

Using Reference Sites to Create Species Lists



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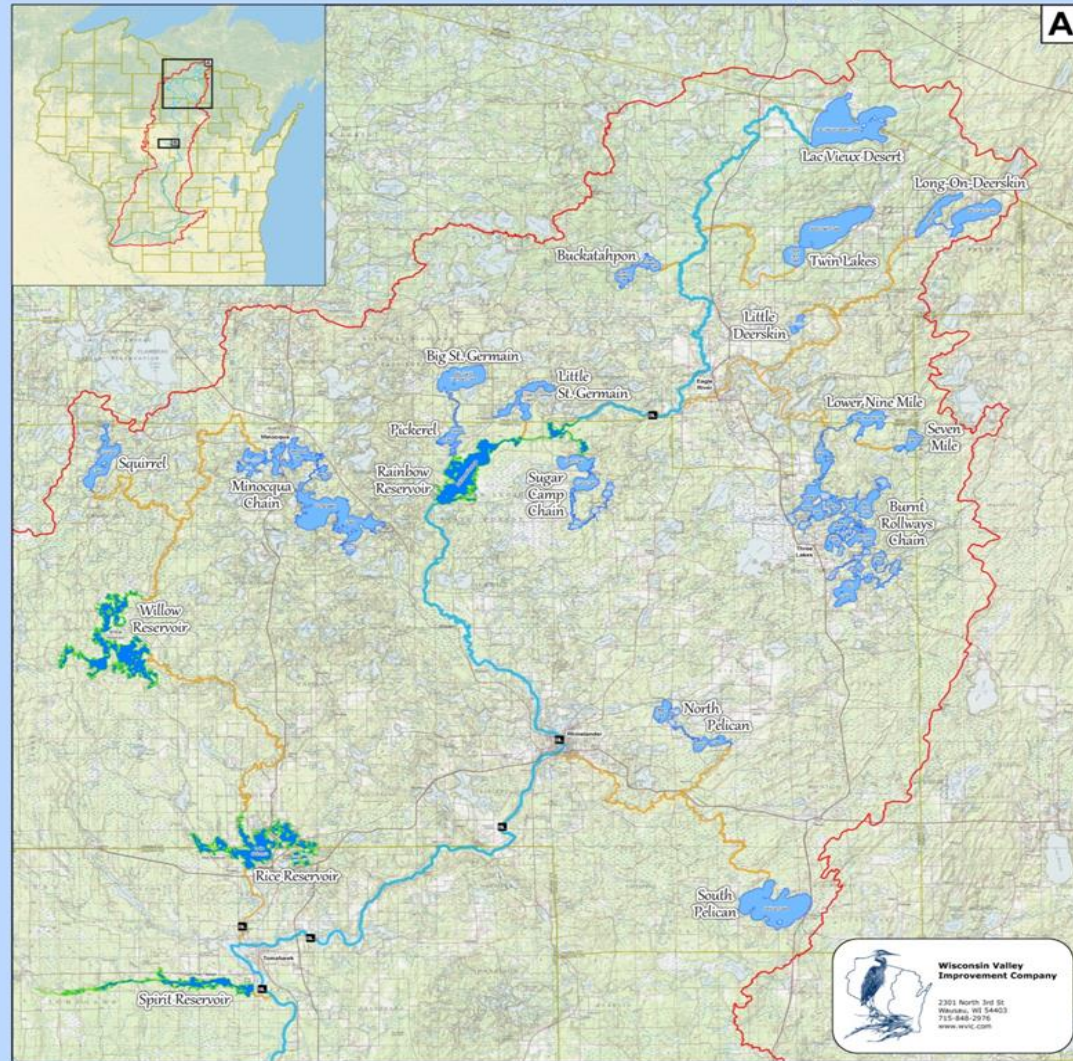
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- Store Water during High-Flow Periods (Spring/Fall)
- Release Water During Low-Flow Periods (Summer/Winter)
- Implement a Variety of Environmental Plans
 - Land Mgmt/Erosion Control
 - Water Quality
 - Fish & Wildlife/AIS
 - Cultural/Historic Resources
 - Recreation Mgmt



Using Reference Sites as a Basis for Creating Species Lists



Basic Site Assessment

- Soil Type-
 - Loamy Sand
- Aspect-
 - NW
- Sun Exposure-
 - Shade/Part Shade & Sun
- Gradient-
 - Level Area and 1:5 slope
- Mature Canopy Trees-
 - Red & White Pine
- “Microsites” Variations in the Landscape Moist/Cool Pockets



Choosing a Reference Site

- Match Site Conditions
- Mimic Undeveloped Shorelines & Natural Areas
- Comparable Natural Communities
- Avoid disturbed areas near homes & roads where ornamentals & Invasives are prevalent



Ideal Reference Sites

- State Natural Areas
- <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Lands/naturalareas/>

The screenshot shows the Wisconsin DNR website's State Natural Areas Program page. At the top is a navigation bar with links for Business, Licenses & Regulations, Recreation, Education, Topics, Contact, and Join DNR, along with a search bar and a Share button. The main heading is "State Natural Areas Program". To the left is a logo for "STATE NATURAL AREAS" featuring a landscape with trees and a sun. To the right of the logo is a paragraph describing SNAs: "State natural areas (SNAs) protect outstanding examples of Wisconsin's native landscape of natural communities, significant geological formations and archeological sites. Encompassing over 373,000 acres, Wisconsin's 673 natural areas are valuable for research and educational use, the preservation of genetic and biological diversity and for providing benchmarks for determining the impact of use on managed lands. They also provide some of the last refuges for rare plants and animals." Below this text is a large photograph of a field of yellow Black-eyed Susans and other prairie flowers. To the right of the main text is a sidebar with a "Check out this week's feature!" link, a "Join the community of caretakers" section with a "Donate" button, and a "State Natural Areas" section with links for "Find", "Locate", "Explore outdoors", and "Use our interactive map". At the bottom right, there is a "Subscribe to endangered resources" link.

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Located within the Southern Unit of the Kettle Moraine State Forest, [Scuppernon Prairie](#) harbors a diversity of showy prairie forbs such as shooting star, prairie blazing star and compass plant. Photo by Thomas Meyer.

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Click on a county on the map or choose a county name from the list below to find a state natural area.



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- Wisconsin Oak Savanna Alliance [exit DNR]
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Business	Licenses & Regulations	Recreation	Education	Topics	Contact	Join DNR	Search
Burnett County							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Big Island Blomberg Lake Brant Brook Pines and Hardwoods Crex Sand Prairie (Barrens) Ekdall Wetlands Fish Lake Meadow Fish Lake Pines Norway Point Bottomlands Kohler-Peet Barrens Reed Lake Meadow St. Croix Ash Swamp St. Croix Seeps 							
Calumet County							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High Cliff Escarpment Stockbridge Ledge Woods 							
Chippewa County							
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Clark County							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arbutus Oaks Blue Swamp Schmidt Maple Woods 							
Columbia County							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Audubon Goose Pond Baraboo River Floodplain Forest Dells of the Wisconsin River French Creek Fen Gibraltar Rock Grassy Lake Lost Lake Mud Lake Forest and Bends 							
Oneida County							
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Outagamie County							
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Ozaukee County							
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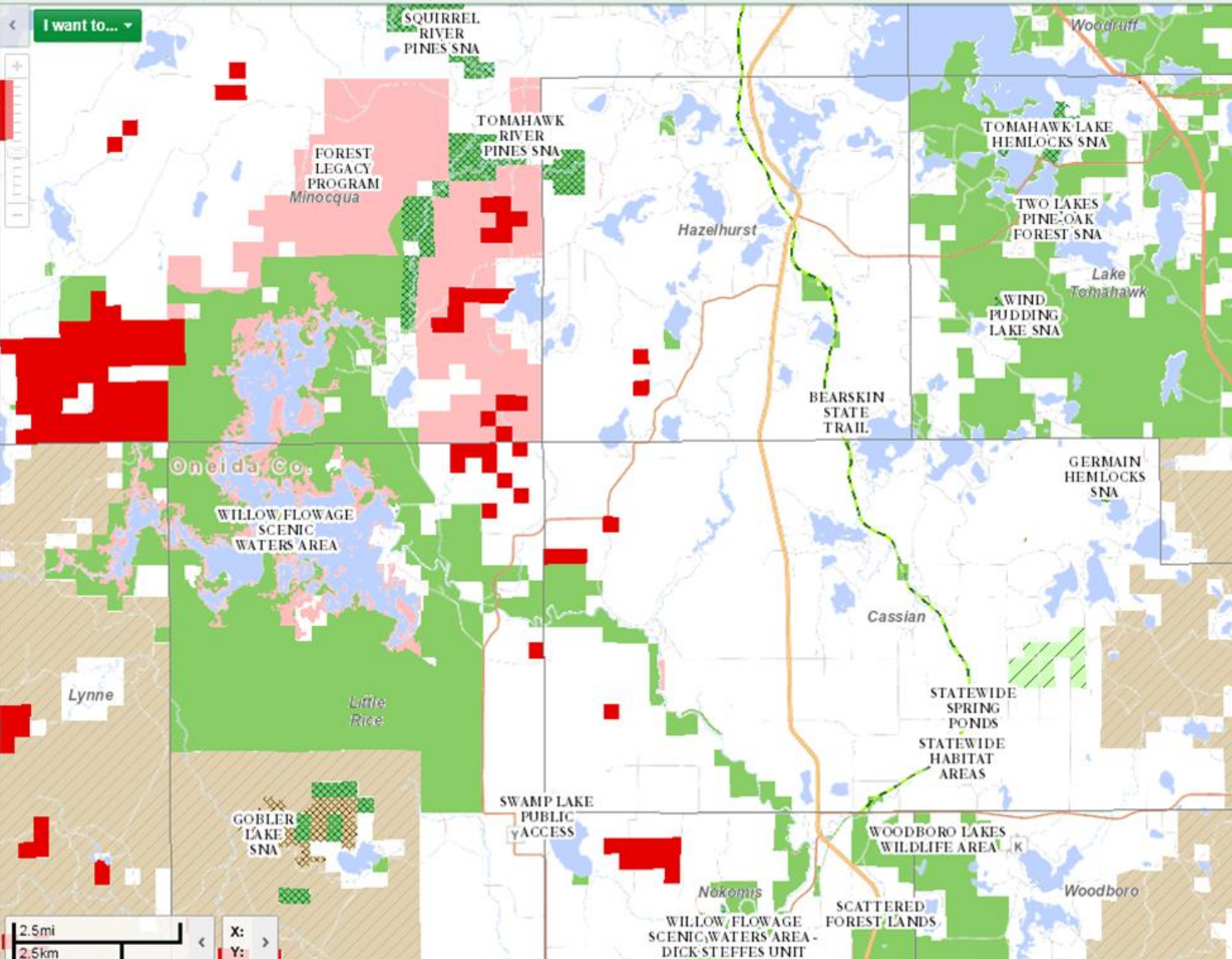
This interactive web map contains map features for:

- DNR Managed Lands & State Trails, Federal Public Lands and County Forest Land
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- Trout streams, voluntary public access lands, boat & fishing access sites and parking areas

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Tomahawk River Pines (No. 239)



Photo by R. Eckstein

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Location

Oneida County. T38N-R5E, Sections 11, 12, 14, 15, 22, 23, 27. 1,040 acres.

Description

Tomahawk River Pines features several undisturbed stands of large red pine located along a wild and undeveloped reach of the Tomahawk River. The even-aged pines originated following wildfire and are gradually succeeding to white pines, which dominate the understory. The pines are growing on elevated islands separated from the forested uplands by vast wetlands of alder shrub swamp and swamp conifers. These isolated red pine islands provide nesting sites for bald eagles and harbor a characteristic groundlayer with bracken fern, wintergreen, and barren strawberry. Alder thickets cover most of the wetlands on both sides of the Tomahawk River with a few areas of tamarack and black spruce. The meandering Tomahawk River is a slow, warm, soft water stream containing a diverse snail fauna in the muck bottom but with relatively few aquatic plants. Birds include gray jay, boreal chickadee, alder flycatcher, veery, and pine warbler. Tomahawk River Pines is owned by the DNR and was designated a State Natural Area in 1990.

Natural Area Spotlight

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If you know your plants....

- ID. Groundcover, Shrubs, and Trees
- What's growing where?
- List which species are growing in the Shade/Dappled Shade/Full Sun
- What's growing on slopes/in depressions/on ridges?
- What species are naturally grouped together?
- **TAKE PHOTOS** to complement notes

If you don't know your plants...

- TAKE PHOTOS to complement notes
- Many plant professionals and amateurs can assist with plant identification.
 - Botany Departments UWSP/UWGB/Madison
 - Land Conservation Depts.
 - UW Extension/DNR
 - Nurseries/Garden Centers
 - Outdoor Education/Interpretive Centers
 - Weird neighbor you never talk to that loves plants





Shrubs











Groundcover



















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Vascular Plant Name Search

Family:
Taxon*:
Genus:
Species:
Common Name:

Notes on Searching:

- The search is not case sensitive.
- The contents of the search fields (family, genus, species, and common name) are combined with "and" so that the search results must match every field containing text.
- *Taxon without authors & **must use** "var.", "subsp.", "f." for variety, subspecies, and forma; "X" for named hybrid.
- The family, genus, and species fields are automatically "wildcarded" at the end of the search field; therefore, the query will select all names **beginning** with only the letters entered. For example, typing "ace" in the family field will result in a query which will select only taxa in the **Aceraceae**, and not taxa in all the other families ending in ---aceae.
- The common name field is automatically "wildcarded" at the **beginning** and **end** of the search field; therefore, the query will match any name containing the **string of letters** entered. For example, typing "garlic" will match both "garlic mustard" and "cultivated garlic". All spaces, hyphens, and apostrophes are automatically removed. Lady's slipper, ladys-slipper, and ladysslipper all give the same results.

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Waldsteinia fragarioides (Michx.) Tratt. subsp. *fragarioides*

barren-strawberry

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fragarioides: resembling strawberry or *Fragaria*



Detailed Distribution:

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Status: Native

Plant: erect, perennial, 4"-6" tall forb

Flower: yellow, 5-parted, 1/3"-3/4" wide; inflorescence a few to several stalked flowers; blooms April-May

Fruit: dry seed

Leaf: basal, wider at the top, on stalks about the same length as the leaves, 3-parted into toothed and shallow-lobed leaflets

Habitat: moist to dry; pine forests, clearings

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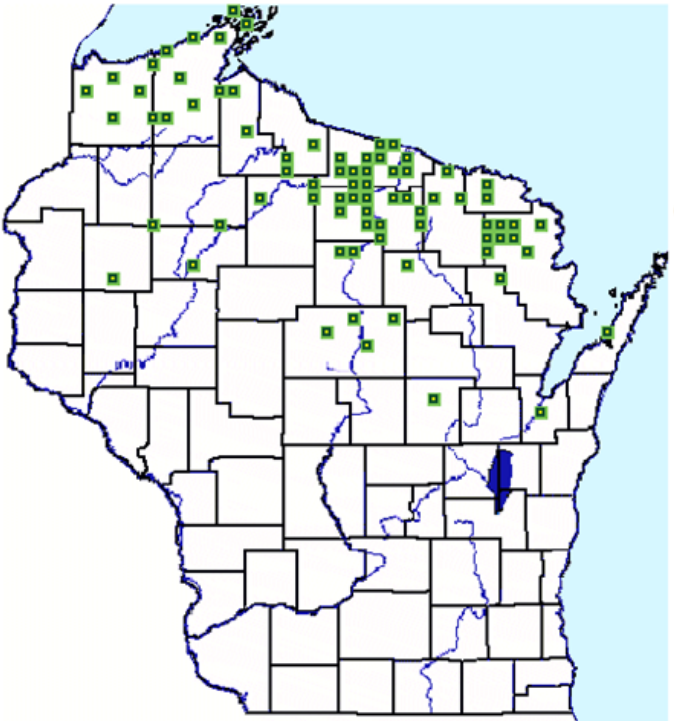
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The small county map reflects information from [Wisconsin Botanical Information System](#) (including records with only county information) as well as the [Wisconsin Floristic Atlas Project's](#) hand maps. Therefore there might be county records (when available-▲) not reflected in the larger map.

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Other Maps

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[USA State Distribution Map](#) - USDA Plants Web Site (scroll down for map) (New Window)

[Wisconsin Reference Maps](#): - Geology, Vegetation, Climate, Soils, etc.

[Map with Wisconsin County Names](#)

Detailed Distribution Map Information

This map reflects the specimen location information from the [Wisconsin Botanical Information System](#) database and attempts to line up the original [Town-Range Survey](#) map from 1833 to 1866 with a computer generated table grid over the map of Wisconsin. Because the original Town Range lines are inexact, these "dots" might be somewhat skewed. Also townships near the borders of the state might only be partial, so the "dot" might center outside the state's boundary.

Holding the mouse over the "dot" identifies the Town-Range.

Clicking(new window) on the "dot" will link to a list of all specimen accession numbers for this location. You can then link to the individual specimen's label data.

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Natural Communities

Keyword: Northern Upland Forest

Click on community name for photo gallery.

Mesic cedar forest

This is a rare upland forest community of mesic sites in northern Wisconsin, characterized by white cedar ([Thuja occidentalis](#)) and various associates including hemlock ([Tsuga canadensis](#)), white spruce ([Abies balsamea](#)), yellow birch ([Betula alleghaniensis](#)), and white pine ([Pinus strobus](#)). The herb layer may contain canada mayflower ([Maianthemum canadense](#)), twinflower ([Linnaea borealis](#)), clubmosses ([Lycopodium spp.](#)), and others. More information is needed on this community type.

Northern dry forest

This forest community occurs on nutrient-poor sites with excessively drained sandy or rocky soils. The primary historic disturbance regime was catastrophic fire at intervals of decades to approximately a century. Dominant trees of mature stands include jack and red pines ([Pinus banksiana](#) and [P. resinosa](#)) and/or Hill's oak ([Quercus ellipsoidalis](#)). Large acreages of this forest type were cut and burned during the catastrophic logging of the late 19th and early 20th century. Much of this land was then colonized by white birch ([Betula papyrifera](#)) and/or quaking aspen ([Populus tremuloides](#)), or converted to pine plantations starting in the 1920s. Common understory shrubs are hazelnuts ([Corylus spp.](#)), early blueberry ([Vaccinium angustifolium](#)) and brambles ([Rubus spp.](#)); common herbs include bracken fern ([Pteridium aquilinum](#)), starflower ([Trientalis borealis](#)), barren-strawberry ([Waldsteinia fragarioides](#)), cow-wheat ([Melampyrum lineare](#)), trailing arbutus ([Epigaea repens](#)), and members of the shinleaf family ([Chimaphila umbellata](#), [Pyrola spp.](#)). Vast acreages of open "barrens" were also planted to pine, or naturally succeeded to densely stocked "dry" forests.

Northern dry-mesic forest

In this forest community, mature stands are dominated by white and red pines ([Pinus strobus](#) and [P. resinosa](#)), sometimes mixed with red oak ([Quercus rubra](#)) and red maple ([Acer rubrum](#)). Common understory shrubs are hazelnuts ([Corylus spp.](#)), blueberries ([Vaccinium angustifolium](#) and [V. myrtilloides](#)), wintergreen ([Gaultheria procumbens](#)), partridge-berry ([Mitchella repens](#)); among the dominant herbs are wild sarsaparilla ([Aralia nudicaulis](#)), Canada mayflower ([Maianthemum canadense](#)), and cow-wheat ([Melampyrum lineare](#)). Stands usually occur on sandy loams, sands or sometimes rocky soils.

Northern mesic forest

This forest complex covered the largest acreage of any Wisconsin vegetation type prior to European settlement. Sugar maple ([Acer saccharum](#)) is dominant or co-dominant in most stands, while hemlock ([Tsuga canadensis](#)) was the second most important species, sometimes occurring in nearly pure stands with white pine ([Pinus strobus](#)). Beech ([Fagus grandifolia](#)) can be a co-dominant with sugar maple in the counties near Lake Michigan. Other important tree species were yellow birch ([Betula alleghaniensis](#)), basswood ([Tilia americana](#)), and white ash ([Fraxinus americana](#)). The groundlayer varies from sparse and species poor (especially in hemlock stands) with woodferns (especially [Dryopteris intermedia](#)), bluebead lily ([Clintonia borealis](#)), clubmosses ([Lycopodium spp.](#)), and Canada mayflower ([Maianthemum canadense](#)) prevalent, to lush and species-rich with fine spring ephemeral displays. After old-growth stands were cut, trees such as quaking and bigtoothed aspens ([Populus tremuloides](#) and [P. grandidentata](#)), white birch ([Betula papyrifera](#)), and red maple ([Acer rubrum](#)) became and still are important in many second-growth Northern Mesic Forests. Several distinct associations within this complex warrant recognition as communities, and draft abstracts of these are currently undergoing review.



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Natural Communities

Keyword: Pine Barrens

Click on community name for photo gallery.

Central sands pine-oak forest

This forest community is associated with the Central Sands ecoregion on dry to dry-mesic sites with acid sandy soils. The dominants are white and red pines ([Pinus strobus](#) and [P. resinosa](#)), oaks ([Quercus alba](#), [Q. rubra](#), and [Q. velutina](#)), and on dry-mesic sites, red maple ([Acer rubrum](#)). The understory is typically depauperate consisting primarily of huckleberry ([Gaultheria procumbens](#)), early blueberry ([Vaccinium angustifolium](#)), bracken fern ([Pteridium aquilinum](#)), wood anemone ([Anemone quinquefolia](#)) and Penn sedge ([Carex pensylvanica](#)). Jack pine ([Pinus banksiana](#)) is sometimes co-dominant on the driest sites (jack pine - black / Hills oak dominated stands maybe split out in the future).

Great Lakes barrens

In Wisconsin, this variant of pine savanna is known from only one sandy site on Lake Superior. The dominant trees in this open stand are wind- and fire-deformed trees, red pines ([Pinus resinosa](#)) with white pine ([P. strobus](#)) also present. The understory consists of dense growths of lichens with scattered thickets of common juniper ([Juniperus communis](#)), early blueberry ([Vaccinium angustifolium](#)) and huckleberry ([Gaultheria procumbens](#)). Other common plants are hairgrass ([Deschampsia flexuosa](#)), ticklegrass ([Agrostis hyemalis](#)), false-heather ([Hudsonia tomentosa](#)), and bearberry ([Arctostaphylos uva-ursi](#)).

Pine barrens

This savanna community is characterized by scattered jack pines ([Pinus banksiana](#)), or less commonly red pines ([P. resinosa](#)), sometimes mixed with scrubby Hill's and bur oaks ([Quercus ellipsoidalis](#) and [Q. macrocarpa](#)), interspersed with openings in which shrubs such as hazelnuts, ([Corylus spp.](#)) and prairie willow ([Salix humilis](#)) and herbs dominate. The flora often contains species characteristic of "heaths" such as blueberries ([Vaccinium angustifolium](#) and [V. myrtilloides](#)), bearberry ([Arctostaphylos uva-ursi](#)), American hazelnut ([Corylus americana](#)), sweet fern ([Comptonia peregrina](#)), and sand cherry ([Prunus pensylvanica](#)). Also present are dry sand prairie species such as june grass ([Koeleria macrantha](#)), little bluestem ([Schizachyrium scoparium](#)), silky and sky-blue asters ([Aster sericeus](#) and [A. azureus](#)), lupine ([Lupinus perennis](#)), blazing-stars ([Liatis asper](#) and [L. cylindracea](#)), and western sunflower ([Helianthus occidentalis](#)). Pines may be infrequent, even absent, in some stands in northern Wisconsin and elsewhere because of past logging, altered fire regimes, and an absence of seed source.

Offsite resources:

Virginia Kline's collection of the [Vegetation of Wisconsin](#)

Michigan Natural Features Inventory [Community descriptions](#)

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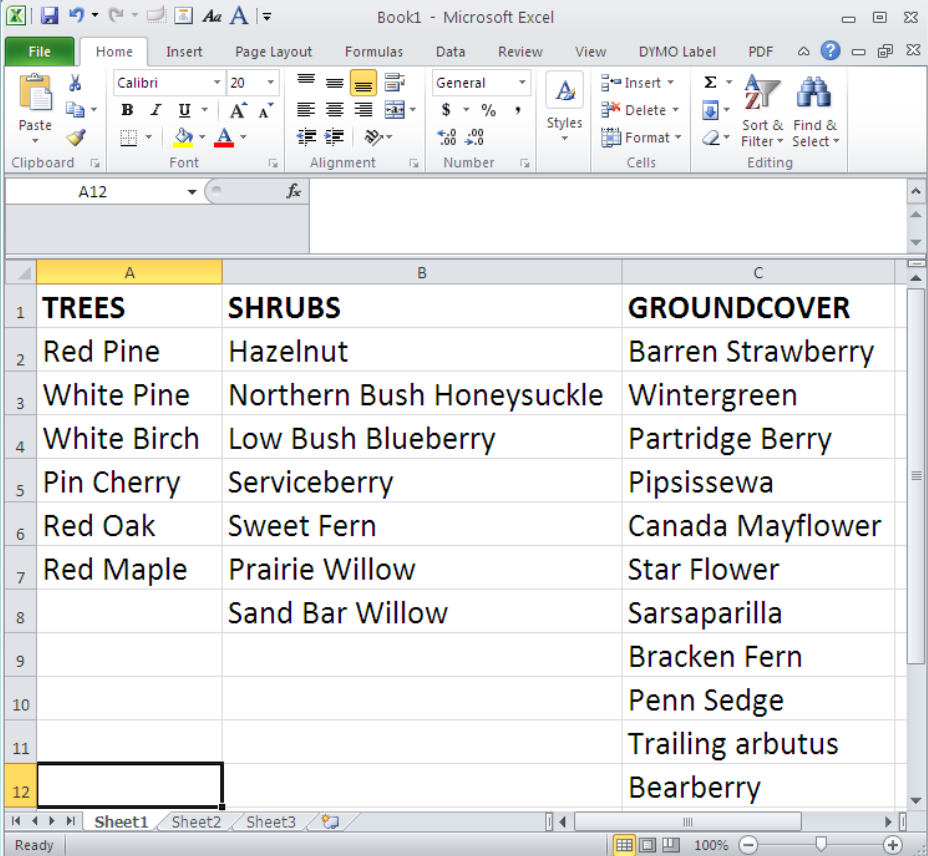
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Species Lists

- Include Latin Names
- Divide Sp. Into Areas
 - Ie: Bank/Upland/ etc
- Discuss w/Stakeholders
- Do these plants meet the needs of the project?



The screenshot shows a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet titled "Book1 - Microsoft Excel". The spreadsheet is organized into three columns: A, B, and C. Column A is labeled "TREES", Column B is labeled "SHRUBS", and Column C is labeled "GROUNDCOVER". The data is as follows:

	A	B	C
1	TREES	SHRUBS	GROUNDCOVER
2	Red Pine	Hazelnut	Barren Strawberry
3	White Pine	Northern Bush Honeysuckle	Wintergreen
4	White Birch	Low Bush Blueberry	Partridge Berry
5	Pin Cherry	Serviceberry	Pipsissewa
6	Red Oak	Sweet Fern	Canada Mayflower
7	Red Maple	Prairie Willow	Star Flower
8		Sand Bar Willow	Sarsaparilla
9			Bracken Fern
10			Penn Sedge
11			Trailing arbutus
12			Bearberry

Involve Stakeholders

- Discuss plant choices with plan designer, contractor, and property owners Before Purchasing...
 - Did the contractor plan on bringing in different soil that changes the appropriateness of selected plant species?
 - Is the property owner allergic to.....Sweet Fern & Red Pine?
 - Do these species reflect the overarching goal of the plan?
 - Are additional species needed for:
 - Erosion Control?
 - Wildlife Habitat?
 - Aesthetic Appeal?

Substitutions: Balancing Natural Communities with Site Specific Concerns

- Sometimes site conditions dictate a need for additional species not found in the natural community.
- Bioengineering Projects
- Wildlife Habitat Enhancements
- Disturbed Sites
- Property Owner Needs



Discussion Topics:

- Restoration Vs. Revegetation
 - Are we truly restoring shorelines?
 - Setting the stage...Time expectations
- Native vs. “Native”
 - Regional Genotypes...Not all plants are created equal!
 - Importance of Sourcing Local Plant Materials
 - Northern Nurseries: Ontario vs. Texas
- Prairie Plants in the Northwoods?
 - Ecological Appropriateness
 - Site Specific Exceptions
 - Philosophical Debates...
- Appeasing Landowners
 - Managing Expectations
 - Education

Questions?