07-08	1975-07-08
			EO #17	MN DNR	9	43	1982-07-22	1990-07
			EO #22	TNC	9	3500	1986-07-01	1990-07
			EO #24	Private	2	18	1984-07-10	1990-07-10
			EO #32	TNC	9	5	1990-07-11	1990-07-11
			EO #34	MN DNR	9	35	1979-07-19	1990-07
			EO #35	MN DNR	9	300	1983	1990-07-18
			EO #36	MN DNR	9	135	1990-07-18	1990-07-18
			EO #37	MN DNR	9	1	1990-07-18	1990-07-18
	Polk		Pembina Trail Preserve/Foxboro	MN DNR	9	20	1983-08-09	1990
			Prairie SNA EO #19					
	Polk		Tilden 3 EO #31	Polk Co. Hwy Dept	0	1	1990-07-04	1990-07-08
Polk		Tilden 20 EO #30	Polk Co. Hwy Dept	0	2	1990-07-08	1990-07-08	
Polk		Tympanuchus Prairie	TNC/Private	8	1	1979-07	1979-07	
		EO #41						
		EO #42		0	2	1979-07	1979-07	
Rock		Blue Mounds SP EO #27	MN DNR	1	275	1985-07	1990	

PLATANHERA PRAECLARA

NUMBER OF PLANTS

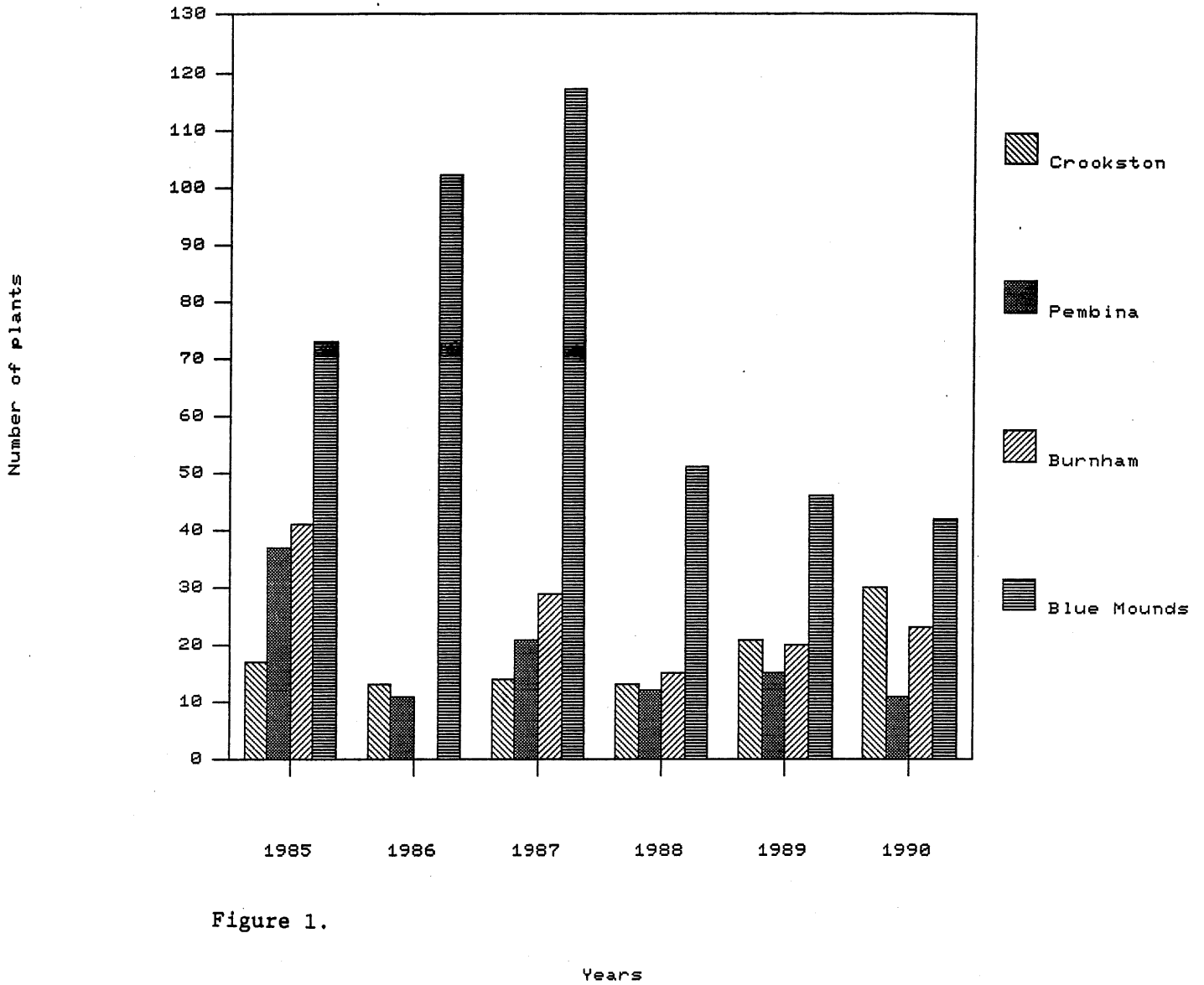


Figure 1.

PLATANHERA PRAECLARA

AVERAGE HEIGHT, NONFLOWERING PLANTS

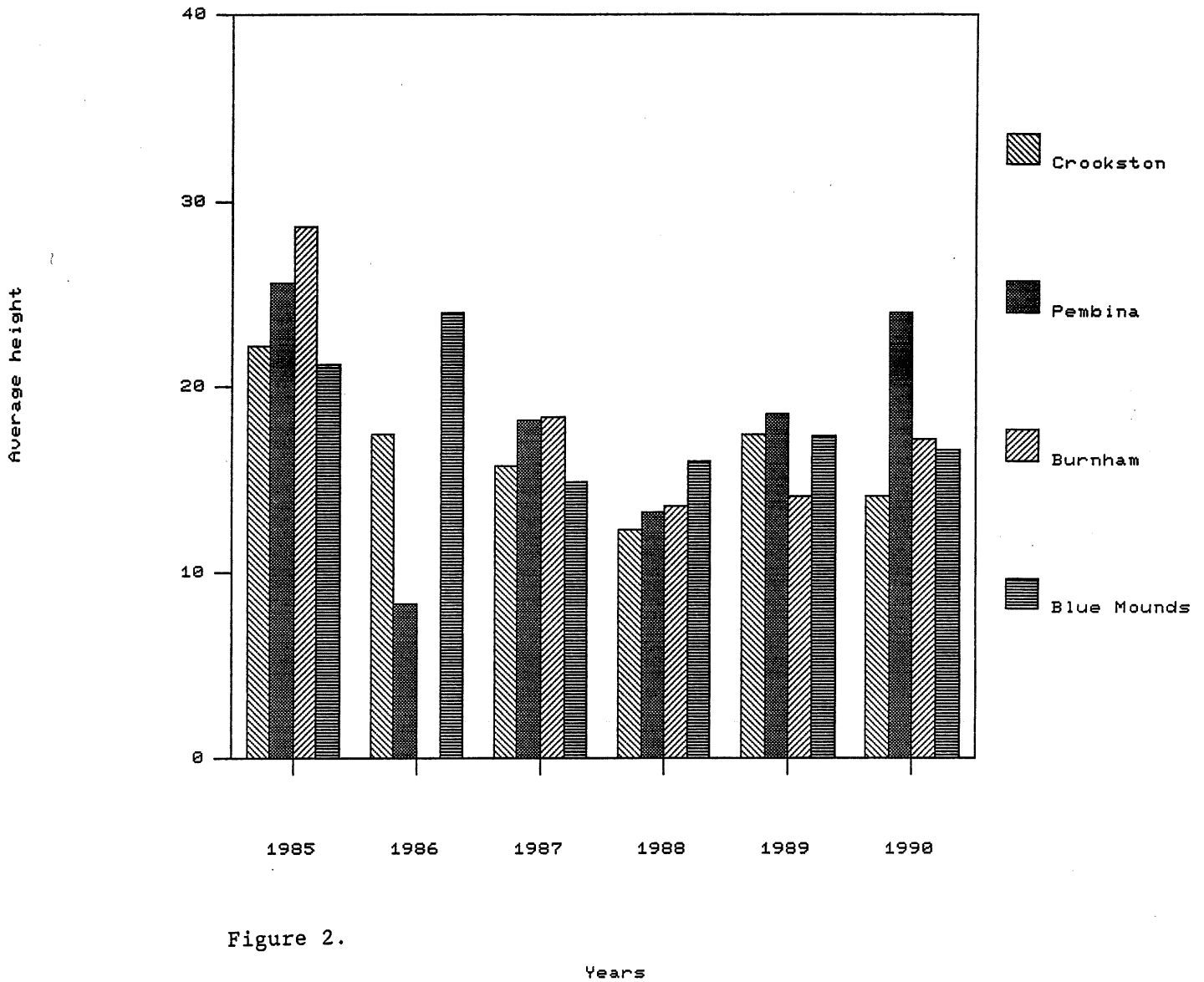


Figure 2.

Years

PLATANHERA PRAECLARA

NUMBER OF FLOWERING PLANTS

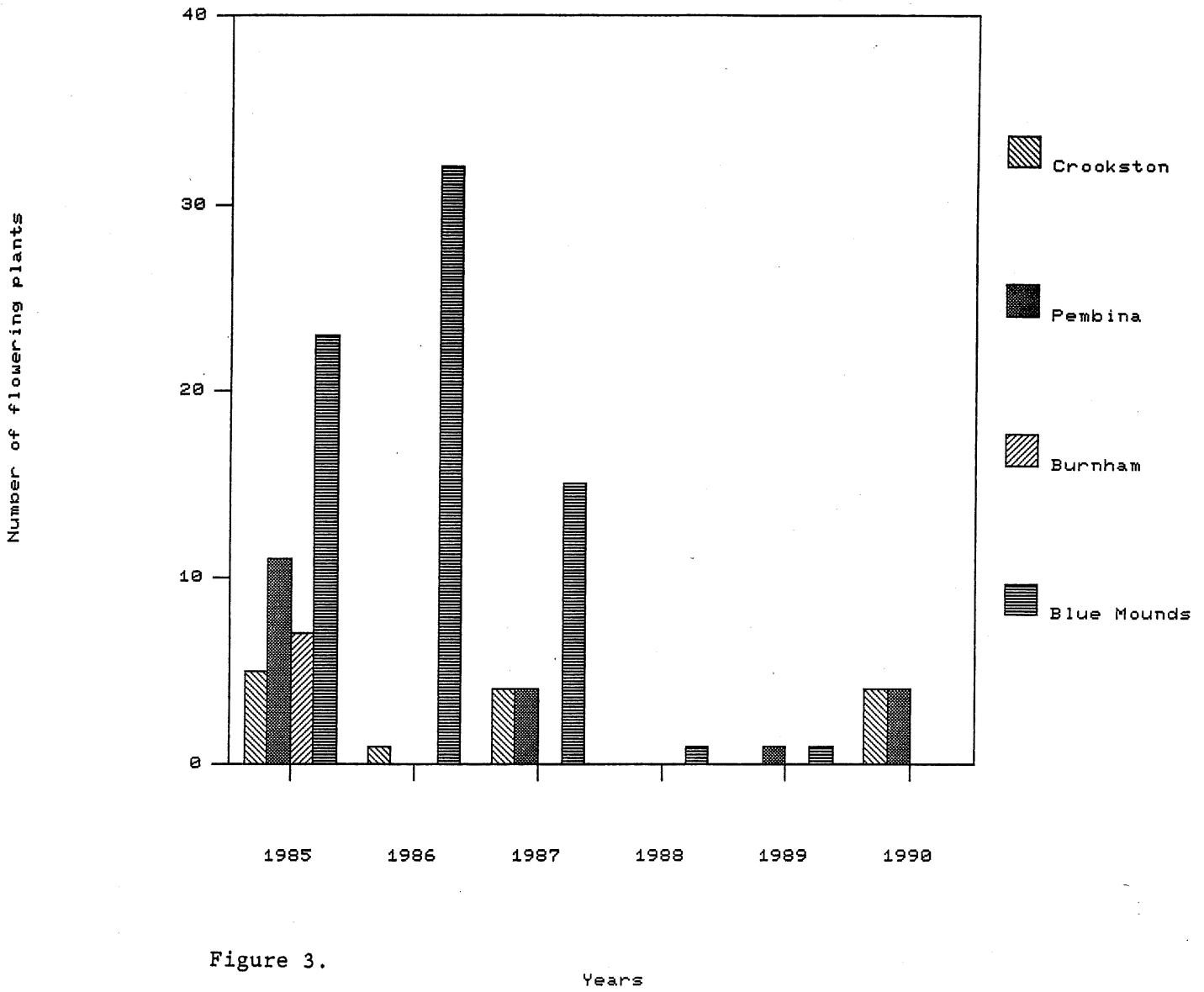


Figure 3.

Years

PLATANHERA PRAECLARA

AVERAGE HEIGHT, FLOWERING PLANTS

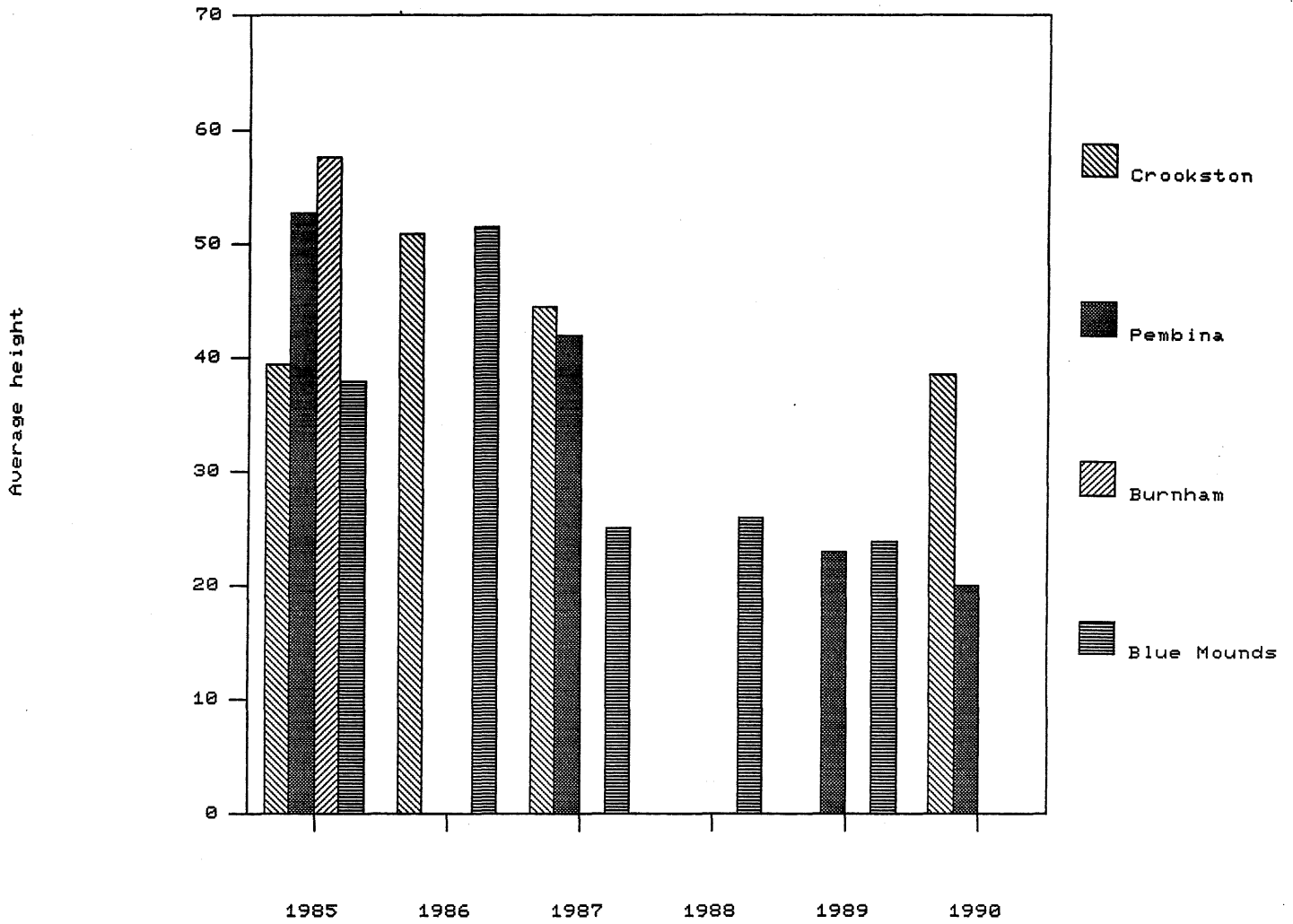


Figure 4.

Years

PLATANHERA PRAECLARA

NUMBER OF FLOWERS PER PLANT

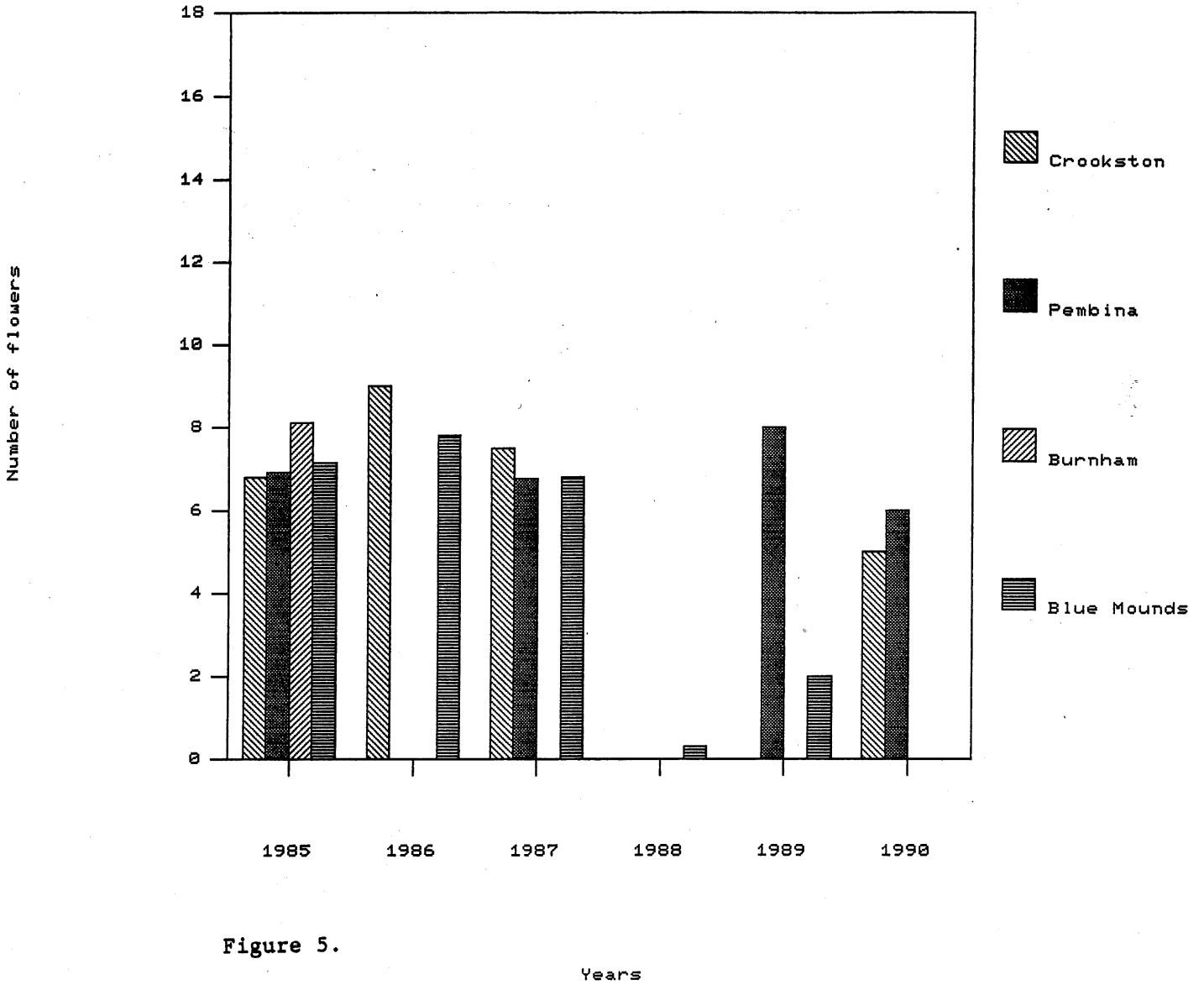
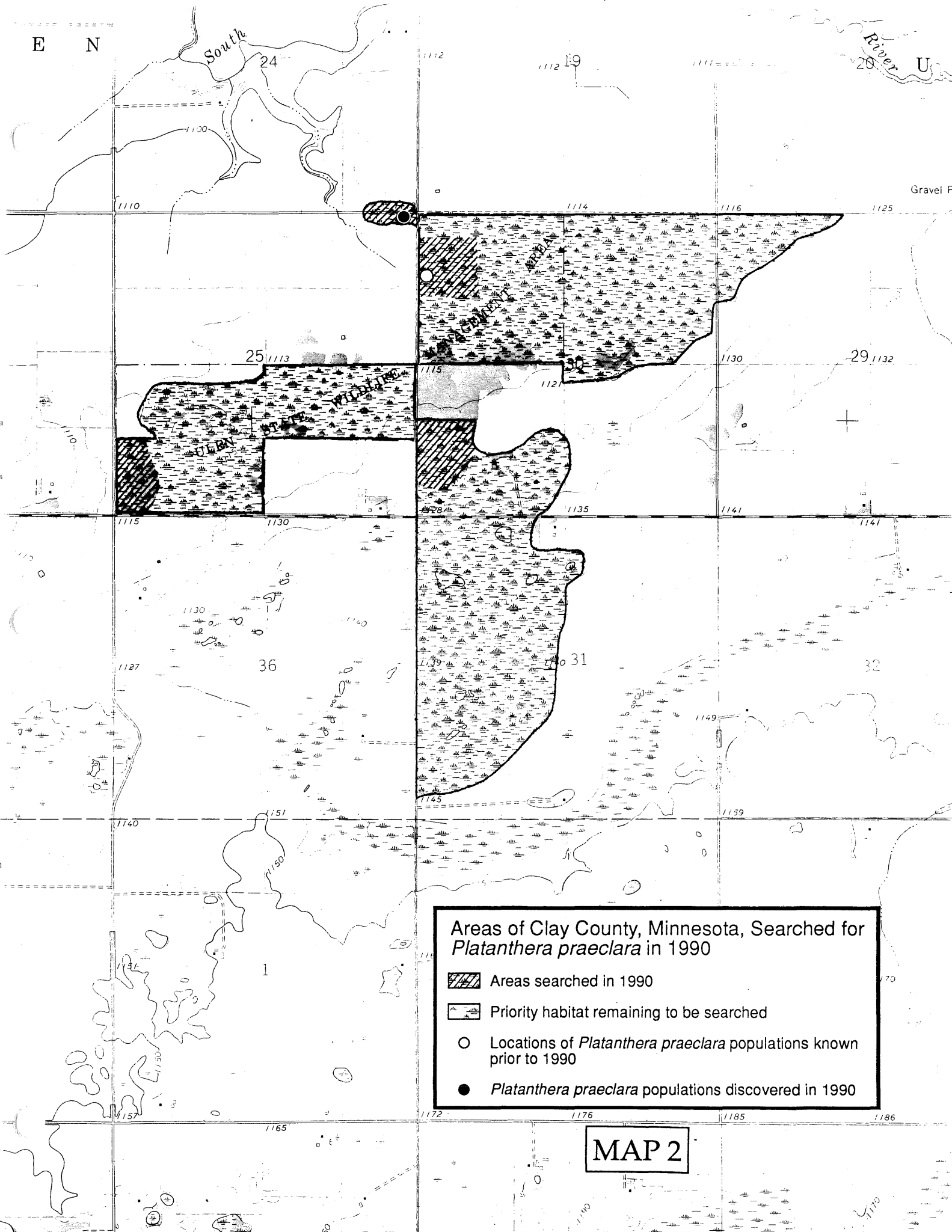






Figure 5.

Years



Areas of Clay County, Minnesota, Searched for *Platanthera praeclara* in 1990

-  Areas searched in 1990
-  Priority habitat remaining to be searched
-  Locations of *Platanthera praeclara* populations known prior to 1990
-  *Platanthera praeclara* populations discovered in 1990

MAP 2

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