



Useful Resources for Plant Identification

Mobile apps for plant ID on mobile devices



PlantNet Plant Identification



Seek by iNaturalist

Helpful Links with Descriptions for Plant and Weed Identification

(Tip: if you can't select the link, try searching the link title in an internet browser)

- [BlueThumb Plant Finder](#)
 - Excellent tool to find a plant list that meets the needs of your site. Can use a variety of criteria to search.
- [DNR Invasive Plant List](#)
 - Contains list of invasive plants, how to identify them, and manage them. Individual links to each plant species, listed by common name
- [Iowa Seedling & Seed Guide](#)
 - Good guide for native seedling ID. Contains pictures of seedlings as well as descriptions. Organized by type of plant, then common name
- [MnDOT Noxious Weed List](#)
 - **Caution: automatically downloads PDF file. Large file size (55MB).**
 - Lists of plants that are Prohibited, Restricted, or Specially Regulated by MN Statute
- [MPCA Plant Lists](#)
 - Includes multiple resources: "Plants for Stormwater Design", salt tolerant plant list, etc.
- [MN Wildflowers Field Guide](#)
 - Excellent field guide for plant identification. Can use a variety of criteria to search
- [U of MN Ext: Is this plant a weed?](#)
 - Great source for weed identification. Organized by plant type.

Maintenance Grant:

For financial assistance on maintenance costs for past grant projects.

<https://rwmwd.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/2025-Maintenance-Grant-Application.pdf>



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Site Consultation Request:

For assistance with new project ideas, please request a site consultation.

<https://rwmwd.org/get-involved/stewardship-grants/stewardship-grant-project-consult-request/>

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Lists of Common Weeds (common and scientific name)

WINTER ANNUALS

Yellow rocket (*Barbarea vulgaris*)
Penny cress (*Thlapsi arvense*)
Shepherd's purse (*Capsella bursa-pastoris*)

SUMMER ANNUALS

Horseweed/Mare's tail (*Conyza canadensis*)
Lambsquarters (*Chenopodium album*)
Prickly lettuce (*Lactuca serriola*)
Common & giant ragweed (*Ambrosia* spp.)
Daisy fleabane (*Erigeron annuus*)

Other Annuals

Black medic (*Medicago lupulina*)
American burnweed (*Erechtites hieraciifolius*)
Crabgrass (*Digitaria* spp.)
Green, yellow & giant foxtail (*Setaria* spp.)

BIENNIALS

Burdock (*Arctium minus*)
Yellow & white sweetclover (*Melilotus* spp.)
Mullien (*Verbascum thapsus*)
Garlic mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*)
Bull Thistle (*Cirsium vulgare*)
Goat's beard/Salsify (*Tragopogon dubius*)

PERENNIALS

Canada thistle (*Cirsium arvense*)
Birdsfoot trefoil (*Lotus corniculatus*)
Crown vetch (*Securigera varia*)
Curled dock (*Rumex crispus*)
Quackgrass (*Elymus repens*)
Reed canary grass (*Phalaris arundinacea*)
Tree seedlings (ash, Siberian elm, box elder, mulberry, buckthorn)

OTHER PERENNIALS

White campion (*Silene latifolia*)
Perennial sow thistle (*Sonchus arvensis*)
Creeping bellflower (*Campanula rapunculoides*)
Yellow nutsedge (*Cyperus esculentus*)

COMMONLY RECOGNIZED

Turfgrass
Common plantain (*Plantago major*)
Dandelion (*Taraxacum* spp.)
Creeping Charlie (*Glechoma hederacea*)