2020 Ecological and Native Plant Community classes

Offered by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

The Minnesota DNR Divisions of Ecological and Water Resources, Forestry, and Fish and Wildlife are collaborating 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 four 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 two 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. Additional one-day classes are being offered on the identification of forest grass species, as well as a forest field methods session covering plant identification, soils information, NPC keying exercises, and brief discussions of management applications.

Who are these classes for?
These classes are geared toward natural resource managers working in forests, prairies, and wetlands, but are open to anyone who is interested.

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.

Registration for each class will close two 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.). Details are provided on the registration page.

If you are having difficulties with the online registration process, please contact Megan Benage (megan.benage@state.mn.us, 507-359-6079) or Michelle Martin (michelle.martin@state.mn.us, 651-259-5836) for help troubleshooting.

Need a Field Guide to the Native Plant Communities of Minnesota?
DNR staff can contact the class admin listed on the next page to request a copy.

Field Guides are available for purchase by the public at the Minnesota Bookstore (search for ‘native plant’).
When and where are the training events?
Additional information (times, instructors, course content) will be provided on the registration pages, including notifications about training date changes or cancellations.

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<td>Northwest Session: Prairie Plants, NPCs, and Management (field session)</td>
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*Questions about each course should be directed to the Class Administrator.

Individuals with a disability who need a reasonable accommodation to participate in these events, please contact the Class Administrator listed above at least two weeks before the scheduled date or call using your preferred Telecommunications Relay Provider.