



LICENSE AGREEMENT FOR RARE FEATURES DATA APPLICATION

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Please fill out this form if you are interested in entering into a license agreement with the DNR to receive the Rare Features Data electronically as a GIS shapefile. The purpose of the license is to establish a contractual relationship between the DNR and external users of the data, and to provide a training context regarding the interpretation and appropriate use of the Rare Features Data.

License Coordinator*: _____
(Name and Title)

Licensee: _____
(Complete agency or company name as it should appear in a legal document)

Mailing Address: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Current or previous license agreement #, if any: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Are you applying for a new license or a license amendment?

The Rare Features Data includes known locations of state-listed species and other rare features within Minnesota.**
Are you requesting the data by species, county, or other local government boundary? (Please check one)

By species. Please list species (attach separate sheet if needed):

By county. Please write statewide or list the counties you would like (attach separate sheet if needed):

By other local government boundary: _____

How will the data be used? (Please check all that apply)

- Environmental Review Conservation Planning Land Use Planning Land Acquisition
 Site Assessments Survey / Monitoring Habitat Management / Restoration
 Other (e.g., Research) – please describe:

LICENSE FEE: Please see http://files.dnr.state.mn.us/eco/nhnrp/natural_heritage_data.pdf for the current fee schedule. The fee is waived for 1) government agencies, and 2) non-governmental organizations that are working in partnership with the DNR Division of Ecological and Water Resources to further the DNR's conservation goals on the ground.

- Check here if you are a government agency.
- Check here if you are a non-governmental organization that is actively collaborating with the DNR Division of Ecological and Water Resources (DEWR).

Contact Person within DEWR: _____

Please describe how your use of the data will further the DNR's conservation goals:

LICENSE EXECUTOR: The person who will sign the license must be authorized to enter your organization into a legally binding agreement. This person will be:

(Name and Title)

*LICENSE COORDINATOR: As the License Coordinator, I agree to the following: 1) I will be the point of contact for the license, 2) I will ensure that the data is stored on a secure information system, 3) I will ensure that access to the data is restricted to persons who have gone through the training materials provided by the DNR, and 4) I will delete the data upon expiration of the license agreement.

(Signature and Date)

Return form by mail to:

Lisa Joyal, NHIS Data Distribution Coordinator
Division of Ecological and Water Resources
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
500 Lafayette Road, Box 25
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

Or electronically to:

License.NHIS@state.mn.us

** The Rare Features Data does not include:

- Locations of the gray wolf (*Canis lupus*)
- Locations of the Canada lynx (*Lynx canadensis*)
- Current bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) data
- Failed to Find Nest Records
- Destroyed Records
- Highly Imprecise Records
- County Records

ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

- The DNR Rare Species Guide (<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/rsg/index.html>) is the state's authoritative reference for Minnesota's endangered, threatened, and special concern species. It is a dynamic, interactive source that can be queried by county, ECS subsection, watershed, or habitat.
- Minnesota's Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy (<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/cwcs/index.html>) is an action plan focused on managing Minnesota's native animals whose populations are rare, declining, or vulnerable to decline. It identifies Species in Greatest Conservation Need and the Key Habitats that support them.
- Visit MN Geospatial Commons (<https://gisdata.mn.gov/>) for free downloads of the following GIS layers: [MBS Sites of Biodiversity Significance](#), [DNR Native Plant Communities](#), and [DNR Scientific and Natural Area Boundaries](#).
- Questions? Please contact Lisa Joyal, NHIS Data Distribution Coordinator, at 651-259-5109 or lisa.joyal@state.mn.us.