

PLANT CHECKLIST

Rock Ridge Prairie SNA

MINNESOTA SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREAS



Natural places worth knowing



Species	Confidence
CLIMBERS/VINES AND EPIPHYTES	
__ wild grape (<i>Vitis riparia</i>)	3
FERNS AND LYCOPHYTES	
__ rock spikemoss (<i>Selaginella rupestris</i>)	2
FORBS	
__ common yarrow (<i>Achillea millefolium</i>)	2
__ prairie wild onion (<i>Allium stellatum</i>)	2
__ common ragweed (<i>Ambrosia artemisiifolia</i>)	3
__ western androsace (<i>Androsace occidentalis</i>)	3
__ canada anemone (<i>Anemone canadensis</i>)	3
__ long-headed thimbleweed (<i>Anemone cylindrica</i>)	2
__ pasqueflower (<i>Anemone patens</i>)	2
__ field pussytoes (<i>Antennaria neglecta</i>)	2
__ absinthe wormwood (<i>Artemisia absinthium</i>)*	3
__ field sagewort (<i>Artemisia campestris</i>)	3
__ white sage (<i>Artemisia ludoviciana</i>)	2
__ Canada milk-vetch (<i>Astragalus canadensis</i>)	3
__ ground plum (<i>Astragalus crassicaarpus</i>)	3
__ mouse-ear chickweed (<i>Cerastium fontanum</i>)*	3
__ nodding chickweed (<i>Cerastium nutans</i>)	3
__ Flodman's thistle (<i>Cirsium flodmanii</i>)	2
__ bird's foot coreopsis (<i>Coreopsis palmata</i>)	2
__ white prairie clover (<i>Dalea candida</i>)	2
__ purple prairie clover (<i>Dalea purpurea</i>)	2
__ Carolina delphinium (<i>Delphinium carolinianum</i>)	2
__ dutchman's breeches (<i>Dicentra cucullaria</i>)	3
__ yellow whitlow grass (<i>Draba nemorosa</i>)	2
__ tall cinquefoil (<i>Drymocallis arguta</i>)	2
__ narrow-leaved purple coneflower (<i>Echinacea angustifolia</i>)	2
__ daisy fleabane (<i>Erigeron strigosus</i>)	2
__ nodding spurge (<i>Euphorbia nutans</i>)	3
__ grass-leaved goldenrod (<i>Euthamia graminifolia</i>)	3
__ great plains goldenrod (<i>Euthamia gymnospermoides</i>)	2
__ black-bindweed (<i>Fallopia convolvulus</i>)*	3
__ northern bedstraw (<i>Galium boreale</i>)	3

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__ downy gentian (<i>Gentiana puberulenta</i>)	2
__ prairie smoke (<i>Geum triflorum</i>)	2
__ disk hyssop (<i>Gratiola neglecta</i>)	3
__ curly cup gumweed (<i>Grindelia squarrosa</i>)	2
__ mock pennyroyal (<i>Hedeoma hispida</i>)	3
__ western sunflower (<i>Helianthus occidentalis</i>)	2
__ stiff sunflower (<i>Helianthus pauciflorus</i>)	2
__ ox-eye (<i>Heliopsis helianthoides</i>)	3
__ alumroot (<i>Heuchera richardsonii</i>)	2
__ flower-of-an-hour (<i>Hibiscus trionum</i>)*	3
__ yellow star-grass (<i>Hypoxis hirsuta</i>)	3
__ veiny pea (<i>Lathyrus venosus</i>)	2
__ green-flowered peppergrass (<i>Lepidium densiflorum</i>)	3
__ round-headed bush clover (<i>Lespedeza capitata</i>)	2
__ prairie bush clover (<i>Lespedeza leptostachya</i>) ^{THR,T}	1
__ rough blazing star (<i>Liatris aspera</i>)	2
__ stiffstem flax (<i>Linum rigidum</i>)	2
__ grooved yellow flax (<i>Linum sulcatum</i>)	2
__ hoary puccoon (<i>Lithospermum canescens</i>)	2
__ alfalfa (<i>Medicago sativa</i>)*	3
__ white sweet clover (<i>Melilotus albus</i>)*	3
__ yellow sweet clover (<i>Melilotus officinalis</i>)*	2
__ hairy four o'clock (<i>Mirabilis albida</i>)	3
__ wild bergamot (<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>)	3
__ toothed evening primrose (<i>Oenothera serrulata</i>)	2
__ Louisiana broomrape (<i>Orobanche ludoviciana</i>)	1
__ violet wood-sorrel (<i>Oxalis violacea</i>)	3
__ wild parsnip (<i>Pastinaca sativa</i>)*	2
__ wood betony (<i>Pedicularis canadensis</i>)	3
__ silverleaf scurfp pea (<i>Pediomelum argophyllum</i>)	3
__ prairie turnip (<i>Pediomelum esculentum</i>)	2
__ small-flowered fameflower (<i>Phemeranthus parviflorus</i>)	3
__ prairie phlox (<i>Phlox pilosa</i>)	2
__ clammy ground cherry (<i>Physalis heterophylla</i>)	3

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__ Scouler's popcornflower (<i>Plagiobothrys scouleri</i>) ^{SPC}	1
__ Pursh's plantain (<i>Plantago patagonica</i>)	2
__ purslane (<i>Portulaca oleracea</i>)*	3
__ silvery cinquefoil (<i>Potentilla argentea</i>)*	2
__ Pennsylvania cinquefoil (<i>Potentilla pensylvanica</i>)	3
__ hairy rattlesnakeroot (<i>Prenanthes aspera</i>)	2
__ early buttercup (<i>Ranunculus fascicularis</i>)	3
__ sleepy catchfly (<i>Silene antirrhina</i>)	3
__ black nightshade (<i>Solanum emulans</i>)	3
__ Canada goldenrod (<i>Solidago canadensis</i>)	3
__ Missouri goldenrod (<i>Solidago missouriensis</i>)	2
__ gray goldenrod (<i>Solidago nemoralis</i>)	3
__ stiff goldenrod (<i>Solidago rigida</i>)	2
__ heath aster (<i>Symphyotrichum ericoides</i>)	2
__ smooth blue aster (<i>Symphyotrichum laeve</i>)	2
__ eastern panicled aster (<i>Symphyotrichum lanceolatum</i>)	3
__ aromatic aster (<i>Symphyotrichum oblongifolium</i>)	2
__ skyblue aster (<i>Symphyotrichum oolentangiense</i>)	3
__ silky aster (<i>Symphyotrichum sericeum</i>)	2
__ common dandelion (<i>Taraxacum officinale</i>)*	2
__ bracted spiderwort (<i>Tradescantia bracteata</i>)	2
__ yellow goat's beard (<i>Tragopogon dubius</i>)*	2
__ red clover (<i>Trifolium pratense</i>)*	2
__ white clover (<i>Trifolium repens</i>)*	2
__ blue vervain (<i>Verbena hastata</i>)	2
__ hoary vervain (<i>Verbena stricta</i>)	3
__ purslane speedwell (<i>Veronica peregrina</i>)	3
__ Culver's root (<i>Veronicastrum virginicum</i>)	3
__ American vetch (<i>Vicia americana</i>)	3
__ bearded birdfoot violet (<i>Viola pedatifida</i>)	2
__ heart-leaved alexanders (<i>Zizia aptera</i>)	2

GRAMINOIDS

__ autumn bentgrass (<i>Agrostis perennans</i>)	2
__ Carolina foxtail (<i>Alopecurus carolinianus</i>)	1
__ big bluestem (<i>Andropogon gerardii</i>)	2

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__ churchmouse three-awn (<i>Aristida dichotoma</i>)	3
__ side-oats grama (<i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i>)	2
__ blue grama (<i>Bouteloua gracilis</i>)	3
__ hairy grama (<i>Bouteloua hirsuta</i>)	3
__ smooth brome (<i>Bromus inermis</i>)*	2
__ buffalo grass (<i>Buchloe dactyloides</i>) ^{SPC}	1
__ spike rush sedge (<i>Carex duriuscula</i>)	3
__ Scribner's panic grass (<i>Dichanthelium oligosanthes</i>)	3
__ Wilcox's panic grass (<i>Dichanthelium wilcoxianum</i>)	2
__ quackgrass (<i>Elymus repens</i>)*	3
__ slender wheatgrass (<i>Elymus trachycaulus</i>)	2
__ porcupine grass (<i>Hesperostipa spartea</i>)	2
__ little barley (<i>Hordeum pusillum</i>)	1
__ junegrass (<i>Koeleria macrantha</i>)	2
__ Plains muhly (<i>Muhlenbergia cuspidata</i>)	3
__ mat muhly grass (<i>Muhlenbergia richardsonis</i>)	2
__ witch grass (<i>Panicum capillare</i>)	3
__ timothy (<i>Phleum pratense</i>)*	2
__ Canada bluegrass (<i>Poa compressa</i>)*	2
__ Kentucky bluegrass (<i>Poa pratensis</i>)*	2
__ tumble grass (<i>Schedonnardus paniculatus</i>) ^{SPC}	1
__ little bluestem (<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>)	2
__ yellow foxtail (<i>Setaria pumila</i>)*	3
__ Indian grass (<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>)	2
__ sand dropseed (<i>Sporobolus cryptandrus</i>)	3
__ prairie dropseed (<i>Sporobolus heterolepis</i>)	2

SUCCULENTS

__ brittle prickly pear (<i>Opuntia fragilis</i>)	3
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TREES AND SHRUBS

__ leadplant (<i>Amorpha canescens</i>)	2
__ eastern red cedar (<i>Juniperus virginiana</i>)	3
__ prairie rose (<i>Rosa arkansana</i>)	2
__ wolfberry (<i>Symphoricarpos occidentalis</i>)	3
__ western poison ivy (<i>Toxicodendron rydbergii</i>)	3

MOSSES

__ Silvery Bryum Moss (<i>Bryum argenteum</i>)	3
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Species	Confidence
__ Fragrant Macewort (<i>Mannia fragrans</i>)	3
__ Sidewalk Screw Moss (<i>Syntrichia ruralis</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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