

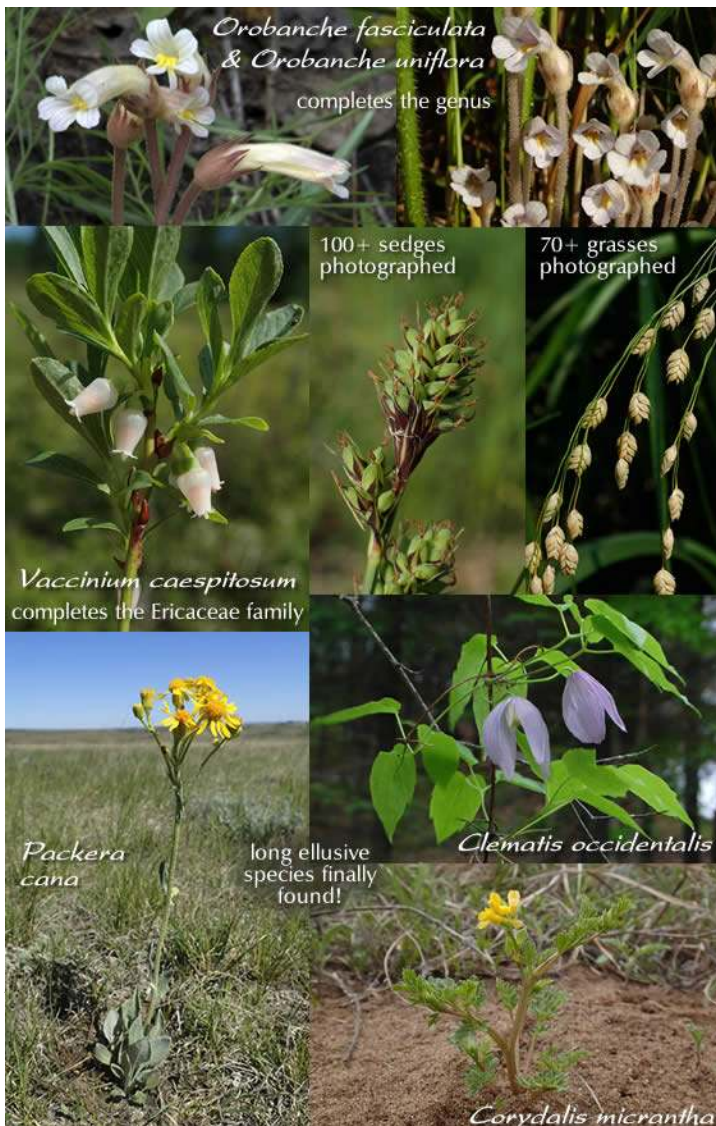
Our Mission

Our mission is to educate Minnesotans on our native plants, raise awareness on threats like invasive species, and inspire people to explore our great state, appreciate its natural heritage, and become involved in preserving it.

Our desire is to make botany accessible to the general public by providing a free, superior-quality, non-technical field guide of plants found growing wild in Minnesota, for use by people of all age groups and experience levels.

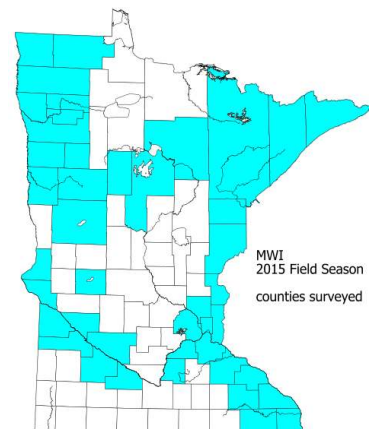
Our goal is to record all 2100+ plant species in Minnesota, becoming a complete reference for the state.

Highlights from the 2015 Field Season



Field Activity Summary

- 15,000+ miles traveled, 20,000+ images shot, 1200+ volunteer hours logged in survey and travel time
- Surveyed locations in 42 of Minnesota's 87 counties and parts of North Dakota and Wisconsin
- Image sets collected for over 400 species (some only partial sets)
- Collected 17 voucher specimens for the Bell Herbarium, plus specimens of "historical" *Dyssodia papposa* found along roadsides in 15 counties.



Funding provided by the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund as recommended by the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources.

Web Site Statistics

	2014	2015	
Unique visitors	290,592	358,110	+23%
Number of visits	499,545	560,070	+12%
Facebook fans	2,858	4,014	+40%

Number of species added to the web site in 2015: 179
Number of species updated: 70 (mostly total rewrites)
Total species published as of December 31: 1,064

Web Site Updates and Upgrades

- Began adding sedges, 37 *Carex* species online at year-end. A specialized search facility for sedges is now available. Grasses are next!
- Added Wetland Indicator Status for all available species.
- Thanks to board member John Thayer for revamping our county distribution map-making system. Maps are not only more professional looking, but take a fraction of the time to prepare. Well done!

New Partnerships

- Collaborated with MN DNR Parks & Trails on their Wildflower Geocaching program.
- Began preliminary work on adding pollinator info to species profiles in collaboration with Heather Holm.

Other Services & Public Outreach

- Manned a table at MN Native Plant Society Symposium, and at the 4th Annual Native Plant Revival and Expo
- Keynote Speaker at the Winona Master Gardeners Annual Convention.
- Presentations given to multiple Twin Cities garden clubs, the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, the Minnesota Wetland Professionals Association, and the Minnesota Native Plant Society.
- Donated numerous images to other non-commercial projects. Requesters include: Leech Lake Tribal College, USDA-NRCS, USDA-ARS, Ohio State University Extension, University of Tennessee Extension, University of Wyoming Biodiversity Institute, Department of Fisheries and Ocean (Canada), Chicago Botanic Garden, Helen Schuler Nature Centre (Alberta, CA), Tamarac NWR, Two Rivers NWR, Illinois Native Plant Society, Wetland Health Evaluation Program, MN DNR, Scott County, St Louis County, St Paul Parks, Wild Ones

We are available to lead wildflower walks or give presentations to garden clubs, environmental organizations, or any other group interested in native plants. For more information, contact Peter Dziuk at peter@minnesotawildflowers.info

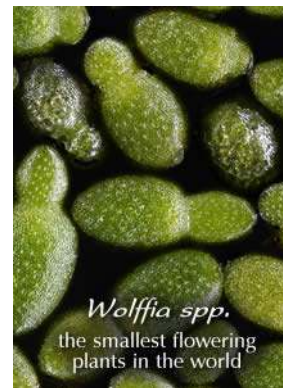
A Note From the President

2015 was a very busy year. After our successful fundraiser in 2014, we purchased a quality macrophotography system so we could provide good images of the tiny flowering and fruiting structures that are so important to grass and sedge identification. It's pretty awesome.



It produces great images that really add value to a species profile, but we did discover a downside – it is also a very time-consuming process! Every field survey trip has resulted in many extra hours photographing field specimens in a lab setting, a time-critical process which cuts into other field time as well as publishing time, and leaves no breathing room in between. Up until now, field time has gone uncompensated but due to the generosity of donors this year, we can rectify some of that next year! *Thank you!*

We are now halfway through our 3-year grant from the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund and are already planning to go for another 3-year grant to continue the work we started and (literally) dive into the aquatics. We already have underwater cameras and the new macrophotography system will also be very useful to cover this plant group. Underwater photography is a whole different world but you can expect the same quality standards we put into everything we do.



2016 will be another busy season!



Katy Chayka

Creator of Minnesota Wildflowers,
President and Board Chair

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2015 Volunteer Contributors

Volunteers:

Katy Chayka, Peter Dziuk, John Thayer

Photo Contributors:

Katy Chayka, Peter Dziuk, Steve Eggers, Heather Holm, Keir Morse, Terry Serres, Bill Steele, John Thayer

In-kind & Volunteer Donations

Field work: 1289 hrs (887 hours by Peter alone)

Publishing & administration: 464 hrs

Web/System programming: 43 hrs

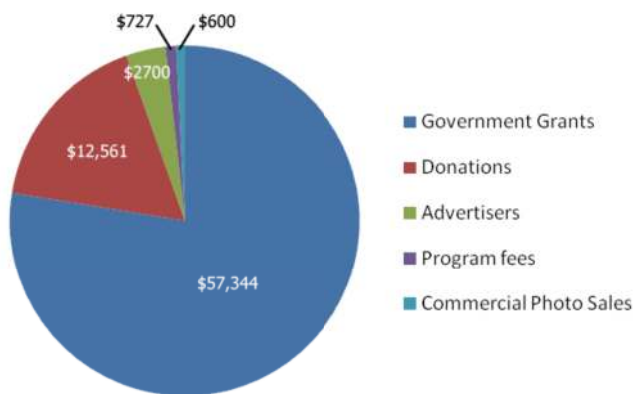
Value: \$45,075

Estimated value of photos donated in 2015: \$780

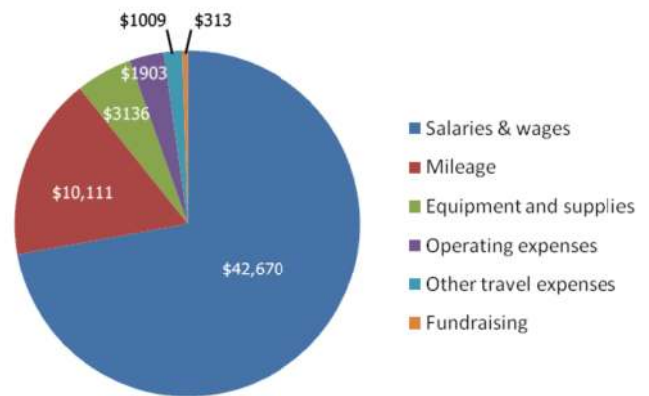
2015 Financial Summary

Total income for fiscal year 2015: \$73,933.52

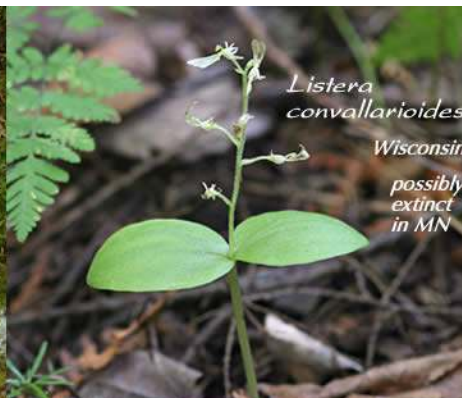
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