FDs38 Southern Dry-Mesic Oak-Hickory Woodland Pollinator Resources

Dry-mesic (or dry) deciduous woodlands on steep, exposed, south- to westfacing bluffs in southeastern Minnesota, often adjacent to bedrock bluff prairies.

Examples of insect pollinators (and their associated host plants in parentheses) that use FDs38 include:

Bees:

Andrena integra (Cornus [Swida]) Andrena distans (Geranium maculatum) Andrena simplex (Solidago) Andrena brevipalpis (Rhus)

Butterflies:

Satyrium titus (Prunus) Polygonia progne (Ribes)

Moths:

Phyllonorycter lucetiella (Tilia americana) Platynota idaeusalis (Sanicula canadensis) Protoboarmia porcelaria (Rubus allegheniensis) Brenthia pavonacella (Desmodium glutinosum)



Andrena integra (short-haired dogwood mining bee) uses Cornus (dogwood) species as a host plant. Photo: Heather Holm



Polygonia progne (gray comma) uses Ribes (currant, gooseberry) species as a host plant. Photo: Bob Dunlap



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Pollinator Resources Table

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Forbs	species frequency in NPC (%)	species cover (when present)	Compatibility	Longevity	Clonality	Principal Pollen Vector	Pollinator requirements	Pollination Index
Clayton's sweet cicely (Osmorhiza claytonii)	100	••	D	Perennial	Absent	insects	Generalist	5
Pointed-leaved tick trefoil (Desmodium glutinosum)	100	•••	UNK	Perennial	Absent	insects	Somewhat specific insect	5
Lopseed (Phryma leptostachya)	88	•	UNK	Perennial	Present	insects	Somewhat specific insect	4
Honewort (Cryptotaenia canadensis)	82	•	SC	Perennial	Present	insects	Generalist	2
Hog peanut (Amphicarpaea bracteata)	82	••	CH and CL flowers	Annual	Present	insects	Somewhat specific insect	6
White snakeroot (Eupatorium rugosum)	76	••	UNK	Perennial	Present	insects	Generalist	3
Sweet-scented bedstraw (Galium triflorum)	71	•	UNK	Perennial	Present	insects	Generalist	3
Common enchanter's nightshade (Circaea lutetiana)	65	•	SC	Perennial	Present	insects	Generalist	2
Rattlesnake fern (Botrychium virginianum)	65	•	SC	Perennial	Present	wind, water	Generalist	0
Woodland sunflower (Helianthus strumosus)	59	•	SI	Perennial	Present	insects	Generalist	4
Gregarious black snakeroot (Sanicula gregaria)	59	•	UNK	Perennial	Absent	insects	Generalist	4
Elm-leaved goldenrod (Solidago ulmifolia)	53	•	SI	Perennial	Present	insects	Generalist	4
Common false Solomon's seal (Smilacina racemosa)	47	•	UNK	Perennial	Present	insects	Early spring insect	4
White avens (Geum canadense)	47	•	UNK	Perennial	Present	insects	Generalist	3
Wild geranium (Geranium maculatum)	47	•	SC	Perennial	Present	insects	Early spring insect	3
Agrimony (Agrimonia spp.)	47	•	SC	Perennial	Present	insects	Generalist	2
Shining bedstraw (Galium concinnum)	41	•	UNK	Perennial	Present	insects	Generalist	3
Northern bedstraw (Galium boreale)	41	•	SI	Perennial	Present	insects	Generalist	4
Virginia thimbleweed (Anemone virginiana)	35	•	UNK	Perennial	Present	insects	Generalist	3
Canada goldenrod (Solidago canadensis)	35	•	SI	Perennial	Present	insects	Generalist	4
Horse gentian (Triosteum perfoliatum)	35	•	UNK	Perennial	Absent	insects	Early spring insect, Somewhat specific insect	5
Erect, Smooth, or Illinois carrion-flower (Smilax spp.)*	35	•	D	Perennial	Present	insects	Somewhat specific insect	5
Wild sarsaparilla (Aralia nudicaulis)	29	••	D	Perennial	Present	insects	Generalist	4
Canadian black snakeroot (Sanicula canadensis)	29	••	UNK	Biennial	Absent	insects	Generalist	5
Lady fern (Athyrium filix-femina)	24	•	SC	Perennial	Present	wind, water	Generalist	0
Heart-leaved alexanders (Zizia aptera)	24	•	SC	Perennial	Absent	insects	Generalist	3
Side-flowering aster (Aster lateriflorus)	24	••	SI	Perennial	Present	insects	Generalist	4
Wild bergamot (Monarda fistulosa)	24	•	SC	Perennial	Present	insects	Somewhat specific insect	3
Grasses and Sedges								
Pennsylvania sedge (Carex pensylvanica)	71	••	SC	Perennial	Present	wind	Generalist	0
Thin-leaved sedge (Carex sparganioides)	29	•	UNK	Perennial	Present	wind	Generalist	0
Starry sedge (Carex rosea and C. radiata)	24	•	UNK	Perennial	Present	wind	Generalist	0
Climbing Plants								
Wild grape (<i>Vitis riparia</i>)	100	••	D	Perennial	Present	insects	Generalist	4
Virginia creeper (Parthenocissus spp.)	94	•••	SC	Perennial	Present	insects	Generalist	2
Greenbrier (<i>Smilax tamnoides</i>)	59	•	D	Perennial	Present	insects	Somewhat specific insect	5
Low Shrubs								
Red raspberry (Rubus idaeus)	53	•••	SC	Perennial	Present	insects	Generalist	2
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Tall blackberries (Rubus allegheniensis and similar Rubus spp.)	41	•••	Varies	Perennial	Present	insects	Generalist	Varies
Black raspberry (Rubus occidentalis)	41	••	SC	Perennial	Present	insects	Generalist	2
Shrubs								
American hazelnut (Corylus americana)	94	•••	Di	Perennial	Present	wind	Generalist	0
Gray dogwood (Cornus racemosa)	88	٠	UNK	Perennial	Present	insects	Generalist	3
Prickly gooseberry (Ribes cynosbati)	71	••	SI	Perennial	Present	insects	Generalist	4
Prickly ash (Zanthoxylum americanum)	71	•••	D	Perennial	Present	insects	Generalist	4
Poison ivy (Toxicodendron rydbergii)	71	•	D	Perennial	Present	insects	Generalist	4
Chokecherry (Prunus virginiana)	59	••	SI	Perennial	Present	insects	Early spring insect	5
Pagoda dogwood (Cornus alternifolia)	35	•	UNK	Perennial	Present	insects	Generalist	3
Missouri gooseberry (Ribes missouriense)	29	••	SI	Perennial	Present	insects	Generalist	4
Nannyberry (Viburnum lentago)	29	••	SI	Perennial	Present	insects	Generalist	4
Smooth sumac (Rhus glabra)	24	•	PD	Perennial	Present	insects	Generalist	4
Tree Canopy								
Bur oak	94	••••	SI	Perennial	Present	wind	Generalist	0
Shagbark hickory	76	•••	SC/si	Perennial	Present	wind	Generalist	0
Northern pin oak	59	••••	SI	Perennial	Present	wind	Generalist	0
American elm	59	•••	Di	Perennial	Absent	wind	Generalist	0
Black cherry	41	•••	SI	Perennial	Present	insects	Early spring insect	5
Black walnut	35	••	SI/sc	Perennial	UNK	wind	Generalist	0
Northern red oak	29	•••	SI	Perennial	Present	wind	Generalist	0
Box elder	24	••	D	Perennial	Absent	insects	Early spring insect	6
White oak	24	•••	SI	Perennial	Present	wind	Generalist	0
Quaking aspen	24	••	D	Perennial	Present	wind	Generalist	0
Paper birch	24	•	Di	Perennial	Present	wind	Generalist	0
Red elm	18	٠	Di	Perennial	Absent	wind	Generalist	0
Hackberry	12	••	SC	Perennial	Absent	wind	Generalist	0
Bitternut hickory	12	•••	UNK	Perennial	Present	wind	Generalist	0
Basswood	12	•	SI	Perennial	Absent	insects	Generalist	5
Tree Subcanopy								
Bur oak	47	•••	SI	Perennial	Present	wind	Generalist	0
Shagbark hickory	82	•••	SC/si	Perennial	Present	wind	Generalist	0
Northern red oak	35	•	SI	Perennial	Present	wind	Generalist	0
Box elder	47	•••	D	Perennial	Absent	insects	Early spring insect	6
White oak	-	-	SI	Perennial	Present	wind	Generalist	0
Quaking aspen	18	•	D	Perennial	Present	wind	Generalist	0
Paper birch	29	•	Di	Perennial	Present	wind	Generalist	0
Red elm	35	••	Di	Perennial	Absent	wind	Generalist	0
Hackberry	35	••	SC	Perennial	Absent	wind	Generalist	0
Bitternut hickory	24	•	UNK	Perennial	Present	wind	Generalist	0
Basswood	29	•	SI	Perennial	Absent		Generalist	5

Tree Shrub Layer								
Bur oak	59	•	SI	Perennial	Present	wind	Generalist	0
Shagbark hickory	82	•	SC/si	Perennial	Present	wind	Generalist	0
Northern pin oak	41	•	SI	Perennial	Present	wind	Generalist	0
American elm	71	•	Di	Perennial	Absent	wind	Generalist	0
Black cherry	76	••	SI	Perennial	Present	insects	Early spring insect	5
Black walnut	-	-	SI/sc	Perennial	UNK	wind	Generalist	0
Northern red oak	24	•	SI	Perennial	Present	wind	Generalist	0
Box elder	53	•	D	Perennial	Absent	insects	Early spring insect	6
White oak	18	•	SI	Perennial	Present	wind	Generalist	0
Quaking aspen	24	•	D	Perennial	Present	wind	Generalist	0
Paper birch	-	-	Di	Perennial	Present	wind	Generalist	0
Red elm	18	•	Di	Perennial	Absent	wind	Generalist	0
Hackberry	47	•	SC	Perennial	Absent	wind	Generalist	0
Bitternut hickory	47	•	UNK	Perennial	Present	wind	Generalist	0
Basswood	24	•	SI	Perennial	Absent	insects	Generalist	5

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