FDs36 Southern Dry-Mesic Oak-Aspen Forest Pollinator Resources

Dry-mesic hardwood forests dominated by a mix of bur oak and quaking aspen. Present on hummocky stagnation moraines on well-drained, gravelly, loamy, calcareous till in northwestern Minnesota.

Examples of insect pollinators (and their associated host plants in parentheses) that use FDs36 include:

Bees:

Hylaeus sparsus (Apiaceae) Andrena ziziae (Zizia) Andrena placata (Solidago, Symphyotrichum)

Butterflies:

Satyrium titus (Prunus) Satyrium edwardsii (Quercus) Erynnis juvenalis (Quercus) Argynnis cybele (Viola)

Moths:

Phyllocnistis vitifoliella (Vitis riparia)
Phigalia strigataria (Corylus americana)
Cycnia tenera (Apocynum androsaemifolium)



Phigalia strigataria (small phigalia moth) uses Corylus americana (American hazelnut) as a host plant. Photo: Bob Dunlap



Satyrium edwardsii (Edwards' hairstreak) uses Quercus (oak) species as a host plant. Photo: Bob Dunlap



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FDs36 Class Factsheet. Based on 25 plots. November, 2024.





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Forbs	species frequency in NPC (%)	species cover (when present)	Compatibility	Longevity	Clonality	Principal Pollen Vector	Pollinator requirements	Pollination Index
Large-flowered bellwort (Uvularia grandiflora)	88	•••	SI	Perennial	Present	insects	Early spring insect	5
Early meadow-rue (Thalictrum dioicum)	80	••	SI	Perennial	Present	wind	Generalist	0
Maryland black snakeroot (Sanicula marilandica)	80	•	UNK	Perennial	Absent	insects	Generalist	4
Clayton's sweet cicely (Osmorhiza claytonii)	76	•	D	Perennial	Absent	insects	Generalist	5
Wild sarsaparilla (Aralia nudicaulis)	72	•••	D	Perennial	Present	insects	Generalist	4
Canada mayflower (Maianthemum canadense)	72	•	SI	Perennial	Present	insects	Early spring insect	5
Common strawberry (Fragaria virginiana)	68	•	SC	Perennial	Present	insects	Early spring insect	3
Lindley's aster (Aster ciliolatus)	64	•	UNK	Perennial	Present	insects	Generalist	3
Hog peanut (Amphicarpaea bracteata)	64	•	CH and CL flowers	Annual	Present	insects	Somewhat specific insect	6
Lopseed (Phryma leptostachya)	60	•	UNK	Perennial	Present	insects	Somewhat specific insect	4
Erect, Smooth, or Illinois carrion-flower (Smilax spp.)*	52	•	D	Perennial	Present	insects	Somewhat specific insect	5
Sweet-scented bedstraw (Galium triflorum)	44	•	UNK	Perennial	Present	insects	Generalist	3
Pointed-leaved tick trefoil (Desmodium glutinosum)	40	••	UNK	Perennial	Absent	insects	Somewhat specific insect	5
Columbine (Aquilegia canadensis)	40	•	SC	Perennial	Present	insects	Early spring insect, Somewhat specific insect	3
Starry false Solomon's seal (Smilacina stellata)	36	•	UNK	Perennial	Present	insects	Early spring insect	4
Spreading dogbane (Apocynum androsaemifolium)	36	•	SI	Perennial	Present	insects	Generalist	4
Rugulose or Yellow violet (Viola canadensis or V. pubescens)	36	•	Varies	Perennial	Present	insects	Varies	Varies
Bloodroot (Sanguinaria canadensis)	32	•	SC	Perennial	Present	insects	Early spring insect	3
Canada goldenrod (Solidago canadensis)	32	•	SI	Perennial	Present	insects	Generalist	4
Bracken (Pteridium aquilinum)	32	••	SC	Perennial	Present	wind, water	Generalist	0
Common false Solomon's seal (Smilacina racemosa)	32	•	UNK	Perennial	Present	insects	Early spring insect	4
Zigzag goldenrod (Solidago flexicaulis)	32	•	SI	Perennial	Present	insects	Generalist	4
Dwarf raspberry (Rubus pubescens)	32	•	SC	Perennial	Present	insects	Generalist	2
Rattlesnake fern (Botrychium virginianum)	32	•	SC	Perennial	Present	wind, water	Generalist	0
Wood anemone (Anemone quinquefolia)	32	•	UNK	Perennial	Present	insects	Early spring insect	4
Blue cohosh (Caulophyllum thalictroides)	28	•	SC/SI	Perennial	Present	insects	Early spring insect	4
Red baneberry (Actaea rubra)	28	•	SC	Perennial	Present	insects	Early spring insect	3
Tall coneflower (Rudbeckia laciniata)	28	••	SC	Perennial	Present	insects	Generalist	2
Tall meadow-rue (Thalictrum dasycarpum)	28	••	D	Perennial	Present	wind	Generalist	0
Golden alexanders (Zizia aurea)	28	•	SC	Perennial	Absent	insects	Generalist	3
Pink shinleaf (Pyrola asarifolia)	24	•	UNK	Perennial	Present	insects	Buzz pollination	5
Yellow lady's slipper (Cypripedium calceolus)	16	•	SC	Perennial	Weakly	insects	Very specialized insect	4
Wild ginger (Asarum canadense)	12	•••	SC	Perennial	Present	insects	Early spring insect, Somewhat specific insect	3
Pale vetchling (Lathyrus ochroleucus)	12	•	SI	Perennial	Present	insects	Somewhat specific insect	5
Grasses and Sedges								
Pennsylvania sedge (Carex pensylvanica)	84	•••	SC	Perennial	Present	wind	Generalist	0
Mountain rice grass (Oryzopsis asperifolia)	44	•	UNK	Perennial	Absent	wind	Generalist	0
Bottlebrush grass (Elymus hystrix)	28	•	UNK	Perennial	Absent	wind	Generalist	0

Climbing Plants								
Virginia creeper (Parthenocissus spp.)	48	••	SC	Perennial	Present	insects	Generalist	2
Wild honeysuckle (Lonicera dioica)	28	•	SC	Perennial	Weakly	insects	Somewhat specific insect	3
Climbing bittersweet (Celastrus scandens)	28	•	D or PD	Perennial	Present	insects	Generalist	4
Wild grape (Vitis riparia)	24	•	D	Perennial	Present	insects	Generalist	4
Low Shrubs								
Red raspberry (Rubus idaeus)	32	•	SC	Perennial	Present	insects	Generalist	2
Shrubs								
Downy arrowwood (Viburnum rafinesquianum)	88	••	UNK	Perennial	Present	insects	Generalist	3
Poison ivy (Toxicodendron rydbergii)	84	•••	D	Perennial	Present	insects	Generalist	4
Chokecherry (Prunus virginiana)	76	•	SI	Perennial	Present	insects	Early spring insect	5
Juneberries (Amelanchier spp.)	76	•	Varies	Perennial	Present	insects	Early spring insect	Varies
Gray dogwood (Cornus racemosa)	68	•••	UNK	Perennial	Present	insects	Generalist	3
American hazelnut (Corylus americana)	68	•••	Di	Perennial	Present	wind	Generalist	0
Snowberry or Wolfberry (Symphoricarpos albus or S. occidentalis)	68	•	SC	Perennial	Present	insects	Generalist	2
Prickly ash (Zanthoxylum americanum)	44	•	D	Perennial	Present	insects	Generalist	4
Beaked hazelnut (Corylus cornuta)	40	•••	Di	Perennial	Present	wind	Generalist	0
Prickly or Smooth wild rose (Rosa acicularis or R. blanda)	32	•	SC	Perennial	Present	insects	Generalist	2
Wild plum (Prunus americana)	24	•	SI	Perennial	Present	insects	Early spring insect	5
Tree Canopy								
Bur oak	76	••••	SI	Perennial	Present	wind	Generalist	0
Quaking aspen	72	•••	D	Perennial	Present	wind	Generalist	0
Basswood	40	•••	SI	Perennial	Absent	insects	Generalist	5
American elm	36	•	Di	Perennial	Absent	wind	Generalist	0
Green ash	20	•	D	Perennial	UNK	wind	Generalist	0
Paper birch	20	•	Di	Perennial	Present	wind	Generalist	0
Northern red oak	8	••••	SI	Perennial	Present	wind	Generalist	0
Box elder	-	-	D	Perennial	Absent	insects	Early spring insect	6
Ironwood	-	-	UNK	Perennial	Present	wind	Generalist	0
Black cherry	-	-	SI	Perennial	Present	insects	Early spring insect	5
Tree Subcanopy								
Bur oak	24	•••	SI	Perennial	Present	wind	Generalist	0
Quaking aspen	60	••	D	Perennial	Present	wind	Generalist	0
Basswood	16	••	SI	Perennial	Absent	insects	Generalist	5
American elm	28	••	Di	Perennial	Absent	wind	Generalist	0
Green ash	36	•	D	Perennial	UNK	wind	Generalist	0
Paper birch	-	-	Di	Perennial	Present	wind	Generalist	0
Northern red oak	8	•	SI	Perennial	Present	wind	Generalist	0
Box elder	24	•	D	Perennial	Absent	insects	Early spring insect	6
Ironwood	20	•	UNK	Perennial	Present	wind	Generalist	0
Black cherry	12	•	SI	Perennial	Present	insects	Early spring insect	5

Tree Shrub Layer								
Bur oak	28	•	SI	Perennial	Present	wind	Generalist	0
Quaking aspen	44	•	D	Perennial	Present	wind	Generalist	0
Basswood	24	•	SI	Perennial	Absent	insects	Generalist	5
American elm	32	•	Di	Perennial	Absent	wind	Generalist	0
Green ash	64	•	D	Perennial	UNK	wind	Generalist	0
Paper birch	8	•	Di	Perennial	Present	wind	Generalist	0
Northern red oak	20	•	SI	Perennial	Present	wind	Generalist	0
Box elder	24	•	D	Perennial	Absent	insects	Early spring insect	6
Ironwood	24	•	UNK	Perennial	Present	wind	Generalist	0
Black cherry	12	•	SI	Perennial	Present	insects	Early spring insect	5

^{*} Erect, Smooth, or Illinois carrion-flower (Smilax ecirrata, S. herbacea, or S. illinoensis)