

2018 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 six 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 shrub species, a field session on the management of pine woodland NPCs, and a review of several mesic hardwood case studies.

Who are these classes for?

Anyone who is interested – these classes are geared toward natural resource managers working in forests, prairies, and wetlands, 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, click on the corresponding registration link in the table on the following page, and complete the instructions on the Google Form website. Please note, you will need to register for each class individually.

If you're having difficulties with the online registration process, please contact Megan Benage (megan.benage@state.mn.us, 507-359-6079) or Keri Kent (keri.kent@state.mn.us, 218-302-3251) for help troubleshooting.

Some classes will fill up quickly, so please register soon; sign up for the indoor sessions by **March 26th**, and for the field sessions by **June 22nd**. After registration, the course instructors will send out additional information on class logistics two weeks prior to the scheduled event. There is no cost for these classes, but participants may be encouraged to bring specific resources to each training event (field guides, hand lens, clipboard, etc.) – those details will be provided on the registration page.



When and where are the training events?

	Introductory session	Field skills session	Applications session	
Date	Course Description	Location (# on map)	Class admin*	Register**
March 28	Intro to Field Guides: <i>Prairie</i> (indoor)	Prairie-Woods ELC, Spicer (1)	Megan Benage	Click here
May 9	Intro to Field Guides: <i>Forest</i> (indoor)	UMN NC Research and Outreach Center, Grand Rapids (2)	Keri Kent	Click here
June 26-27	Prairie Plants, NPCs, and Management (field session)	Seven Sister's Prairie TNC, Ottertail Co. (3)	Becky Marty	Click here
July 12-13	Prairie Plants, NPCs, and Management (field session)	Hole in the Mountain WMA, Lincoln Co. (4)	Megan Benage	Click here
July 25	Forest NPC Classification Methods (field session)	Cannon River Wilderness Area, Rice Co. (5)	Michelle Martin	Click here
July 31	DNR Case-study review (indoor and field)	DNR Resource Assessment, Grand Rapids (2)	John Almendinger	Click here
July 31 (tent.)	Strata Group Focus: Shrubs (indoor and field)	Itasca State Park, Clearwater Co. (6)	Becky Marty	Click here
August 2	Central pine woodland management (field session)	Badoura State Forest, Hubbard Co. (7)	Harvey Tjader	Click here

*Questions about each course should be directed to the Class Administrator.

**Additional information (times, instructors, course content) will be provided on the registration pages.

