

PLANT CHECKLIST

Spring Creek Prairie SNA

MINNESOTA SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREAS



Natural places worth knowing



Species	Confidence	Species	Confidence
CLIMBERS/VINES AND EPIPHYTES			
__ Oriental bittersweet (<i>Celastrus orbiculatus</i>)*	3	__ marijuana (<i>Cannabis sativa</i>)*	3
__ American bittersweet (<i>Celastrus scandens</i>)	3	__ nodding thistle (<i>Carduus nutans</i>)*	3
__ Canada moonseed (<i>Menispermum canadense</i>)	3	__ Indian paintbrush (<i>Castilleja coccinea</i>)	3
__ Virginia creeper (<i>Parthenocissus quinquefolia</i>)	3	__ downy paintbrush (<i>Castilleja sessiliflora</i>)	3
__ woodbine (<i>Parthenocissus vitacea</i>)	3	__ enchanter's nightshade (<i>Circaea canadensis</i>)	3
__ wild grape (<i>Vitis riparia</i>)	3	__ Canada thistle (<i>Cirsium arvense</i>)*	3
FERNS AND LYCOPHYTES			
__ lady fern (<i>Athyrium filix-femina</i>)	3	__ bull thistle (<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>)*	3
__ rattlesnake fern (<i>Botrypus virginianus</i>)	3	__ bastard toadflax (<i>Comandra umbellata</i>)	3
__ smooth scouring rush (<i>Equisetum laevigatum</i>)	3	__ horseweed (<i>Conyza canadensis</i>)	3
FORBS			
__ common yarrow (<i>Achillea millefolium</i>)	3	__ bird's foot coreopsis (<i>Coreopsis palmata</i>)	3
__ rough false foxglove (<i>Agalinis aspera</i>)	3	__ honewort (<i>Cryptotaenia canadensis</i>)	3
__ white snakeroot (<i>Ageratina altissima</i>)	3	__ purple prairie clover (<i>Dalea purpurea</i>)	3
__ garlic mustard (<i>Alliaria petiolata</i>)*	3	__ silky prairie clover (<i>Dalea villosa</i>)	3
__ common ragweed (<i>Ambrosia artemisiifolia</i>)	3	__ dutchman's breeches (<i>Dicentra cucullaria</i>)	3
__ hog peanut (<i>Amphicarpaea bracteata</i>)	3	__ Carolina whitlow grass (<i>Draba reptans</i>)	3
__ long-headed thimbleweed (<i>Anemone cylindrica</i>)	3	__ tall cinquefoil (<i>Drymocallis arguta</i>)	3
__ pasqueflower (<i>Anemone patens</i>)	3	__ daisy fleabane (<i>Erigeron strigosus</i>)	3
__ wood anemone (<i>Anemone quinquefolia</i>)	3	__ eastern flowering spurge (<i>Euphorbia corollata</i>)	3
__ plantain-leaved pussytoes (<i>Antennaria plantaginifolia</i>)	3	__ nodding spurge (<i>Euphorbia nutans</i>)	3
__ spreading dogbane (<i>Apocynum androsaemifolium</i>)	3	__ wood strawberry (<i>Fragaria vesca</i>)	3
__ American hemp (<i>Apocynum cannabinum</i>)	3	__ cleavers (<i>Galium aparine</i>)	3
__ columbine (<i>Aquilegia canadensis</i>)	3	__ sweet-scented bedstraw (<i>Galium triflorum</i>)	3
__ lyrate rockcress (<i>Arabidopsis lyrata</i>)	3	__ wild geranium (<i>Geranium maculatum</i>)	3
__ field sagewort (<i>Artemisia campestris</i>)	3	__ white avens (<i>Geum canadense</i>)	3
__ sage wormwood (<i>Artemisia frigida</i>)	3	__ prairie smoke (<i>Geum triflorum</i>)	3
__ white sage (<i>Artemisia ludoviciana</i>)	3	__ curly cup gumweed (<i>Grindelia squarrosa</i>)	3
__ common milkweed (<i>Asclepias syriaca</i>)	3	__ ox-eye (<i>Heliopsis helianthoides</i>)	3
__ butterflyweed (<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>)	3	__ hairy golden aster (<i>Heterotheca villosa</i>)	3
__ whorled milkweed (<i>Asclepias verticillata</i>)	3	__ long-bearded hawkweed (<i>Hieracium longipilum</i>) ^{WL}	1
__ green milkweed (<i>Asclepias viridiflora</i>)	3	__ pointed-leaved tick trefoil (<i>Hylodesmum glutinosum</i>)	3
__ asparagus (<i>Asparagus officinalis</i>)*	3	__ great St. John's-wort (<i>Hypericum ascyron</i>)	3
__ ground plum (<i>Astragalus crassicaarpus</i>)	3	__ common St. John's wort (<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>)*	1
__ harebell (<i>Campanula rotundifolia</i>)	3	__ common motherwort (<i>Leonurus cardiaca</i>)*	3
		__ rough blazing star (<i>Liatris aspera</i>)	3
		__ cylindric blazing star (<i>Liatris cylindracea</i>)	3

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__ dotted blazing star (<i>Liatris punctata</i>)	3
__ wood lily (<i>Lilium philadelphicum</i>)	3
__ grooved yellow flax (<i>Linum sulcatum</i>)	3
__ hoary puccoon (<i>Lithospermum canescens</i>)	3
__ narrow-leaved puccoon (<i>Lithospermum incisum</i>)	3
__ pale-spiked lobelia (<i>Lobelia spicata</i>)	3
__ Canada mayflower (<i>Maianthemum canadense</i>)	3
__ starry false Solomon's seal (<i>Maianthemum stellatum</i>)	3
__ white sweet clover (<i>Melilotus albus</i>)*	3
__ hairy four o'clock (<i>Mirabilis albida</i>)	3
__ wild bergamot (<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>)	3
__ catnip (<i>Nepeta cataria</i>)*	3
__ toothed evening primrose (<i>Oenothera serrulata</i>)	3
__ Clayton's sweet cicely (<i>Osmorhiza claytonii</i>)	3
__ violet wood-sorrel (<i>Oxalis violacea</i>)	3
__ golden ragwort (<i>Packera aurea</i>)	3
__ prairie ragwort (<i>Packera plattensis</i>)	3
__ lopseed (<i>Phryma leptostachya</i>)	3
__ bladderpod (<i>Physaria ludoviciana</i>) ^{END}	1
__ whorled milkwort (<i>Polygala verticillata</i>)	3
__ heal-all (<i>Prunella vulgaris</i>)*	3
__ gray-headed coneflower (<i>Ratibida pinnata</i>)	3
__ black-eyed susan (<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>)	3
__ prairie skullcap (<i>Scutellaria parvula</i>)	3
__ crownvetch (<i>Securigera varia</i>)*	3
__ bladder champion (<i>Silene vulgaris</i>)*	3
__ field blue-eyed grass (<i>Sisyrinchium campestre</i>)	3
__ Canada goldenrod (<i>Solidago canadensis</i>)	3
__ upland white aster (<i>Solidago ptarmicoides</i>)	3
__ stiff goldenrod (<i>Solidago rigida</i>)	3
__ silky aster (<i>Symphyotrichum sericeum</i>)	3
__ common dandelion (<i>Taraxacum officinale</i>)*	3
__ germander (<i>Teucrium canadense</i>)	3
__ Ohio spiderwort (<i>Tradescantia ohiensis</i>)	3
__ yellow goat's beard (<i>Tragopogon dubius</i>)*	3

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__ large-flowered bellwort (<i>Uvularia grandiflora</i>)	3
__ common mullein (<i>Verbascum thapsus</i>)*	3
__ hoary vervain (<i>Verbena stricta</i>)	3
__ white vervain (<i>Verbena urticifolia</i>)	3
__ beardless birdfoot violet (<i>Viola pedata</i>)	3
__ bearded birdfoot violet (<i>Viola pedatifida</i>)	3
__ yellow violet (<i>Viola pubescens</i>)	3
__ arrow-leaved violet (<i>Viola sagittata</i>)	3
GRAMINOIDS	
__ big bluestem (<i>Andropogon gerardii</i>)	3
__ side-oats grama (<i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i>)	3
__ hairy grama (<i>Bouteloua hirsuta</i>)	3
__ smooth brome (<i>Bromus inermis</i>)*	3
__ Kalm's brome (<i>Bromus kalmii</i>)	3
__ prairie sandreed (<i>Calamovilfa longifolia</i>)	3
__ Pennsylvania sedge (<i>Carex pensylvanica</i>)	3
__ Scribner's panic grass (<i>Dichanthelium oligosanthes</i>)	3
__ hairy cupgrass (<i>Eriochloa villosa</i>)*	3
__ porcupine grass (<i>Hesperostipa spartea</i>)	3
__ switchgrass (<i>Panicum virgatum</i>)	3
__ little bluestem (<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>)	3
__ giant foxtail (<i>Setaria faberi</i>)*	3
__ Indian grass (<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>)	3
__ prairie dropseed (<i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i>)	3
TREES AND SHRUBS	
__ box elder (<i>Acer negundo</i>)	3
__ red maple (<i>Acer rubrum</i>)	3
__ leadplant (<i>Amorpha canescens</i>)	3
__ Japanese barberry (<i>Berberis thunbergii</i>)*	3
__ paper birch (<i>Betula papyrifera</i>)	3
__ hackberry (<i>Celtis occidentalis</i>)	3
__ green ash (<i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i>)	3
__ black walnut (<i>Juglans nigra</i>)	3
__ eastern red cedar (<i>Juniperus virginiana</i>)	3
__ tartarian honeysuckle (<i>Lonicera tatarica</i>)*	3
__ big-toothed aspen (<i>Populus grandidentata</i>)	3

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__ quaking aspen (<i>Populus tremuloides</i>)	3
__ sand cherry (<i>Prunus pumila</i>)	3
__ black cherry (<i>Prunus serotina</i>)	3
__ chokecherry (<i>Prunus virginiana</i>)	3
__ northern pin oak (<i>Quercus ellipsoidalis</i>)	3
__ bur oak (<i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>)	3
__ northern red oak (<i>Quercus rubra</i>)	3
__ common buckthorn (<i>Rhamnus cathartica</i>)*	3
__ smooth sumac (<i>Rhus glabra</i>)	3
__ Missouri gooseberry (<i>Ribes missouriense</i>)	3
__ prairie rose (<i>Rosa arkansana</i>)	3
__ grayleaf red raspberry (<i>Rubus idaeus</i>)	3
__ black raspberry (<i>Rubus occidentalis</i>)	3
__ wolfberry (<i>Symphoricarpos occidentalis</i>)	3
__ basswood (<i>Tilia americana</i>)	3
__ western poison ivy (<i>Toxicodendron rydbergii</i>)	3
__ Siberian elm (<i>Ulmus pumila</i>)*	3
__ prickly ash (<i>Zanthoxylum americanum</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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