

# PLANT CHECKLIST

## Sandpiper Prairie SNA

# MINNESOTA SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREAS



Natural places worth knowing



Species	Confidence
<b>FERNS AND LYCOPHYTES</b>	
__ smooth scouring rush ( <i>Equisetum laevigatum</i> )	2
<b>FORBS</b>	
__ canada anemone ( <i>Anemone canadensis</i> )	3
__ common milkweed ( <i>Asclepias syriaca</i> )	3
__ plumeless thistle ( <i>Carduus acanthoides</i> )*	3
__ Canada thistle ( <i>Cirsium arvense</i> )*	3
__ incised hawk's beard ( <i>Crepis runcinata</i> )	3
__ common strawberry ( <i>Fragaria virginiana</i> )	3
__ northern bedstraw ( <i>Galium boreale</i> )	3
__ prairie smoke ( <i>Geum triflorum</i> )	3
__ wild licorice ( <i>Glycyrrhiza lepidota</i> )	3
__ giant sunflower ( <i>Helianthus giganteus</i> )	3
__ Maximilian's sunflower ( <i>Helianthus maximiliani</i> )	2
__ stiff sunflower ( <i>Helianthus pauciflorus</i> )	2
__ yellow star-grass ( <i>Hypoxis hirsuta</i> )	3
__ marsh vetchling ( <i>Lathyrus palustris</i> )	3
__ northern plains blazing star ( <i>Liatris ligulistylis</i> )	2
__ dotted blazing star ( <i>Liatris punctata</i> )	2
__ great blazing star ( <i>Liatris pycnostachya</i> )	2
__ pale-spiked lobelia ( <i>Lobelia spicata</i> )	3
__ common mint ( <i>Mentha arvensis</i> )	3
__ scarlet gaura ( <i>Oenothera suffrutescens</i> )	3
__ western heart-leaved groundsel ( <i>Packera pseudaurea</i> )	3
__ wood betony ( <i>Pedicularis canadensis</i> )	3
__ silverleaf scurfpea ( <i>Pedimelum argophyllum</i> )	3
__ Virginia mountain mint ( <i>Pycnanthemum virginianum</i> )	2
__ white campion ( <i>Silene latifolia</i> )*	3
__ pointed-petal blue-eyed grass ( <i>Sisyrinchium mucronatum</i> )	3
__ late goldenrod ( <i>Solidago altissima</i> )	2
__ Canada goldenrod ( <i>Solidago canadensis</i> )	3
__ giant goldenrod ( <i>Solidago gigantea</i> )	2
__ Riddell's goldenrod ( <i>Solidago riddellii</i> )	2

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__ stiff goldenrod ( <i>Solidago rigida</i> )	3
__ heath aster ( <i>Symphotrichum ericoides</i> )	2
__ paniced aster ( <i>Symphotrichum lanceolatum</i> )	2
__ tall meadow-rue ( <i>Thalictrum dasycarpum</i> )	2
__ white camas ( <i>Zigadenus elegans</i> )	2
__ heart-leaved alexanders ( <i>Zizia aptera</i> )	2
__ golden alexanders ( <i>Zizia aurea</i> )	2
<b>GRAMINOIDS</b>	
__ big bluestem ( <i>Andropogon gerardii</i> )	2
__ sweet grass ( <i>Anthoxanthum hirtum</i> )	3
__ sweet vernal grass ( <i>Anthoxanthum odoratum</i> )*	2
__ slimstem reedgrass ( <i>Calamagrostis stricta</i> )	2
__ Sartwell's sedge ( <i>Carex sartwellii</i> )	3
__ tufted hair grass ( <i>Deschampsia cespitosa</i> )	3
__ Torrey's rush ( <i>Juncus torreyi</i> )	2
__ mat muhly grass ( <i>Muhlenbergia richardsonis</i> )	2
__ switchgrass ( <i>Panicum virgatum</i> )	2
__ reed canary grass ( <i>Phalaris arundinacea</i> )*	3
__ Indian grass ( <i>Sorghastrum nutans</i> )	2
__ alkali cordgrass ( <i>Spartina gracilis</i> )	1
__ prairie dropseed ( <i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i> )	3
<b>TREES AND SHRUBS</b>	
__ fragrant false indigo ( <i>Amorpha nana</i> )	3
__ red-osier dogwood ( <i>Cornus sericea</i> )	3
__ sand cherry ( <i>Prunus pumila</i> )	3
__ prairie rose ( <i>Rosa arkansana</i> )	3

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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

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\* - 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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