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Highlights from the 2024 field season



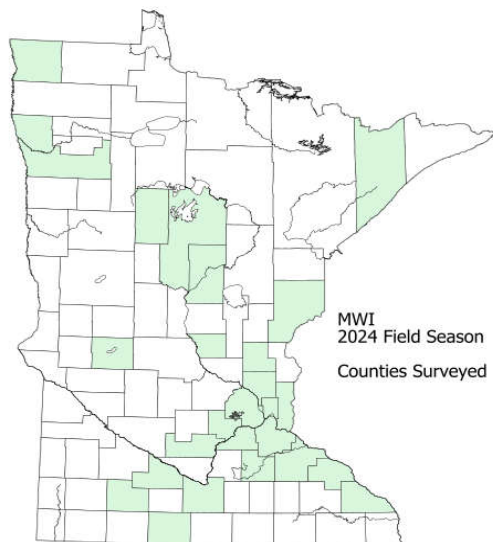
Field Activity Summary

- 10,000 miles traveled
- 5,500 images shot
- Surveyed locations in 26 MN counties and in Wisconsin

Genera completed

<i>Agalinis</i>	<i>Linum</i>
<i>Allium</i>	<i>Myosurus</i>
<i>Alyssum</i>	<i>Prosartes</i>
<i>Hesperostipa</i>	<i>Rhus</i>
<i>Lactuca</i>	<i>Salsola</i>

Family completed: *Lycopodiaceae*



2024 Website Statistics

Species added: 32

Species updated: 65

New maps: 325

Total species: 1837

Website visitors:
1.3 million

Other Services & Public Outreach

Our images continue to be in high demand. Requestors include:

Afton State Park
Arboretum Mustila (Finland)
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Plus several individuals for use in research papers and educational materials.

Also, the iSedge project—a collaboration backed by the International Sedge Society to create a global Cyperaceae database—invited us to join as an image contributor. This is a testament as to the quality of our images and should give us an even wider audience.

2024 Contributors

Many thanks to the following, who helped move the project along this year by providing plant images and/or location info: Chantel, Robert Dana, Davis Harder, Jason Husveth, Rhett Johnson, Cora Rost and John Thayer. Thanks also to Tim Whitfeld at the Bell Herbarium for assistance with research.

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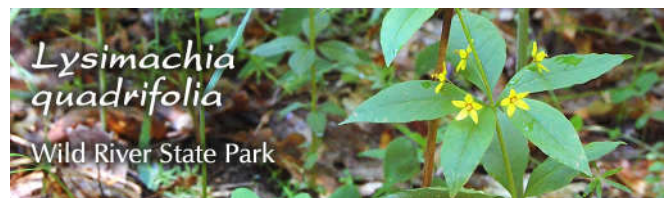
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A Note From the President

A broken arm at the end of June made me change much of the field work plans I had for the summer, but a lot was still accomplished. More than 10 genera were completed and progress was made on several others. The plans for aquatics I had to scrap due to the arm will be moved to next year, but that actually worked out for the best. In August I attended an aquatics workshop run by the MN DNR, which puts me in a better position to tackle those species still on the to-do list.

The abundant spring rains made ideal conditions for species inhabiting vernal pools and, before the arm went bad, I spent a fair amount of time in rock outcrops in Cottonwood and Brown counties. On one trip I spotted a tiny plant I had not seen before and the initial thought was it could be the threatened *Crassula aquatica*. If that were true, it would have been a new county record, but alas it was not. However, that got me thinking about other discoveries we've made over the years, finding rare species often far from the previously known populations. These include:

- *Lysimachia quadrifolia* (special concern), found at Wild River State Park, Chisago County, previously only known from eastern Pine County.
- *Vaccinium uliginosum* (endangered), found near Grand Marais, Cook County, previously only known from the Grand Portage area.
- *Chrysosplenium iowense* (endangered), found at Banning State Park, Pine County, previously only known from the driftless area of southeast Minnesota.
- *Lysimachia minima* (historical), found at Morton Outcrop SNA, Renville County, previously only known from Big Stone County, last seen in 1901.



Our work has contributed to the body of scientific knowledge of Minnesota's flora in other ways as well, such as correcting the ID of a rare forb and collecting specimens for other new county records, including the first specimens of some invasive species new to the state.

Minnesota Wildflowers started out as a hobbyist's website documenting wildflowers in a county park, but has grown and evolved into a significant botanical resource for the entire state of Minnesota and the Upper Midwest. I couldn't be more proud of what we've accomplished. And we're not done yet.



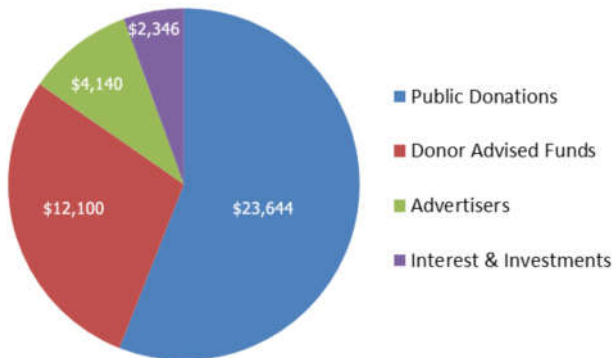
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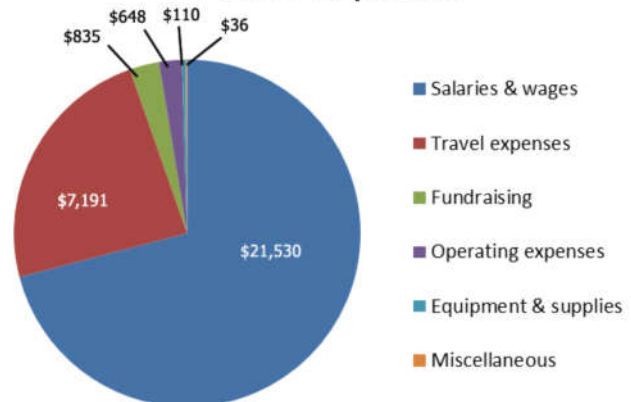
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