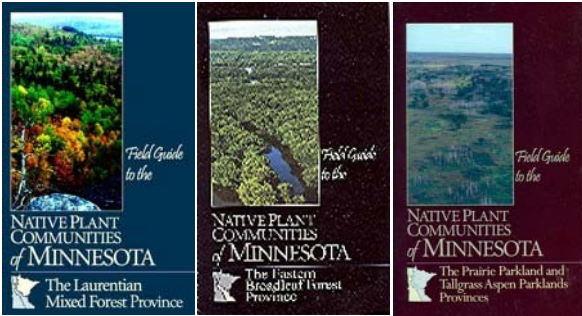


2017 Native Plant Community Field Guide Training

Offered by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources



The Minnesota DNR Divisions of Ecological and Water Resources, Forestry, and Fish and Wildlife are partnering to offer training in the use of the DNR *Field Guides to the Native Plant Communities of Minnesota* and how they can be used to help inform management decisions.

There will be two indoor introductory classes and 8 field classes.

The intro classes include information on use of the native plant community (NPC) field guides, basic plant identification, and applications for resource management. The forest field method sessions include plant identification, soils information, NPC keying

exercises, and discussions of management applications. The prairie field sessions will each span two days: day 1 emphasizes plant identification and NPC keying and classification exercises, while day 2 has a heavier emphasis on management. We will also be offering 1-day classes on the identification of fern and fern ally species, a field session on the management of rare species in forested NPCs, and a hands-on training event on the DNR case study protocol.

Who are these classes for?

Anyone who is interested – these classes are geared toward natural resource managers working in forests and prairies, but are open to anyone. The introductory class (or a similar intro class taught in past years, or instructor permission) is encouraged for those considering attending the *Field skills* or *Applications* classes.

How do I sign up?

To register for these classes, send an email to Michelle Martin, michelle.martin@state.mn.us, with the following information: Name, Organization (or DNR Division), phone number, email, mailing address, and the session(s) for which you want to sign up.

Some classes will fill up quickly, so please register soon; sign up for the indoor sessions by **March 22nd**, and for the field sessions by **June 8th**. After registration, the course instructors will send out additional information on class logistics prior to the scheduled event. There is no cost for these classes, but some may require obtaining specific books in advance.

Important Information

It is highly recommend to obtain a copy of the appropriate *Field Guide to Native Plant Communities of Minnesota*, and read the Introduction section prior to attending these courses. If you don't have a copy, DNR employees can contact your Regional Forestry ECS Specialist or Regional Ecologist to obtain one. Participants outside of the DNR can purchase these fields guides from Minnesota's Bookstore by phone (651-297-3000) or online at: <http://www.comm.media.state.mn.us/bookstore/mnbookstore.asp>. (Tip- search for 'native').

NOTE: The Minnesota Bookstore website is undergoing an update and is currently unavailable. It should be back online in March, so please continue to try this link, or refer to the order form on the DNR website: http://files.dnr.state.mn.us/publications/books/plantcommguide_orderform.pdf.

Additionally, non-DNR participants in the forest-oriented *Field skills* and *Applications* sessions should consider obtaining a copy of the "Key Plants Appearing in the Field Guides to Native Plant Communities of Minnesota: Forests & Woodlands, Second Edition" resource, also available from Minnesota's Bookstore. This book will be referred to during these classes. DNR staff can obtain a copy from the class instructor the day of the class.

For additional information or any questions, please contact the instructor(s) listed in the course offering table (see opposite page).

Where and when are the trainings?

Introductory session

Field skills session

Applications session

Date	Where in MN?	Location	Time	Course Description	For more info, contact:
March 29	West-central	Prairie Wetland Learning Center, Fergus Falls	9:30 am – 3:30 pm	Intro to Field Guides: <i>Prairie</i> (indoor)	Megan Benage, 507-359-6079 megan.benage@state.mn.us Becky Marty, 218-308-2658 becky.marty@state.mn.us
April 11	Central	Schaar's Bluff Gathering Center, Hastings	9:30 am – 3:30 pm	Intro to Field Guides: <i>Forest</i> (indoor)	Michelle Martin, 651-259-5836 michelle.martin@state.mn.us Hannah Texler, 651-259-5048 Hannah.Texler@state.mn.us
June 22-23	Southern	Chanarambie Creek, Murray Co.	9 am – 3:30 pm, each day	Prairie Plants, NPCs, and Management (field session)	Megan Benage, 507-359-6079 megan.benage@state.mn.us Becky Marty, 218-308-2658 becky.marty@state.mn.us
June 27-28	West-central	Ordway Prairie, Pope Co.	9 am – 3:30 pm, each day	Prairie Plants, NPCs, and Management (field session)	Megan Benage, 507-359-6079 megan.benage@state.mn.us Becky Marty, 218-308-2658 becky.marty@state.mn.us
June 29	Northwest	Beltrami Island State Forest, near Fournown, Beltrami Co.	9 am – 3:30 pm	Forest NPC Classification Methods – Aspen Parklands (field session)	Nick Jensen, 218-308-2636 nicholas.jensen@state.mn.us Harvey Tjader, 218-308-2383 harvey.tjader@state.mn.us
July 18-19	North-central	Pillsbury State Forest, near Pillager, Cass Co.	Day 1: 1 pm – 4 pm, Day 2: 9 am - 3:30 pm	Rare NPCs & Species Management Applications (field session)	Becky Marty, 218-308-2658 becky.marty@state.mn.us Christine Herwig, 218-308-2641 christine.herwig@state.mn.us
August 2	North-central	TBD	9 am – 3:30 pm	Species Group Focus: Ferns and Fern Allies (indoor and field)	Becky Marty, 218-308-2658 becky.marty@state.mn.us Brooke Haworth, 218-302-3248 Brooke.Haworth@state.mn.us
August 4	Northeast	Resource Assessment Office, Grand Rapids	9 am – 3:15 pm	DNR Case-study Protocol (indoor and field)	John Almendinger, 218-322-2503 John.Almendinger@state.mn.us
August 15	Northeast	TBD, Grand Rapids area	9 am – 3:30 pm	Forest NPC Classification Methods (field session)	Brooke Haworth, 218-302-3248 Brooke.Haworth@state.mn.us Casey Baysal, 218-328-8891 cassandra.baysal@state.mn.us
Aug 17-18	Northern	Thorson Prairie WMA, Polk Co.	9 am – 3:30 pm, each day	Prairie Plants, NPCs, and Management (field session)	Becky Marty, 218-308-2658 becky.marty@state.mn.us

*Continuing Forestry Education (CFE) credits may be available for these classes- contact instructors if interested.