MRn83 Northern Mixed Cattail Marsh Pollinator Resources

Emergent marsh communities, typically dominated by cattails. Present on floating mats along shorelines in lakes, ponds, and river backwaters or rooted in mineral soil in shallow wetland basins.

Examples of insect pollinators (and their associated host plants in parentheses) that use MRn83 include:

Bees:

Andrena persimulata (Cornus [Swida]) Hylaeus sparsus (Apiaceae)

Butterflies:

Poanes viator (Carex lacustris)
Chlosyne gorgone (Lysimachia thyrsiflora)
Danaus plexippus (Asclepias)
Tharsalea dione (Polygonum)

Moths:

Cisseps fulvicollis (Carex stricta)
Limnaecia phragmitella (Typha latifolia)
Acleris cornana (Cornus sericea)
Phragmatobia fuliginosa (Eutrochium maculatum)



Poanes viator (broad-winged skipper) uses Carex lacustris (lake sedge) as a host plant.

Photo: Bob Dunlap



Phragmatobia fuliginosa (ruby tiger moth) uses *Eutrochium maculatum* (spotted joe-pyeweed) as a host plant. Photo: Bob Dunlap



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Pollinator Resources Table

MRn83 Class Factsheet. Based on 22 plots. November 2024





| Grasses and Sedges Lake sedge (Carex lacustris) Bristly sedge (Carex comosa) Red-stalked spikerush (Eleocharis palustris) Bluejoint (Calamagrostis canadensis) Rice cut grass (Leersia oryzoides) Tall manna grass (Glyceria grandis) Soft stem bulrush (Scirpus validus) Fen wiregrass sedge (Carex lasiocarpa) Wild rice (Zizania palustris) Common reed grass (Phragmites australis) Tussock sedge (Carex stricta) Cyperus sedge (Carex pseudocyperus) River bulrush (Scirpus fluviatilis) | species frequency in NPC (%) 45 41 32 27 23 23 18 14 14 14 14 | species cover (when present) | UNK UNK SC A SC UNK UNK UNK SI UNK SI | Longevity Perennial Perennial Perennial Perennial Perennial Perennial Perennial Perennial Annual | Present Present Present Present Present Present Present Present Present Absent | Principal Pollen Vector wind wind wind wind wind wind wind | Pollinator requirements Generalist | Pollination Index 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 |
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| Beaked sedge (Carex utriculata) | 14 | •• | UNK | Perennial | Present | wind | Generalist | 0 |
| Ovoid spikerush (Eleocharis ovata) | 9 | • | SC | Annual | Absent | wind | Generalist | 0 |
| Lesser-panicled sedge (Carex diandra) | 9 | • | UNK | Perennial | Present | wind | Generalist | 0 |
| Aquatic sedge (Carex aquatilis) | 9 | •• | SI | Perennial | Present | wind | Generalist | 0 |
| Fragrant cyperus (Cyperus odoratus) | 9 | • | UNK | Annual or short-lived perennial | Present | wind | Generalist | 0 |
| Porcupine sedge (Carex hystericina) | 9 | •• | UNK | Perennial | Present | wind | Generalist | 0 |
| Woolgrass (Scirpus cyperinus) | 9 | • | UNK | Perennial | Present | wind | Generalist | 0 |
| Floating-leaved and Submergent Forbs | | | | | | | | |
| Star-duckweed (Lemna trisculata) | 64 | •• | UNK | Perennial | Present | water | Generalist | 0 |
| Lesser-duckweed (Lemna minor) | 59 | •• | SC | Perennial | Present | water | Generalist | 0 |
| Greater duckweed (Spirodela polyrhiza) | 55 | • | UNK | Perennial | Present | water | Generalist | 0 |
| Common bladderwort (Utricularia vulgaris) | 45 | •• | UNK | Perennial | Present | insects | Somewhat specific insect | 4 |
| Common coontail (Ceratophyllum demersum) | 36 | •• | SC | Perennial | Present | water | Generalist | 0 |
| Emergent Forbs | | | | | | | | |
| Non-native cattails (Typha angustiolia or T. x glauca) | 82 | •••• | SC | Perennial | Present | wind | Generalist | 0 |
| Broad-leaved arrowhead (Sagittaria latifolia) | 64 | • | SI | Perennial | Present | insects | Generalist | 4 |
| Marsh skullcap (Scutellaria galericulata) | 64 | • | SC | Perennial | Present | insects | Somewhat specific insect | 3 |
| Three-cleft or small bedstraw* | 59 | • | UNK | Perennial | Present | insects | Generalist | 3 |
| Bur marigold and Beggarticks (Bidens spp.) | 50 | • | Varies | Varies | Varies | insects | Generalist | Varies |
| Tufted loosestrife (Lysimachia thyrsiflora) | 45 | • | SI | Perennial | Present | insects | Generalist | 4 |
| Bulb-bearing water hemlock (Cicuta bulbifera) | 41 | •• | UNK | Perennial | Absent | insects | Generalist | 4 |
| Great water dock (Rumex orbiculatus) | 41 | • | UNK | Perennial | UNK | wind | Generalist | 0 |
| Marsh bellflower (Campanula aparinoides) | 41 | • | UNK | Perennial | Present | insects | Generalist | 3 |
| Clearweed (Pilea spp.) | 36 | • | sometimes D | Annual | Absent | wind | Generalist | 0 |

| Northern bugleweed (Lycopus uniflorus) | 32 | • | SC | Perennial | Weakly | insects | Generalist | 2 |
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| Broad-leaved cattail (Typha latifolia) | 32 | •••• | SC | Perennial | Present | wind | Generalist | 0 |
| Water smartweed (Polygonum amphibium) | 32 | • | Ge | Perennial | Present | insects | Generalist | 2 |
| Touch-me-not (Impatiens spp.) | 32 | • | SI/SC | Annual | Absent | insects | Somewhat specific insect | 6 |
| Giant bur reed (Sparganium eurycarpum) | 27 | ••• | UNK | Perennial | Present | wind | Generalist | 0 |
| Water parsnip (Sium suave) | 27 | • | Pa | Perennial | Absent | insects | Generalist | 5 |
| Linear-leaved, Marsh, or Downy willow-herb** | 23 | • | Varies | Perennial | Present | insects | Generalist | 3 |
| Spotted water hemlock (Cicuta maculata) | 23 | • | SC | Perennial | Present | insects | Generalist | 2 |
| Dotted smartweed (Polygonum punctatum) | 18 | • | UNK | Annual or perennial | Present | insects | Generalist | 5 |
| Sweet flag (Acorus calamus) | 18 | ••• | Α | Perennial | Present | insects | Generalist | 2 |
| Swamp milkweed (Asclepias incarnata) | 18 | • | SC/si | Perennial | Absent | insects | Somewhat specific insect | 5 |
| Northern marsh fern (Thelypteris palustris) | 18 | • | SC | Perennial | Present | wind, water | Generalist | 0 |
| Cut-leaved bugleweed (Lycopus americanus) | 18 | • | SC | Perennial | Weakly | insects | Generalist | 2 |
| Marsh cinquefoil (Potentilla palustris) | 14 | • | SC | Perennial | Present | insects | Generalist | 2 |
| Flat-stemmed pondweed (Potamogeton zosteriformis) | 14 | • | SI | Perennial | Absent | wind | Generalist | 0 |
| Common white water-lily (Nymphaea odorata) | 14 | • | SI | Perennial | Present | insects | Somewhat specific insect | 5 |
| Spotted Joe pye weed (Eupatorium maculatum) | 14 | • | UNK | Perennial | Present | insects | Generalist | 3 |
| Straight-leaved pondweed (Potamogeton strictifolius) | 9 | • | UNK | Perennial | Absent | wind | Generalist | 0 |
| Marsh horsetail (Equisetum palustre) | 9 | • | SC | Perennial | Present | wind, water | Generalist | 0 |
| Common mint (Mentha arvensis) | 9 | • | SC | Perennial | Present | insects | Generalist | 2 |
| Intermediate bladderwort (Utricularia intermedia) | 9 | • | UNK | Perennial | Present | insects | Somewhat specific insect | 4 |
| Yellow pond lily (Nuphar variegata) | 9 | • | SC | Perennial | Present | insects | Somewhat specific insect | 3 |
| Unbranched bur reed (Sparganium emersum) | 9 | • | UNK | Perennial | Present | wind | Generalist | 0 |
| Stinging nettle (Urtica dioica) | 9 | • | D | Perennial | Present | wind | Generalist | 0 |
| Leafy pondweed (Potamogeton foliosus) | 9 | • | SC | Perennial | Absent | water | Generalist | 0 |
| Nodding smartweed (Polygonum lapathifolium) | 9 | • | UNK | Annual | Absent | insects | Generalist | 5 |
| Lady's thumb (Polygonum persicaria) | 9 | • | SC | Annual | Absent | insects | Generalist | 4 |
| Shrubs | | | | | | | | |
| Red-osier dogwood (Cornus sericea) | 9 | •• | SI | Perennial | Present | insects | Generalist | 4 |

^{*}Three-cleft or small bedstraw* (Galium trifidum or G. tinctorium); **Linear-leaved, Marsh, or Downy willow-herb (Epilobium spp.)