

PLANT CHECKLIST

River Terrace Prairie SNA

MINNESOTA SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREAS



Natural places worth knowing



Species	Confidence	Species	Confidence
FERNS AND LYCOPHYTES			
__ smooth scouring rush (<i>Equisetum laevigatum</i>)	3	__ common motherwort (<i>Leonurus cardiaca</i>)*	3
__ common scouring rush (<i>Equisetum praealtum</i>)	3	__ round-headed bush clover (<i>Lespedeza capitata</i>)	3
FORBS			
__ western ragweed (<i>Ambrosia psilostachya</i>)	2	__ dotted blazing star (<i>Liatris punctata</i>)	2
__ long-headed thimbleweed (<i>Anemone cylindrica</i>)	3	__ grooved yellow flax (<i>Linum sulcatum</i>)	3
__ pasqueflower (<i>Anemone patens</i>)	2	__ hoary puccoon (<i>Lithospermum canescens</i>)	3
__ Parlin's pussytoes (<i>Antennaria parlinii</i>)	3	__ hairy puccoon (<i>Lithospermum carolinense</i>)	3
__ plantain-leaved pussytoes (<i>Antennaria plantaginifolia</i>)	1	__ narrow-leaved puccoon (<i>Lithospermum incisum</i>)	2
__ common milkweed (<i>Asclepias syriaca</i>)	3	__ pale-spiked lobelia (<i>Lobelia spicata</i>)	3
__ whorled milkweed (<i>Asclepias verticillata</i>)	2	__ white sweet clover (<i>Melilotus albus</i>)*	2
__ green milkweed (<i>Asclepias viridiflora</i>)	2	__ hairy four o'clock (<i>Mirabilis albida</i>)	3
__ ground plum (<i>Astragalus crassicaarpus</i>)	2	__ heart-leaved four o'clock (<i>Mirabilis nyctaginea</i>)	3
__ false boneset (<i>Brickellia eupatorioides</i>)	2	__ wild bergamot (<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>)	3
__ tall bellflower (<i>Campanula americana</i>)	3	__ catnip (<i>Nepeta cataria</i>)*	3
__ harebell (<i>Campanula rotundifolia</i>)	2	__ toothed evening primrose (<i>Oenothera serrulata</i>)	3
__ marijuana (<i>Cannabis sativa</i>)*	3	__ violet wood-sorrel (<i>Oxalis violacea</i>)	3
__ spotted knapweed (<i>Centaurea stoebe</i>)	3	__ prairie ragwort (<i>Packera plattensis</i>)	2
__ field thistle (<i>Cirsium discolor</i>)	3	__ wild parsnip (<i>Pastinaca sativa</i>)*	3
__ hoary frostweed (<i>Crocanthemum bicknellii</i>)	3	__ slender beard tongue (<i>Penstemon gracilis</i>)	3
__ foxtail dalea (<i>Dalea leporina</i>)	2	__ large-flowered beard tongue (<i>Penstemon grandiflorus</i>)	3
__ purple prairie clover (<i>Dalea purpurea</i>)	2	__ blue phlox (<i>Phlox divaricata</i>)	3
__ Carolina delphinium (<i>Delphinium carolinianum</i>)	2	__ clammy ground cherry (<i>Physalis heterophylla</i>)	2
__ tall cinquefoil (<i>Drymocallis arguta</i>)	3	__ Virginia ground cherry (<i>Physalis virginiana</i>)	3
__ daisy fleabane (<i>Erigeron strigosus</i>)	2	__ clammy weed (<i>Polanisia dodecandra</i>)	1
__ small-flowered wallflower (<i>Erysimum inconspicuum</i>)	2	__ rough-fruited cinquefoil (<i>Potentilla recta</i>)*	3
__ eastern flowering spurge (<i>Euphorbia corollata</i>)	3	__ sweet everlasting (<i>Pseudognaphalium obtusifolium</i>)	3
__ nodding spurge (<i>Euphorbia nutans</i>)	3	__ prairie buttercup (<i>Ranunculus rhomboideus</i>)	3
__ wood strawberry (<i>Fragaria vesca</i>)	3	__ gray-headed coneflower (<i>Ratibida pinnata</i>)	3
__ common strawberry (<i>Fragaria virginiana</i>)	3	__ common sheep sorrel (<i>Rumex acetosella</i>)*	3
__ prairie smoke (<i>Geum triflorum</i>)	3	__ lance-leaved figwort (<i>Scrophularia lanceolata</i>)	3
__ bluets (<i>Hedyotis longifolia</i>)	1	__ Leonard's skullcap (<i>Scutellaria leonardii</i>)	2
__ ox-eye (<i>Heliopsis helianthoides</i>)	3	__ prairie skullcap (<i>Scutellaria parvula</i>)	3
__ hairy golden aster (<i>Heterotheca villosa</i>)	2	__ late goldenrod (<i>Solidago altissima</i>)	3
__ alumroot (<i>Heuchera richardsonii</i>)	3	__ Canada goldenrod (<i>Solidago canadensis</i>)	3

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__ gray goldenrod (<i>Solidago nemoralis</i>)	3
__ stiff goldenrod (<i>Solidago rigida</i>)	3
__ heath aster (<i>Symphyotrichum ericoides</i>)	2
__ New England aster (<i>Symphyotrichum novae-angliae</i>)	2
__ skyblue aster (<i>Symphyotrichum oolentangiense</i>)	2
__ silky aster (<i>Symphyotrichum sericeum</i>)	2
__ kitten-tails (<i>Synthyris bullii</i>) ^{THR}	1
__ common dandelion (<i>Taraxacum officinale</i>)*	3
__ bracted spiderwort (<i>Tradescantia bracteata</i>)	3
__ Ohio spiderwort (<i>Tradescantia ohiensis</i>)	2
__ yellow goat's beard (<i>Tragopogon dubius</i>)*	2
__ late horse gentian (<i>Triosteum perfoliatum</i>)	3
__ common mullein (<i>Verbascum thapsus</i>)*	3
__ hoary vervain (<i>Verbena stricta</i>)	2
__ bird's foot violet (<i>Viola pedata</i>)	3
__ bearded birdfoot violet (<i>Viola pedatifida</i>)	3

GRAMINOIDS

__ big bluestem (<i>Andropogon gerardii</i>)	2
__ side-oats grama (<i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i>)	2
__ blue grama (<i>Bouteloua gracilis</i>)	3
__ hairy grama (<i>Bouteloua hirsuta</i>)	2
__ Blue Ridge sedge (<i>Carex lucorum</i>) ^{WL}	3
__ Pennsylvania sedge (<i>Carex pensylvanica</i>)	2
__ Sprengel's sedge (<i>Carex sprengelii</i>)	3
__ long-haired panic grass (<i>Dichanthelium ovale</i>)	2
__ Wilcox's panic grass (<i>Dichanthelium wilcoxianum</i>)	2
__ Canada wildrye (<i>Elymus canadensis</i>)	3
__ porcupine grass (<i>Hesperostipa spartea</i>)	2
__ Plains muhly (<i>Muhlenbergia cuspidata</i>)	2
__ Canada bluegrass (<i>Poa compressa</i>)*	2
__ Kentucky bluegrass (<i>Poa pratensis</i>)*	2
__ little bluestem (<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>)	2
__ green foxtail (<i>Setaria viridis</i>)*	3
__ Indian grass (<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>)	3
__ prairie dropseed (<i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i>)	2
__ cultivated wheat (<i>Triticum aestivum</i>)*	3

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SUCCULENTS	
__ devil's tongue (<i>Opuntia humifusa</i>) ^{SPC}	3
TREES AND SHRUBS	
__ box elder (<i>Acer negundo</i>)	3
__ leadplant (<i>Amorpha canescens</i>)	3
__ green ash (<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>)	3
__ eastern red cedar (<i>Juniperus virginiana</i>)	2
__ common ninebark (<i>Physocarpus opulifolius</i>)	3
__ cottonwood (<i>Populus deltoides</i>)	3
__ quaking aspen (<i>Populus tremuloides</i>)	3
__ wild plum (<i>Prunus americana</i>)	3
__ eastern chokecherry (<i>Prunus virginiana</i>)	3
__ northern pin oak (<i>Quercus ellipsoidalis</i>)	3
__ bur oak (<i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>)	3
__ common buckthorn (<i>Rhamnus cathartica</i>)*	3
__ smooth sumac (<i>Rhus glabra</i>)	2
__ black raspberry (<i>Rubus occidentalis</i>)	3
__ prickly ash (<i>Zanthoxylum americanum</i>)	3

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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