

# PLANT CHECKLIST

Prairie Smoke Dunes SNA

## MINNESOTA SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREAS



Natural places worth knowing



Species	Confidence	Species	Confidence
<b>CLIMBERS/VINES AND EPIPHYTES</b>		__ annual skeletonweed ( <i>Shinnersoseris</i>	1
__ Canada moonseed ( <i>Menispermum canadense</i> )	2	<i>rostrata</i> <sup>THR</sup>	
__ Virginia creeper ( <i>Parthenocissus</i>	2	__ smooth carrion flower ( <i>Smilax herbacea</i> )	2
<i>quinquefolia</i> )		__ giant goldenrod ( <i>Solidago gigantea</i> )	3
__ woodbine ( <i>Parthenocissus vitacea</i> )	2	__ stiff goldenrod ( <i>Solidago rigida</i> )	3
__ wild grape ( <i>Vitis riparia</i> )	2	__ long-leaved chickweed ( <i>Stellaria longifolia</i> )	2
<b>FERNS AND LYCOPHYTES</b>		__ side-flowering aster ( <i>Symphotrichum</i>	2
__ northern lady fern ( <i>Athyrium filix-femina</i> )	2	<i>lateriflorum</i> )	
__ rattlesnake fern ( <i>Botrypus virginianus</i> )	2	__ early meadow-rue ( <i>Thalictrum dioicum</i> )	2
__ field horsetail ( <i>Equisetum arvense</i> )	2	__ western spiderwort ( <i>Tradescantia</i>	2
__ common scouring rush ( <i>Equisetum praealtum</i> )	3	<i>occidentalis</i> )	
__ eastern bracken ( <i>Pteridium aquilinum</i> )	2	__ stinging nettle ( <i>Urtica dioica</i> )	2
<b>FORBS</b>		__ Culver's root ( <i>Veronicastrum virginicum</i> )	2
__ red baneberry ( <i>Actaea rubra</i> )	2	__ yellow violet ( <i>Viola pubescens</i> )	2
__ hog peanut ( <i>Amphicarpaea bracteata</i> )	2	<b>GRAMINOIDS</b>	
__ wild sarsaparilla ( <i>Aralia nudicaulis</i> )	2	__ Indian rice grass ( <i>Achnatherum hymenoides</i> ) <sup>END</sup>	3
__ common burdock ( <i>Arctium minus</i> )*	2	__ big bluestem ( <i>Andropogon gerardii</i> )	3
__ Jack-in-the-pulpit ( <i>Arisaema triphyllum</i> )	2	__ hairy brome ( <i>Bromus pubescens</i> )	2
__ common milkweed ( <i>Asclepias syriaca</i> )	3	__ prairie sandreed ( <i>Calamovilfa longifolia</i> )	3
__ spotted water hemlock ( <i>Cicuta maculata</i> )	2	__ graceful sedge ( <i>Carex gracillima</i> )	2
__ common enchanter's nightshade ( <i>Circaea</i>	2	__ bladder sedge ( <i>Carex intumescens</i> )	2
<i>canadensis</i> )		__ Pennsylvania sedge ( <i>Carex pennsylvanica</i> )	2
__ honewort ( <i>Cryptotaenia canadensis</i> )	2	__ northern single-spike sedge ( <i>Carex</i>	1
__ silky prairie clover ( <i>Dalea villosa</i> )	3	<i>scirpoidea</i> ) <sup>SPC</sup>	
__ sweet-scented bedstraw ( <i>Galium triflorum</i> )	2	__ Sprengel's sedge ( <i>Carex sprengelii</i> )	2
__ white avens ( <i>Geum canadense</i> )	2	__ drooping woodreed ( <i>Cinna latifolia</i> )	2
__ Virginia stickseed ( <i>Hackelia virginiana</i> )	2	__ nodding fescue ( <i>Festuca subverticillata</i> )	2
__ spotted touch-me-not ( <i>Impatiens capensis</i> )	2	__ porcupine grass ( <i>Hesperostipa spartea</i> )	2
__ woodnettle ( <i>Laportea canadensis</i> )	2	__ junegrass ( <i>Koeleria macrantha</i> )	2
__ pale vetchling ( <i>Lathyrus ochroleucus</i> )	2	__ purple sandgrass ( <i>Triplasis purpurea</i> ) <sup>SPC</sup>	1
__ rough blazing star ( <i>Liatris aspera</i> )	3	<b>TREES AND SHRUBS</b>	
__ Canada mayflower ( <i>Maianthemum canadense</i> )	2	__ box elder ( <i>Acer negundo</i> )	2
__ Clayton's sweet cicely ( <i>Osmorhiza claytonii</i> )	2	__ low juneberry ( <i>Amelanchier humilis</i> )	2
__ lopseed ( <i>Phryma leptostachya</i> )	2	__ paper birch ( <i>Betula papyrifera</i> )	3
__ Virginia ground cherry ( <i>Physalis virginiana</i> )	2	__ gray dogwood ( <i>Cornus racemosa</i> )	2
__ western prairie fringed orchid ( <i>Platanthera</i>	3	__ red-osier dogwood ( <i>Cornus sericea</i> )	3
<i>praeclara</i> ) <sup>END,E</sup>		__ American hazelnut ( <i>Corylus americana</i> )	2
__ dwarf raspberry ( <i>Rubus pubescens</i> )	2	__ green ash ( <i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i> )	2

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___ scotch pine ( <i>Pinus sylvestris</i> )*	3
___ quaking aspen ( <i>Populus tremuloides</i> )	2
___ chokecherry ( <i>Prunus virginiana</i> )	2
___ bur oak ( <i>Quercus macrocarpa</i> )	2
___ Missouri gooseberry ( <i>Ribes missouriense</i> )	2
___ black raspberry ( <i>Rubus occidentalis</i> )	2
___ white meadowsweet ( <i>Spiraea alba</i> )	2
___ basswood ( <i>Tilia americana</i> )	2
___ western poison ivy ( <i>Toxicodendron rydbergii</i> )	2
___ American elm ( <i>Ulmus americana</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

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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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