

2019 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 five field classes, and no introductory classes this year. We are in the process of creating a web-based introductory class that will include information on the development and use of the native plant community (NPC) field guides, and applications for resource management, and in the meantime will not be offering that content in person. The prairie field sessions and central dry-mesic forest class 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 one-day classes on the identification of forest grass species, and a forest field methods session covering plant identification, soils information, NPC keying exercises, and discussions of management applications.

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. An 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.

Registration for each class will close three weeks before its scheduled date. Some classes will fill up quickly, so please sign up early! 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.



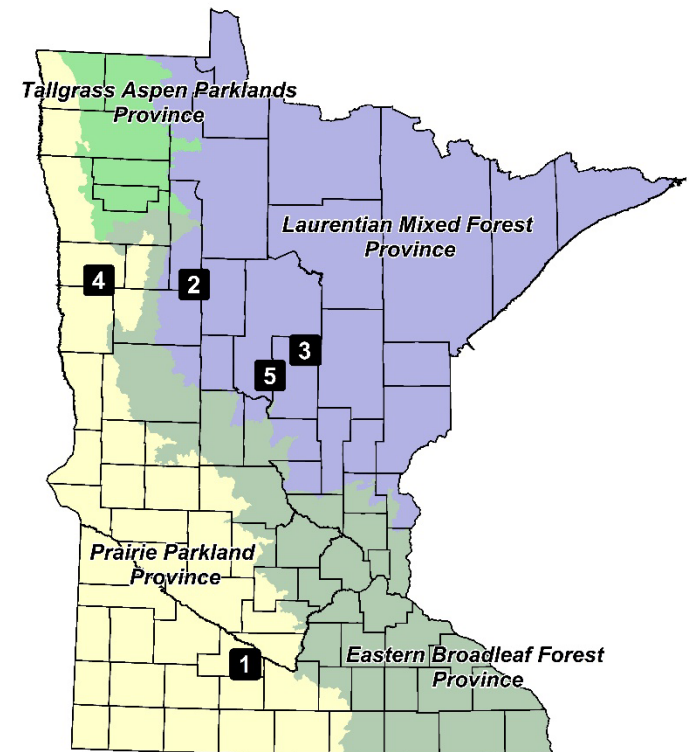
When and where are the training events?

Field skills session

Applications session

<i>Date</i>	<i>Course Description</i>	<i>Location (# on map)</i>	<i>Class admin*</i>	<i>Register**</i>
June 19-20	Southern Session: Prairie Plants, NPCs, and Management (field session)	Joseph A. Tauer SNA, Brown Co. (1)	Megan Benage	Click here
July 29	Strata Group Focus: Forest Grasses (indoor and field)	Itasca State Park, Clearwater Co. (2)	Becky Marty	Click here
August 8	Forest NPC Classification Methods (field session)	Roosevelt AMA, Crow Wing Co. (3)	Brooke Haworth	Click here
August 13-14	Northwest Session: Prairie Plants, NPCs, and Management (field session)	Twin Valley Prairie SNA, Norman Co. (4)	Becky Marty	Click here
August 19-20	Central dry-mesic forest management (field session)	TBD. Brainerd/Backus area, Cass Co. (5)	Harvey Tjader	Click here

**Approximate locations of classes
(and corresponding Ecological Province)**



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

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