

# 2015 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 three indoor introductory classes and eight field classes.** The introductory classes include information on use of the native plant community (NPC) field guides, basic plant identification, and applications for resource management. The forest field sessions include plant identification, soils information, NPC keying exercises, and discussions of management implications. The prairie field sessions will

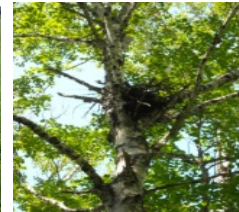
each span two days: day 1 will emphasize plant identification, soils information, and NPC keying exercises, while day 2 will have a heavier emphasis on management. New this year, we will be offering a 1-day session focused on the identification of wetland shrubs. CEU/CFE credits will be available for all classes.

### Who are these classes for?

Anyone who is interested – the 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 the permission of an instructor) is required for the field classes.

### How do I sign up?

**To register for these classes, send an email to Lori Bailey** at [lori.bailey@state.mn.us](mailto:lori.bailey@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 12, and for the field sessions by June 1<sup>st</sup>.** There is no cost for these classes.



## Where and when are the trainings?

Date	Part of the State	Place	Times	Type of Class
March 31	West-central	Prairie-Wetlands Learning Center, Fergus Falls	9:30 am – 3:30 pm	Introduction to Field Guides (indoor)
April 8	North-central	Minnesota Interagency Fire Center, Grand Rapids	10:00 am – 3:30 pm	Introduction to Field Guides (indoor)
June 9	Northeast	*Audubon Center of the Northwoods, Sandstone	10:00 am – 4:00 pm	Introduction to Field Guides (indoor)
June 10	Northeast	*Audubon Center of the Northwoods, Sandstone	9:00 am – 4:00 pm – Refresher/Silviculture Field Applications	Forest NPC Field Refresher/Silviculture Field Applications
June 16	Northeast	Carlton County, Nemadji River watershed	9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Forest NPC Field Refresher/Silviculture Applications
June 18-19	Southwest	Southeast Lyon County	9:00 am – 3:30 pm each day	Prairie Plants, NPCs, and Management Field Session
June 24-25	West-central	North-central Clay County	9:00 am – 3:30 pm each day	Prairie Plants, NPCs, and Management Field Session
July 16-17	Northwest	Southeastern Marshall County	9:00 am – 3:30 pm each day	Prairie Plants, NPCs, and Management Field Session
July 29	Northwest	Warroad Area	9:00 am – 3:30 pm	Forest NPC Field Refresher/Silviculture Applications
August	Central	Place & date to be determined & will be sent to registrants	9:00 – 3:00 pm	Wetland Shrubs Plant Identification Field Session

***\*For those taking both the June 9 and June 10 sessions, free overnight accommodations at the Audubon Center of the Northwoods are available. More information about the facility is at [www.audubon-center.org](http://www.audubon-center.org)***



## How do I get more information about the trainings?

For the March 31 Introduction to the Field Guides class or the Prairie Plants, NPCs and Management Field Sessions (June 18-19, June 24-25, and July 16-17), contact:

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For the June 9-10 Audubon Center of the Northwoods classes contact:

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For the Field Session on Identification of Wetland Shrubs, contact:

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If you don't have a copy of the *Field Guide to Native Plant Communities of Minnesota*, DNR employees can contact your regional Forestry ECS Specialist or Regional Plant Ecologist to obtain a copy. For others, you can purchase a book from Minnesota's Bookstore at:

<http://www.comm.media.state.mn.us/bookstore/mnbookstore.asp> It is helpful to obtain the book before the class and read the introduction if you can.

