

PLANT CHECKLIST

Western Prairie SNA

MINNESOTA SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREAS



Natural places worth knowing



Species	Confidence	Species	Confidence
FERNS AND LYCOPHYTES		__ alkali plantain (<i>Plantago eriopoda</i>)	2
__ smooth scouring rush (<i>Equisetum laevigatum</i>)	2	__ silverweed (<i>Potentilla anserina</i>)	2
__ common scouring rush (<i>Equisetum praealtum</i>)	2	__ Virginia mountain mint (<i>Pycnanthemum virginianum</i>)	3
FORBS		__ black-eyed susan (<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>)	2
__ glaucous false dandelion (<i>Agoseris glauca</i>)	2	__ red saltwort (<i>Salicornia rubra</i>) ^{THR}	3
__ American hemp (<i>Apocynum cannabinum</i>)	2	__ pointed-petal blue-eyed grass (<i>Sisyrinchium mucronatum</i>)	2
__ swamp milkweed (<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>)	2	__ late goldenrod (<i>Solidago altissima</i>)	2
__ common milkweed (<i>Asclepias syriaca</i>)	2	__ Canada goldenrod (<i>Solidago canadensis</i>)	3
__ black mustard (<i>Brassica nigra</i>)*	3	__ giant goldenrod (<i>Solidago gigantea</i>)	2
__ spotted water hemlock (<i>Cicuta maculata</i>)	2	__ field sow thistle (<i>Sonchus arvensis</i>)*	2
__ Canada thistle (<i>Cirsium arvense</i>)*	2	__ woundwort (<i>Stachys palustris</i>)	2
__ Flodman's thistle (<i>Cirsium flodmanii</i>)	2	__ heath aster (<i>Symphotrichum ericoides</i>)	2
__ bastard toadflax (<i>Comandra umbellata</i>)	2	__ paniced aster (<i>Symphotrichum lanceolatum</i>)	2
__ small white lady's slipper (<i>Cypripedium candidum</i>) ^{SPC}	1	__ common dandelion (<i>Taraxacum officinale</i>)*	2
__ grass-leaved goldenrod (<i>Euthamia graminifolia</i>)	2	__ tall meadow-rue (<i>Thalictrum dasycarpum</i>)	2
__ spotted Joe pye weed (<i>Eutrochium maculatum</i>)	3	__ seaside arrowgrass (<i>Triglochin maritima</i>)	2
__ northern gentian (<i>Gentiana affinis</i>) ^{SPC}	1	__ heart-leaved alexanders (<i>Zizia aptera</i>)	2
__ bottle gentian (<i>Gentiana andrewsii</i>)	2	__ golden alexanders (<i>Zizia aurea</i>)	2
__ downy gentian (<i>Gentiana puberulenta</i>)	2	GRAMINOIDS	
__ autumn sneezeweed (<i>Helenium autumnale</i>)	3	__ redtop (<i>Agrostis gigantea</i>)*	2
__ giant sunflower (<i>Helianthus giganteus</i>)	3	__ rough bentgrass (<i>Agrostis scabra</i>)	2
__ Maximilian's sunflower (<i>Helianthus maximiliani</i>)	2	__ spreading bentgrass (<i>Agrostis stolonifera</i>)*	2
__ Nuttall's sunflower (<i>Helianthus nuttallii</i>) ^{SPC}	2	__ big bluestem (<i>Andropogon gerardii</i>)	2
__ stiff sunflower (<i>Helianthus pauciflorus</i>)	2	__ bluejoint (<i>Calamagrostis canadensis</i>)	2
__ marsh vetchling (<i>Lathyrus palustris</i>)	2	__ slimstem reedgrass (<i>Calamagrostis stricta</i>)	2
__ rough blazing star (<i>Liatriis aspera</i>)	3	__ Buxbaum's sedge (<i>Carex buxbaumii</i>)	2
__ northern plains blazing star (<i>Liatriis ligulistylis</i>)	2	__ Crawe's sedge (<i>Carex crawei</i>)	2
__ great blazing star (<i>Liatriis pycnostachya</i>)	2	__ Hall's sedge (<i>Carex hallii</i>) ^{SPC}	2
__ Kalm's lobelia (<i>Lobelia kalmii</i>)	2	__ woolly sedge (<i>Carex pellita</i>)	2
__ pale-spiked lobelia (<i>Lobelia spicata</i>)	2	__ very slender sedge (<i>Carex praegracilis</i>)	2
__ rough bugleweed (<i>Lycopus asper</i>)	2	__ Sartwell's sedge (<i>Carex sartwellii</i>)	2
__ white sweet clover (<i>Melilotus albus</i>)*	2	__ rigid sedge (<i>Carex tetanica</i>)	2
__ beautiful blue lettuce (<i>Mulgedium pulchellum</i>)	2	__ salt grass (<i>Distichlis spicata</i>)	2
__ swamp lousewort (<i>Pedicularis lanceolata</i>)	2	__ flattened spikerush (<i>Eleocharis compressa</i>)	2
		__ quackgrass (<i>Elymus repens</i>)*	2
		__ slender wheatgrass (<i>Elymus trachycaulus</i>)	2

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__ fowl manna grass (<i>Glyceria striata</i>)	2
__ foxtail barley (<i>Hordeum jubatum</i>)	2
__ baltic rush (<i>Juncus balticus</i>)	2
__ Torrey's rush (<i>Juncus torreyi</i>)	2
__ scratchgrass (<i>Muhlenbergia asperifolia</i>)	2
__ mat muhly grass (<i>Muhlenbergia richardsonis</i>)	2
__ witch grass (<i>Panicum capillare</i>)	2
__ switchgrass (<i>Panicum virgatum</i>)	2
__ Kentucky bluegrass (<i>Poa pratensis</i>)*	2
__ Nuttall's alkali grass (<i>Puccinellia nuttalliana</i>) ^{WL}	1
__ little bluestem (<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>)	2
__ dark green bulrush (<i>Scirpus atrovirens</i>)	2
__ Indian grass (<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>)	2
__ alkali cordgrass (<i>Spartina gracilis</i>)	1
__ prairie cordgrass (<i>Spartina pectinata</i>)	2
TREES AND SHRUBS	
__ prairie rose (<i>Rosa arkansana</i>)	2

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Plant Groups (Physiognomy) Defined
Aquatics - floating, emergent, submerged
Climbers/vines and epiphytes (grows on other plants)
Ferns and lycophytes - spore-bearing plants
Forbs - herbaceous flowering plants
Graminoids - grasses, sedges, and rushes
Succulents - cactus-like
Trees and shrubs - woody plants
Mosses - non-flowering plants that lack true roots

Rare and Introduced Status Keys
END - Endangered (State), **E** - Endangered (Federal)
THR - Threatened (State), **T** - Threatened (Federal)
SPC - Special Concern
WL - Watchlist

* - Introduced or ** - Undetermined

Data Confidence Key
1 - Vouchered record (specimen in herbarium collection)
2 - Vetted record (confirmed by DNR staff)
3 - Unverified record

Data for this checklist were gathered from the [Minnesota Biodiversity Atlas](#), MN DNR staff and contractors, [iNaturalist](#), and [EDDMapS](#) records. Checklist nomenclature for scientific name follows the most current [Flora of North America](#) and the preferred MN DNR common name (see [MNTaxa](#) for details).

Plant collecting is not allowed at any Scientific and Natural Area. Scientists may be allowed collections through a research permit.

Resources: [Minnesota Wildflowers](#) (species profiles and phenology), [Rare Species Guide](#), [invasive plants](#), Minnesota Biodiversity Atlas (range maps and herbarium specimens).

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