

PLANT CHECKLIST

Otter Tail Prairie SNA

MINNESOTA SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREAS



Natural places worth knowing



Species	Confidence
FERNS AND LYCOPHYTES	
__ smooth scouring rush (<i>Equisetum laevigatum</i>)	2
FORBS	
__ prairie wild onion (<i>Allium stellatum</i>)	2
__ common ragweed (<i>Ambrosia artemisiifolia</i>)	2
__ western ragweed (<i>Ambrosia psilostachya</i>)	2
__ canada anemone (<i>Anemone canadensis</i>)	3
__ American hemp (<i>Apocynum cannabinum</i>)	2
__ white sage (<i>Artemisia ludoviciana</i>)	2
__ swamp milkweed (<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>)	3
__ showy milkweed (<i>Asclepias speciosa</i>)	2
__ common milkweed (<i>Asclepias syriaca</i>)	2
__ whorled milkweed (<i>Asclepias verticillata</i>)	2
__ spotted water hemlock (<i>Cicuta maculata</i>)	3
__ Canada thistle (<i>Cirsium arvense</i>)*	3
__ Flodman's thistle (<i>Cirsium flodmanii</i>)	2
__ bastard toadflax (<i>Comandra umbellata</i>)	2
__ small white lady's slipper (<i>Cypripedium candidum</i>) ^{SPC}	3
__ white prairie clover (<i>Dalea candida</i>)	2
__ purple prairie clover (<i>Dalea purpurea</i>)	2
__ Philadelphia fleabane (<i>Erigeron philadelphicus</i>)	2
__ daisy fleabane (<i>Erigeron strigosus</i>)	2
__ northern bedstraw (<i>Galium boreale</i>)	2
__ northern gentian (<i>Gentiana affinis</i>) ^{SPC}	1
__ wild licorice (<i>Glycyrrhiza lepidota</i>)	3
__ curly cup gumweed (<i>Grindelia squarrosa</i>)	3
__ Maximilian's sunflower (<i>Helianthus maximiliani</i>)	2
__ stiff sunflower (<i>Helianthus pauciflorus</i>)	2
__ ox-eye (<i>Heliopsis helianthoides</i>)	3
__ yellow star-grass (<i>Hypoxis hirsuta</i>)	2
__ rough blazing star (<i>Liatris aspera</i>)	2
__ northern plains blazing star (<i>Liatris ligulistylis</i>)	2
__ great blazing star (<i>Liatris pycnostachya</i>)	2
__ wood lily (<i>Lilium philadelphicum</i>)	2

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__ hoary puccoon (<i>Lithospermum canescens</i>)	2
__ pale-spiked lobelia (<i>Lobelia spicata</i>)	2
__ white sweet clover (<i>Melilotus albus</i>)*	2
__ yellow sweet clover (<i>Melilotus officinalis</i>)*	2
__ beautiful blue lettuce (<i>Mulgedium pulchellum</i>)	2
__ toothed evening primrose (<i>Oenothera serrulata</i>)	2
__ western heart-leaved groundsel (<i>Packera pseudoaurea</i>)	2
__ wood betony (<i>Pedicularis canadensis</i>)	2
__ silverleaf scurfpea (<i>Pediomelum argophyllum</i>)	2
__ alkali plantain (<i>Plantago eriopoda</i>)	2
__ smooth rattlesnakeroot (<i>Prenanthes racemosa</i>)	2
__ gray-headed coneflower (<i>Ratibida pinnata</i>)	3
__ black-eyed susan (<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>)	2
__ Canada goldenrod (<i>Solidago canadensis</i>)	3
__ Missouri goldenrod (<i>Solidago missouriensis</i>)	2
__ upland white aster (<i>Solidago ptarmicoides</i>)	2
__ stiff goldenrod (<i>Solidago rigida</i>)	2
__ woundwort (<i>Stachys palustris</i>)	2
__ sea-blite (<i>Suaeda calceoliformis</i>)	3
__ heath aster (<i>Symphyotrichum ericoides</i>)	2
__ paniced aster (<i>Symphyotrichum lanceolatum</i>)	2
__ silky aster (<i>Symphyotrichum sericeum</i>)	2
__ common dandelion (<i>Taraxacum officinale</i>)*	2
__ germander (<i>Teucrium canadense</i>)	3
__ bunched ironweed (<i>Vernonia fasciculata</i>)	3
__ white camas (<i>Zigadenus elegans</i>)	2
__ heart-leaved alexanders (<i>Zizia aptera</i>)	2
GRAMINOIDS	
__ big bluestem (<i>Andropogon gerardii</i>)	2
__ sweet grass (<i>Anthoxanthum hirtum</i>)	2
__ side-oats grama (<i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i>)	2
__ smooth brome (<i>Bromus inermis</i>)*	2
__ Buxbaum's sedge (<i>Carex buxbaumii</i>)	2
__ Mead's sedge (<i>Carex meadii</i>)	2
__ very slender sedge (<i>Carex praegracilis</i>)	2
__ hairy panic grass (<i>Dichantherium acuminatum</i>)	2

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__ Leiberg's panic grass (<i>Dichanthelium leibergii</i>)	2
__ salt grass (<i>Distichlis spicata</i>)	2
__ rough barnyard grass (<i>Echinochloa muricata</i>)	3
__ Wolf's spikerush (<i>Eleocharis wolfii</i>) ^{END}	2
__ Canada wildrye (<i>Elymus canadensis</i>)	2
__ quackgrass (<i>Elymus repens</i>)*	2
__ slender wheatgrass (<i>Elymus trachycaulus</i>)	2
__ porcupine grass (<i>Hesperostipa spartea</i>)	2
__ foxtail barley (<i>Hordeum jubatum</i>)	2
__ baltic rush (<i>Juncus balticus</i>)	2
__ junegrass (<i>Koeleria macrantha</i>)	2
__ mat muhly grass (<i>Muhlenbergia richardsonis</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
__ whitetop (<i>Scolochloa festucacea</i>)	3
__ Indian grass (<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>)	2
__ prairie cordgrass (<i>Spartina pectinata</i>)	2
__ prairie dropseed (<i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i>)	2

TREES AND SHRUBS

__ leadplant (<i>Amorpha canescens</i>)	2
__ green ash (<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>)	1
__ wild black currant (<i>Ribes americanum</i>)	1
__ prairie rose (<i>Rosa arkansana</i>)	2
__ white meadowsweet (<i>Spiraea alba</i>)	1
__ wolfberry (<i>Symphoricarpos occidentalis</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

* - 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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