

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.

Highlights from the 2023 field season

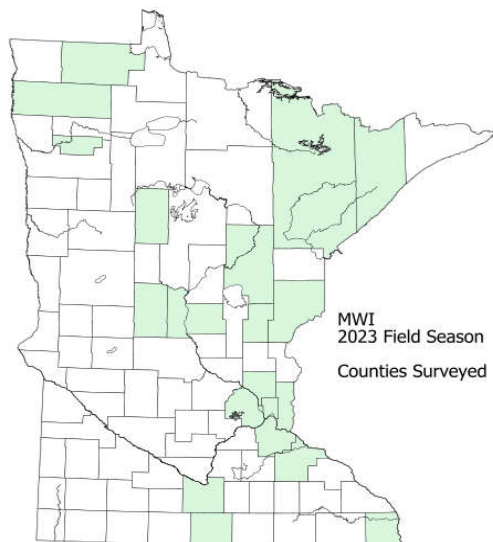


Field Activity Summary

- 10,000 miles traveled
- 5,500 images shot
- Surveyed locations in 20 Minnesota counties

Genera completed

- *Eupatorium*
- *Oenothera*
- *Sagittaria*
- *Sparganium*
- *Typha*
- Native *Ribes*



2023 Website Statistics

Species added: 29

Species updated: 60

New maps: 280

Total species: 1805

Website visitors:
1.3+ million

Other Services & Public Outreach

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

Arkansas Native Plant Society, Blue Ridge PRISM (CWMA, Virginia), Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Historical Park (Maryland), City of Lakeville, Connecticut Audubon Society, International Seed Morphology Association (Canada), Iowa Native Plant Society, Kawartha Lakes Stewards Association (Canada), Leibniz University (Germany), Lincoln Land Conservation Trust (Massachusetts), Matthai Botanical Gardens (Michigan), Metro Blooms, Minnesota DNR, Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, National Park Service, Orchid Society of Minnesota, Pine County Master Gardeners, Ramboll, Rutgers University, Sept-Îles Environmental Protection Corporation (Canada), St Cloud State University, SUNY Oneonta, The Blatter Herbarium (India), The Nature Conservancy, UnionAlimentari-Confapi (Italy), University of Wisconsin Press, University of Wisconsin Stevens Point, US Forest Service, Visual Researchers' Society of Canada, Walker Art Center, Washington State University, Wild Seed Project, Wisconsin DNR, Yale School of the Environment

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A Note From the President

First I want to give a big Thank You to those who helped move the project along this year. John Thayer provided beautiful photos of *Eupatorium sessilifolium*, which we've been after for a number of years. Thanks also to Otto Gockman and Rhett Johnson for pointing me to *Carex hookerana*, which may never have happened without their help. And many thanks to Jaxon Lane for help with *Rubus*.

Thus, the 2023 field season turned out to be pretty productive. I got complete image sets for nearly half of the 3 dozen *Rubus* species known to be in Minnesota and solid locations for a few more. The first *Rubus* pages went online in December.

iNaturalist, the massive database recording observations of biodiversity on Planet Earth, has been more helpful than I expected. It pointed me to locations for a number of species,

but also led to some surprises. One report of a rare *Sagittaria* in a Twin Cities natural area got my attention and I felt compelled to investigate. While the *Sagittaria* was a mis-ID, a survey of the other aquatics in that area revealed a new location for *Lychnothamnus barbatus*, a recent discovery in North America that the DNR is tracking. This is a native macro-algae species related to *Chara*, commonly known as stoneworts; there are about a dozen species known to be in Minnesota and I hope to have them added to our aquatics catalog in the next few years. They are not a well-understood group, however, so info about them is sketchy and knowledge of their distribution and abundance in Minnesota is incomplete, to say the least.

Maybe we can help change that. Raising awareness is part of our mission, after all.



Since we broke the 1800 species mark on the website I almost feel like we are entering the home stretch, but there is still plenty to do. Aquatics will be a high priority for the 2024 field season, as well as the 40 grass species yet to cover.



Katy Chayka

Creator of Minnesota Wildflowers,
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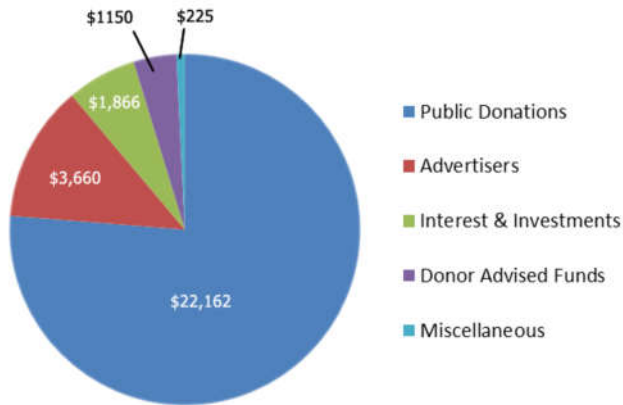
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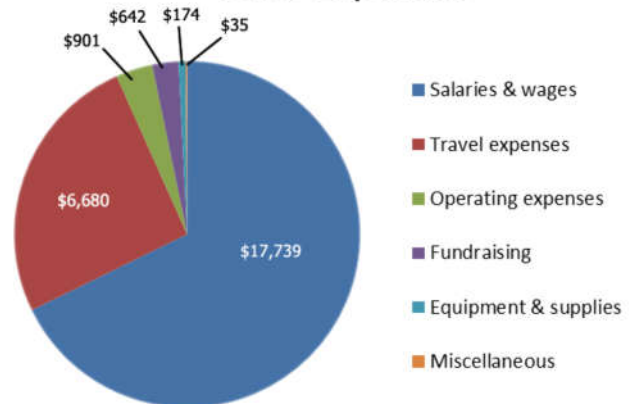
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