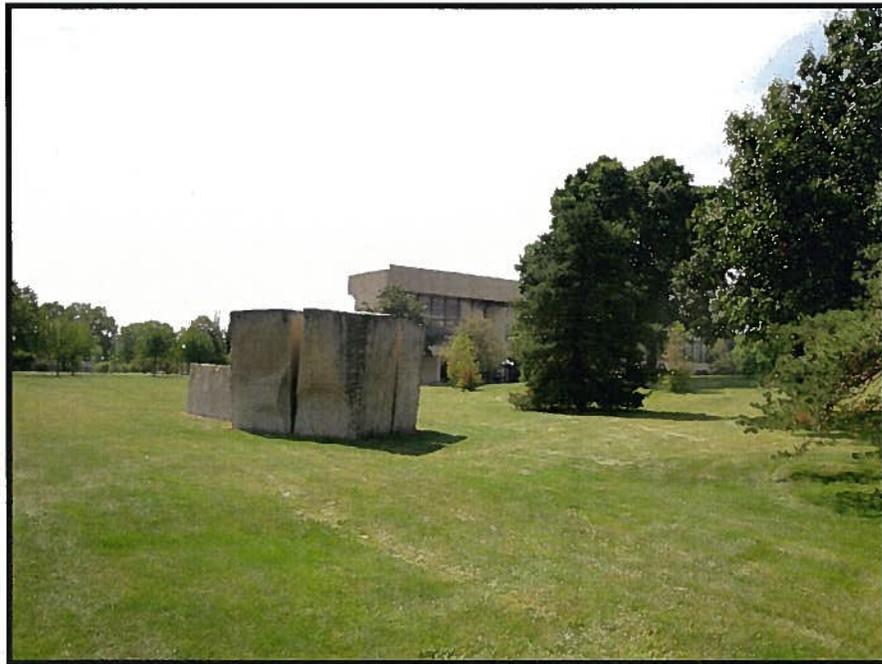




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Introduction

Project Purpose and Objectives

This report summarizes the results of an inventory and analysis of the rare plant species for an area on the University of Iowa campus at Iowa City, Iowa. The rare plant survey was conducted on September 8th of 2011. This project was undertaken by Graham Environmental Services in partnership with Seneca to provide baseline ecological information for a University of Iowa construction project. This report accompanies other reports on wetland resources and biological resources for the project area.

The primary objectives of project are:

- To identify common plant species found within the project area
- To identify natural plant communities in the project area
- To identify rare plant species within the project area



Crabapples in a mulch bed at the Hancher site

Description of the Study Area

Surrounding Landscape



The area of study for this project is located on the University of Iowa campus in Iowa City. Historically, this landscape was dominated by open prairies and savannas, and woodlands bordering rivers and streams. Mesic prairie dominated most of the landscape but it also included dry prairie species from the plains to the east and tree and shrub species found in the deciduous forest to the east. Fire that was started by Native Americans or lightning was the primary factor keeping the prairie landscape open and un-forested. In many cases, Native Americans started fires to maintain ideal habitat for Bison, elk and deer. Other species that relied on the prairie habitat included badger, prairie chickens, a wide variety of songbirds and even wolves.

Following European settlement, farmsteads started establishing across the landscape, and the rich prairie soils were plowed for crop production. Wetlands were also drained and trees cut down for building, heating and to expand fields. This process of landscape conversion from natural habitats occurred over several decades. Today around 60% of the landscape is in annual crops. The populations of many wildlife species decreased due to a combination of over hunting and habitat loss.

Scattered woodlots, wetlands and conservations plantings are also part of the rural landscape around Iowa City. The planting of native vegetation along roadsides has been a focus in Iowa and these areas add to the biological diversity of the rural landscape. Through restoration and conservation efforts many wildlife species such as turkey, deer, bobcat, peregrine falcons and trumpeter swans are re-establishing in the state.

The current landscape of Iowa City is a combination of commercial, residential and industrial development. North and south of the city the Iowa River winds through the agricultural landscape

creating an important corridor of wildlife habitat. As the river winds through the city the corridor shrinks in size but widens where there are parks, steep slopes, or ravines leading down to the river.

Much of the city is dominated with mature street trees including many oaks. A wide variety of plant species have been planted on the University of Iowa campus and in private residences in the area, including both native plants and horticultural varieties.

Special Status Species

Lists of State and Federal Threatened, Endangered and Special Concern species have been developed for Iowa are available through the Iowa Natural Areas Inventory (INAI) Interactive Website. The information in the database is from a variety of sources, including surveys to locate rare plants and animals in their natural habitats, collection of information from museums, herbariums, and scientific literature, and observations from naturalists around the state. Over 8000 records are contained in the database, ranging from historical observations made in the 1800s to present day sightings. Records in the complete INAI Database are protected as "ecologically sensitive sites" within the Open Records Law (Iowa Code 22.7(21)) and are used by professional natural resource managers to identify opportunities for conservation, to improve natural resource management, and to conduct environmental reviews to avoid conflicts between development and listed species. (Iowa DNR)

The following are definitions for Endangered Species, Threatened Species and Special Concern Species from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources:

Endangered Species means any species of fish, plant life, or wildlife which is in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant part of its range. Protected by law.

Threatened Species means any species which is likely to become an endangered species within the foreseeable future throughout all or a significant portion of its range. Protected by law.

Special Concern means any species about which problems of status or distribution are suspected, but not documented. Not protected by the Iowa Threatened and Endangered Species law, but many animal species listed as Special Concern are protected under other state and federal laws addressing hunting, fishing, collecting, and harvesting.

The follow table is a summary of listed species for Johnson County Iowa where Iowa City and the project area is located. Appendix A of this report includes a complete list of endangered, threatened and special concern species for the entire state of Iowa.



JOHNSON County, IA

Summary by Species Report

Total Unique Listed Species In This County: 61

| County | Common Name | Scientific Name | Class | State Status | Federal Status |
|---------|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------|----------------|
| JOHNSON | Bald Eagle | Haliaeetus leucocephalus | BIRDS | S | |
| JOHNSON | Barn Owl | Tyto alba | BIRDS | E | |
| JOHNSON | Northern Harrier | Circus cyaneus | BIRDS | E | |
| JOHNSON | Freckled Madtom | Noturus nocturnus | FISH | E | |
| JOHNSON | Orangethroat Darter | Etheostoma spectabile | FISH | T | |
| JOHNSON | Creeper | Strophitus undulatus | FRESHWATER MUSSELS | T | |
| JOHNSON | Fat Pocketbook | Potamilus capax | FRESHWATER MUSSELS | | E |
| JOHNSON | Pistolgrip | Tritogonia verrucosa | FRESHWATER MUSSELS | E | |
| JOHNSON | Purple Wartyback | Cyclonaias tuberculata | FRESHWATER MUSSELS | T | |
| JOHNSON | Round Pigtoe | Pleurobema sintoxia | FRESHWATER MUSSELS | E | |
| JOHNSON | Sheepnose | Plethobasus cyphus | FRESHWATER MUSSELS | E | C |
| JOHNSON | Yellow Sandshell | Lampsilis teres | FRESHWATER MUSSELS | E | |
| JOHNSON | Byssus Skipper | Problema byssus | INSECTS | T | |
| JOHNSON | Purplish Copper | Lycaena helloides | INSECTS | S | |
| JOHNSON | Spotted Skunk | Spilogale putorius | MAMMALS | E | |
| JOHNSON | Cleft Phlox | Phlox bifida | PLANTS (DICOTS) | S | |
| JOHNSON | Cream Violet | Viola striata | PLANTS (DICOTS) | S | |
| JOHNSON | Earleaf Foxglove | Tomanthera auriculata | PLANTS (DICOTS) | S | |
| JOHNSON | Fineberry Hawthorn | Crataegus chrysocarpa | PLANTS (DICOTS) | S | |
| JOHNSON | Frost Grape | Vitis vulpina | PLANTS (DICOTS) | S | |
| JOHNSON | Hedge Nettle | Stachys aspera | PLANTS (DICOTS) | S | |
| JOHNSON | Hill's Thistle | Cirsium hillii | PLANTS (DICOTS) | S | |
| JOHNSON | Hortulan Plum | Prunus hortulana | PLANTS (DICOTS) | S | |
| JOHNSON | Humped Bladderwort | Utricularia gibba | PLANTS (DICOTS) | S | |
| JOHNSON | Lance-leaved Violet | Viola lanceolata | PLANTS (DICOTS) | S | |
| JOHNSON | Limestone Rockcress | Arabis divaricarpa | PLANTS (DICOTS) | S | |
| JOHNSON | Muskroot | Adoxa moschatellina | PLANTS (DICOTS) | S | |
| JOHNSON | Pearly Everlasting | Anaphalis margaritacea | PLANTS (DICOTS) | S | |
| JOHNSON | Pinesap | Monotropa hypopithys | PLANTS (DICOTS) | T | |
| JOHNSON | Pink Milkwort | Polygala incarnata | PLANTS (DICOTS) | T | |
| JOHNSON | Sage Willow | Salix candida | PLANTS (DICOTS) | S | |

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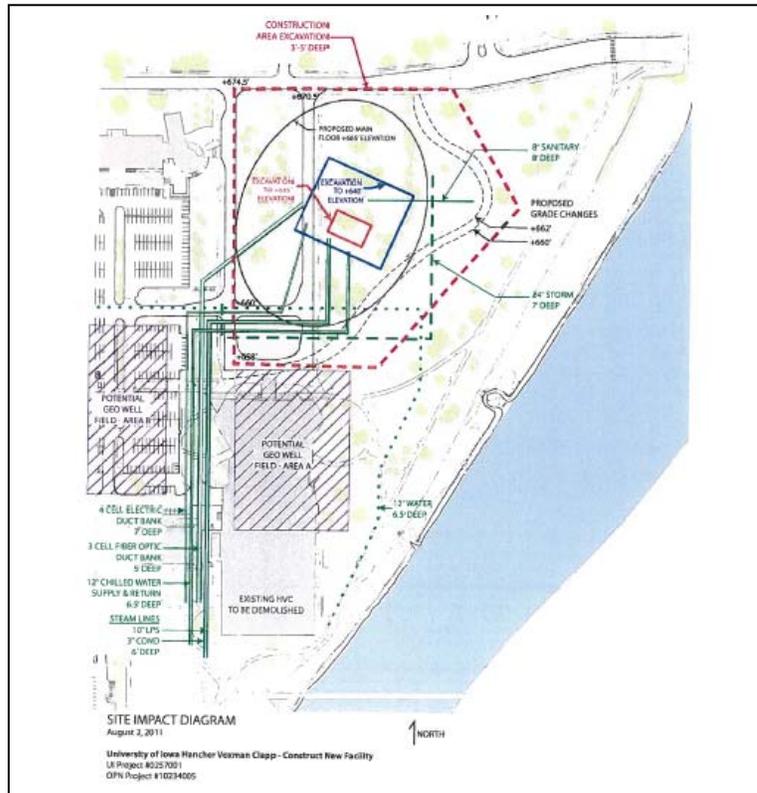
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|---------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|---|---|
| JOHNSON | Saskatoon Service-berry | <i>Amelanchier alnifolia</i> | PLANTS (DICOTS) | S | |
| JOHNSON | Spring Avens | <i>Geum vernum</i> | PLANTS (DICOTS) | S | |
| JOHNSON | Toothcup | <i>Rotala ramosior</i> | PLANTS (DICOTS) | S | |
| JOHNSON | Water Shield | <i>Brasenia schreberi</i> | PLANTS (DICOTS) | S | |
| JOHNSON | Water Starwort | <i>Callitriche heterophylla</i> | PLANTS (DICOTS) | S | |
| JOHNSON | Woolly Milkweed | <i>Asclepias lanuginosa</i> | PLANTS (DICOTS) | T | |
| JOHNSON | Bur-reed | <i>Sparganium androcladum</i> | PLANTS (MONOCOTS) | S | |
| JOHNSON | Capitate Spikerush | <i>Eleocharis olivacea</i> | PLANTS (MONOCOTS) | S | |
| JOHNSON | Chapman Bluegrass | <i>Poa chapmaniana</i> | PLANTS (MONOCOTS) | S | |
| JOHNSON | Eastern Prairie Fringed Orchid | <i>Platanthera leucophaea</i> | PLANTS (MONOCOTS) | E | T |
| JOHNSON | Glomerate Sedge | <i>Carex aggregata</i> | PLANTS (MONOCOTS) | S | |
| JOHNSON | Green Adder's Mouth | <i>Malaxis unifolia</i> | PLANTS (MONOCOTS) | S | |
| JOHNSON | Oval Ladies'-tresses | <i>Spiranthes ovalis</i> | PLANTS (MONOCOTS) | T | |
| JOHNSON | Pale Green Orchid | <i>Platanthera flava</i> | PLANTS (MONOCOTS) | E | |
| JOHNSON | Showy Lady's Slipper | <i>Cypripedium reginae</i> | PLANTS (MONOCOTS) | T | |
| JOHNSON | Slender Fimbrly | <i>Fimbristylis autumnalis</i> | PLANTS (MONOCOTS) | S | |
| JOHNSON | Slender Ladies'-tresses | <i>Spiranthes lacera</i> | PLANTS (MONOCOTS) | T | |
| JOHNSON | Slim-leaved Panic Grass | <i>Dichanthelium linearifolium</i> | PLANTS (MONOCOTS) | T | |
| JOHNSON | Tall Cotton Grass | <i>Eriophorum angustifolium</i> | PLANTS (MONOCOTS) | S | |
| JOHNSON | Wolf Spike-rush | <i>Eleocharis wolfii</i> | PLANTS (MONOCOTS) | S | |
| JOHNSON | Crowfoot Clubmoss | <i>Lycopodium digitatum</i> | PLANTS (PTERIODOPHYTES) | S | |
| JOHNSON | Ground Pine | <i>Lycopodium clavatum</i> | PLANTS (PTERIODOPHYTES) | E | |
| JOHNSON | Limestone Oak Fern | <i>Gymnocarpium robertianum</i> | PLANTS (PTERIODOPHYTES) | S | |
| JOHNSON | Northern Adder's-tongue | <i>Ophioglossum pusillum</i> | PLANTS (PTERIODOPHYTES) | S | |
| JOHNSON | Oak Fern | <i>Gymnocarpium dryopteris</i> | PLANTS (PTERIODOPHYTES) | T | |
| JOHNSON | Blanding's Turtle | <i>Emydoidea blandingii</i> | REPTILES | T | |
| JOHNSON | Common Musk Turtle | <i>Sternotherus odoratus</i> | REPTILES | T | |
| JOHNSON | Massasauga Rattlesnake | <i>Sistrurus catenatus</i> | REPTILES | E | |
| JOHNSON | Ornate Box Turtle | <i>Terrapene ornata</i> | REPTILES | T | |
| JOHNSON | Smooth Green Snake | <i>Liochlorophis vernalis</i> | REPTILES | S | |

Key: Threatened (T), Endangered (E), Special Concern (S), Candidate for Listing (C)

Hancher Site

The Hancher site is outlined in red dashes in the diagram to the right and also includes areas labeled “Potential Go Well Field, Area A and B”.

The Hancher site consisted of buildings, parking lots and lawn areas with scattered plantings of trees and shrubs. No natural areas such as woodlots, wetland or tall grasses were found at the project site. A relatively high diversity of tree species (12 species) were planted at the site in the lawn. Some of the more mature tree species include white pine, red oak, bur oak, Scotch Pine, and Blue Spruce. Some crabapple trees were planted in separate mulch beds. The lawn was dominated by typical lawn grasses such as Kentucky and Canada bluegrass, and lawn weeds such as dandelion, plantain and little hogweed (purslane).



No State or Federally listed plant species were found at the Hancher site. The species that were present we either planted specie or common weeds.

The site was located near the Iowa river, through the river was not part of the project area. The area along the river were dominated by reed canary grass and other weed species with a few native species present such as willow and vervain.



Swale flowing through the lawn area of the site



The Hancher site is located south of East Park Rd. and east of North Riverside Drive

Overview of Methods

Planning and Pre-Survey Data Collection

Prior to the survey aerial images were studied to determine locations of plant communities, and where listed species would most likely be found at the site. Information was also collected about historical land use, as well as information about rare and declining species in the project area. This included species that have been documented in the County, as well as species that are State or Federally listed statewide. Information was also collected about key taxonomical differences between rare plant species that could be found at the project site, and more common species within similar genus.

Field Survey

Upon the site visit, the boundaries and dominant plant communities were noted, as well as an analysis of likely areas of listed species. This was followed by a detailed meander search of the project site to develop a complete list of species found, and to search for any species that were State or Federally listed. A complete list of all species found was developed to ensure that listed species in the same genus as common species (not listed species) could be differentiated. Examples are the *Poa* and *Vitis* genus that include both state listed species and species that are common in the landscape. Any species that could not be positively identified in the field were photographed. Leaf samples were collected for trees, shrubs and vines, and for herbaceous species if large populations were present.

Summary of Results

Plant Species Present

The following list summarize species found at the Hancher site. The percent dominance of each species represents the percent aerial coverage of vegetated areas not including impervious surfaces). The USDA Plants website and GRIN (Germplasm Resources Information Network) were used for species naming.

| Hancher Site Species List | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Scientific Name | Common Name | Percent Cover |
| <i>Acer saccharinum</i> | Silver maple | <1 |
| <i>Celtis occidentalis</i> | Hackberry | <1 |
| <i>Cyperus esculentus</i> | Yellow nutsedge | <1 |
| <i>Digitaria ischaemum</i> | Smooth crabgrass | <1 |
| <i>Digitaria sanguinalis</i> | Hairy crabgrass | <1 |
| <i>Elymus repens</i> | Quackgrass | <1 |
| <i>Fraxinus pennsylvanica</i> | Green ash | <1 |
| <i>Glechoma hederaceae</i> | Creeping charlie | <1 |
| <i>Malus sp.</i> | Crabapple variety | 1-5 |
| <i>Malva neglecta</i> | Common mallow | <1 |
| <i>Picea pungens</i> | Blue spruce | <1 |
| <i>Pinus nigra</i> | Austrian Pine | <1 |
| <i>Pinus strobes</i> | White pine | 1-5 |
| <i>Pinus sylvestris</i> | Scots pine | 1-5 |
| <i>Plantago major</i> | Common plantain | <1 |
| <i>Poa compressa</i> | Canada bluegrass | <1 |
| <i>Poa pratensis</i> | Kentucky bluegrass | 75-100 |
| <i>Polygonum convolvulus</i> | Black bindweed | <1 |
| <i>Populus deltoids</i> | Cottonwood | <1 |
| <i>Portulaca oleracea</i> | Little hogweed | <1 |
| <i>Quercus bicolor</i> | Swamp white oak | <1 |
| <i>Quercus ellipsoidalis</i> | Northern pin oak | <1 |
| <i>Quercus rubra</i> | Red oak | <1 |
| <i>Setaria pumila</i> | Yellow foxtail | <1 |
| <i>Taraxacum officinale</i> | Common dandelion | <1 |
| <i>Trifolium repens</i> | White clover | <1 |
| <i>Tsuga Canadensis</i> | Hemlock | <1 |
| <i>Viola sororia</i> | Common blue violet | <1 |

Considerations

Key Issues for Consideration

Rare Species –No State or Federally listed plant species were found in the project area. Plant species present were planted or common weed species.

Species Diversity - The Hancher sites consisted of altered landscapes dominated by lawn but contained twelve trees species. Many trees at the Hancher site were large and likely provide habitat and stormwater absorption functions.

Invasive Species –No invasive species were found at the Hancher site but several weed species were present including crabgrass, quackgrass, common mallow, common plantain, bindweed, little hogweed (purslane), foxtail, dandelion, yellow nutsedge, and white clover. .

Plant Communities – No natural plant communities were found at the Hancher site. A swale ran through the site but was dominated by typical lawn species.

Ecological Opportunities – The proximity of the study areas to the Iowa River allows for several ecological opportunities. The shoreline of the river is degraded and its restoration to native vegetation would help improve water quality and provide an educational resource for University of Iowa students. Undeveloped areas further away from the river also provide opportunities for stormwater treatment and providing connections to the natural plant communities that remain on campus . The swale at the Hancher site could be enhanced by planting native species that would help slow and filter stormwater and provide more wildlife habitat.

Glossary of Terms Used in This Report

diversity - The spectrum of life forms and the ecological processes that support and sustain them. Biological diversity is a complex of four interacting levels: genetic, species, community, and ecosystem. ((Matthiae et al., 1993)

inventory site - The geographic location at which a biological survey has been conducted.

plant community - an assemblage of plants and animals, in a particular place at a particular time, interacting with one another and the abiotic environment around them, and subject to primarily natural disturbance regimes. Those assemblages that are repeated across a landscape in an observable pattern constitute a community “type.” No two assemblages, however, are exactly alike.

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Appendix A

Endangered, Threatened, and Special Concern Plants and Animals and Native Natural Communities in Iowa County

State Status: THR - Threatened, END - Endangered, SC - Special Concern, SC/P - Fully protected, SC/N - No protection, SC/H - Take regulated by open/closed seasons, SC/FL - Federally protected as endangered or threatened, SC/M - Protected by Migratory Bird Act.
 Federal Status (in Wisconsin): LE - Listed as Endangered, LT - Listed as Threatened, C - Candidate for listing.
 Groupname: A - indicates an aquatic/wetland element

Animals

| Scientific Name | Common Name | State Status | Federal Status | Groupname |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|
| <i>Acipenser fulvescens</i> | Lake Sturgeon | SC/H | | Fish~ |
| <i>Acris crepitans</i> | Northern Cricket Frog | END | | Frog~ |
| <i>Aeropedellus clavatus</i> | Club-horned Grasshopper | SC/N | | Grasshopper |
| <i>Aflexia rubranura</i> | Red-tailed Prairie Leafhopper | END | | Leafhopper |
| <i>Alasmidonta marginata</i> | Elktoe | SC/P | | Mussel~ |
| <i>Ammocrypta clara</i> | Western Sand Darter | SC/N | | Fish~ |
| <i>Ammodramus henslowii</i> | Henslow's Sparrow | THR | | Bird |
| <i>Amplicephalus kansiensis</i> | A Leafhopper | SC/N | | Leafhopper |
| <i>Anguilla rostrata</i> | American Eel | SC/N | | Fish~ |
| <i>Anodonta suborbiculata</i> | Flat Floater | SC/P | | Mussel~ |
| <i>Apalone mutica</i> | Smooth Softshell | SC/H | | Turtle~ |
| <i>Aphredoderus sayanus</i> | Pirate Perch | SC/N | | Fish~ |
| <i>Arcidens confragosus</i> | Rock Pocketbook | THR | | Mussel~ |
| <i>Attenuipyga vanduzeei</i> | A Leafhopper | SC/N | | Leafhopper |
| <i>Bartramia longicauda</i> | Upland Sandpiper | SC/M | | Bird |
| <i>Bat Hibernaculum</i> | Bat Hibernaculum | SC | | Other |
| <i>Bird Rookery</i> | Bird Rookery | SC | | Other~ |
| <i>Buteo lineatus</i> | Red-shouldered Hawk | THR | | Bird~ |
| <i>Caenis hiliaris</i> | A Small Square-gilled Mayfly | SC/N | | Mayfly~ |
| <i>Cercobrachys fox</i> | Fox Small Square-gilled Mayfly | SC/N | | Mayfly~ |
| <i>Chlosyne gorgone</i> | Gorgone Checker Spot | SC/N | | Butterfly |
| <i>Chondestes grammacus</i> | Lark Sparrow | SC/M | | Bird |
| <i>Cicindela lepida</i> | Little White Tiger Beetle | SC/N | | Beetle |
| <i>Crotalus horridus</i> | Timber Rattlesnake | SC/P | | Snake |
| <i>Crystallaria asprella</i> | Crystal Darter | END | | Fish~ |
| <i>Cycleptus elongatus</i> | Blue Sucker | THR | | Fish~ |
| <i>Dendroica cerulea</i> | Cerulean Warbler | THR | | Bird |
| <i>Dendroica dominica</i> | Yellow-throated Warbler | END | | Bird |
| <i>Ellipsaria lineolata</i> | Butterfly | END | | Mussel~ |
| <i>Empidonax virescens</i> | Acadian Flycatcher | THR | | Bird |
| <i>Emydoidea blandingii</i> | Blanding's Turtle | THR | | Turtle~ |
| <i>Epiaeschna heros</i> | Swamp Darner | SC/N | | Dragonfly~ |
| <i>Erismyza sugetta</i> | Lake Chubsucker | SC/N | | Fish~ |
| <i>Etheostoma asprigene</i> | Mud Darter | SC/N | | Fish~ |
| <i>Etheostoma microperca</i> | Least Darter | SC/N | | Fish~ |
| <i>Fundulus dispar</i> | Starhead Topminnow | END | | Fish~ |
| <i>Fusconaia ebena</i> | Ebony Shell | END | | Mussel~ |
| <i>Glyptemys insculpta</i> | Wood Turtle | THR | | Turtle~ |
| <i>Graptemys pseudogeographica</i> | False Map Turtle | SC/H | | Turtle~ |
| <i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i> | Bald Eagle | SC/P | | Bird~ |
| <i>Hendersonia occulta</i> | Cherrystone Drop | THR | | Snail |
| <i>Herp Hibernaculum</i> | Herp Hibernaculum | SC | | Other |
| <i>Hiodon alosoides</i> | Goldeye | END | | Fish~ |
| <i>Ictiobus niger</i> | Black Buffalo | THR | | Fish~ |
| <i>Ixobrychus exilis</i> | Least Bittern | SC/M | | Bird~ |
| <i>Laccobius reflexipennis</i> | A Predaceous Diving Beetle | SC/N | | Beetle~ |
| <i>Lampsilis higginsii</i> | Higgins' Eye | END | LE | Mussel~ |
| <i>Lampsilis teres</i> | Yellow & Slough Sandshells | END | | Mussel~ |

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|------------------------------|--|------|----|------------|
| Lanius ludovicianus | Loggerhead Shrike | END | | Bird |
| Lioporeus triangularis | A Predaceous Diving Beetle | SC/N | | Beetle- |
| Lithobates palustris | Pickereel Frog | SC/H | | Frog- |
| Macrhybopsis aestivalis | Shoal Chub | THR | | Fish- |
| Macrhybopsis storeriana | Silver Chub | SC/N | | Fish- |
| Microtus ochrogaster | Prairie Vole | SC/N | | Mammal |
| Migratory Bird Concentration | Site Migratory Bird Concentration Site | SC | | Other |
| Moxostoma valenciennesi | Greater Redhorse | THR | | Fish- |
| Mussel Bed Mussel | Bed | SC | | Other- |
| Myotis septentrionalis | Northern Long-eared Bat | THR | | Mammal |
| Notropis nubilis | Ozark Minnow | THR | | Fish- |
| Notropis texanus | Weed Shiner | SC/N | | Fish- |
| Noturus exilis | Slender Madtom | END | | Fish- |
| Oporornis formosus | Kentucky Warbler | THR | | Bird |
| Opsopoeodus emiliae | Pugnose Minnow | SC/N | | Fish- |
| Pantherophis spiloides | Gray Ratsnake | SC/P | | Snake |
| Pentagenia vittigera | A Common Burrower Mayfly | SC/N | | Mayfly- |
| Perimyotis subflavus | Eastern Pipistrelle | THR | | Mammal |
| Pituophis catenifer | Gophersnake | SC/P | | Snake |
| Plethobasus cyphus | Bullhead | END | C | Mussel- |
| Polyamia dilata | Prairie Leafhopper | THR | | Leafhopper |
| Polyodon spathula Paddlefish | THR Fish- | | | |
| Protonotaria citrea | Prothonotary Warbler | SC/M | | Bird- |
| Quadrula metanevra | Monkeyface | THR | | Mussel- |
| Quadrula quadrula | Mapleleaf | SC/P | | Mussel- |
| Reithrodontomys megalotis | Western Harvest Mouse | SC/N | | Mammal |
| Simpsoniaias ambigua | Salamander Mussel | THR | | Mussel- |
| Somatochlora hineana | Hine's Emerald | END | LE | Dragonfly- |
| Sparbarus nasutus | A Small Square-gilled Mayfly | SC/N | | Mayfly- |
| Speyeria idalia | Regal Fritillary | END | | Butterfly |
| Spinadis simplex | Wallace's Deepwater Mayfly | END | | Mayfly- |
| Stenelmis douglasensis | Douglas Stenelmis Riffle Beetle | SC/N | | Beetle- |
| Stenelmis knobeli Knobel's | Riffle Beetle | END | | Beetle- |
| Sturnella neglecta | Western Meadowlark | SC/M | | Bird |
| Terrapene ornata | Ornate Box Turtle | END | | Turtle |
| Tritogonia verrucosa | Buckhorn | THR | | Mussel- |
| Truncilla donaciformis | Fawnsfoot | SC/P | | Mussel- |
| Tyto alba | Barn Owl | END | | Bird |
| Vireo bellii | Bell's Vireo | THR | | Bird |
| Wilsonia citrina | Hooded Warbler | THR | | Bird |

Plants

| Scientific Name | Common Name | State | Status | Federal Status | Groupname |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|-------|--------|----------------|-----------|
| Agalinis gattereri | Roundstem Foxglove | | THR | | Plant |
| Agalinis skinneriana | Pale False Foxglove | | END | | Plant |
| Arabis shortii Short's | Rock-cress | | SC | | Plant |
| Asclepias lanuginosa | Woolly Milkweed | | THR | | Plant |
| Asclepias purpurascens | Purple Milkweed | | END | | Plant |
| Asplenium pinnatifidum | Lobed Spleenwort | | THR | | Plant |
| Botrychium campestre | Prairie Dunewort | | END | | Plant |
| Cacalia tuberosa Prairie | Indian-Plantain | | THR | | Plant |
| Calamagrostis stricta | Slim-stem Small Reed Grass | | SC | | Plant- |
| Callirhoe triangulata | Clustered Poppy-mallow | | SC | | Plant |
| Calylophus serrulatus | Yellow Evening Primrose | | SC | | Plant |
| Camassia scilloides | Wild Hyacinth | | END | | Plant |
| Carex laevivaginata | Smooth-sheath Sedge | | END | | Plant- |
| Carex schweinitzii | Schweinitz's Sedge | | END | | Plant- |
| Cirsium hillii | Hill's Thistle | | THR | | Plant |
| Cypripedium candidum | Small White Lady's-slipper | | THR | | Plant- |
| Diarrhena obovata | Beak Grass | | END | | Plant |
| Dichanthelium wilcoxianum | Wilcox's Panic Grass | | SC | | Plant |
| Diodia teres var. teres | Buttonweed | | SC | | Plant |
| Eleocharis engelmannii | Engelmann's Spike-rush | | SC | | Plant- |
| Festuca paradoxa | Cluster Fescue | | SC | | Plant |
| Gentiana alba | Yellow Gentian | | THR | | Plant |
| Jeffersonia diphylla | Twinleaf | | SC | | Plant |

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| <i>Juncus marginatus</i> | Grassleaf Rush | SC | | Plant- |
| <i>Lespedeza leptostachya</i> | Prairie Bush-clover | END | LT | Plant |
| <i>Lespedeza violacea</i> | Violet Bush-clover | SC | | Plant |
| <i>Melica nitens</i> | Three-flowered Melic Grass | SC | | Plant |
| <i>Myosotis laxa</i> | Small Forget-me-not | SC | | Plant- |
| <i>Nothocalais cuspidata</i> | Prairie False-dandelion | SC | | Plant |
| <i>Orobanche fasciculata</i> | Clustered Broomrape | THR | | Plant |
| <i>Orobanche uniflora</i> | One-flowered Broomrape | SC | | Plant |
| <i>Parthenium integrifolium</i> | American Fever-few | THR | | Plant |
| <i>Pediomelum esculentum</i> | Prairie Turnip | SC | | Plant |
| <i>Phemeranthus rugospermus</i> | Prairie Fame-flower | SC | | Plant |
| <i>Platanthera flava</i> var. <i>herbiola</i> | Pale Green Orchid | THR | | Plant |
| <i>Platanthera hookeri</i> | Hooker's Orchid | SC | | Plant |
| <i>Platanus occidentalis</i> | Sycamore | SC | | Plant- |
| <i>Poa sylvestris</i> | Woodland Bluegrass | SC | | Plant |
| <i>Polygala incarnata</i> | Pink Milkwort | END | | Plant- |
| <i>Polytaenia nuttallii</i> | Prairie Parsley | THR | | Plant |
| <i>Prenanthes crepidinea</i> | Nodding Rattlesnake-root | END | | Plant |
| <i>Rhexia virginica</i> | Virginia Meadow-beauty | SC | | Plant- |
| <i>Scleria triglomerata</i> | Whip Nutrush | SC | | Plant- |
| <i>Scutellaria ovata</i> ssp. <i>ovata</i> | Heart-leaved Skullcap | SC | | Plant |
| <i>Senecio plattensis</i> | Prairie Ragwort | SC | | Plant |
| <i>Senna marilandica</i> | Maryland Senna | SC | | Plant |
| <i>Silene nivea</i> | Snowy Campion | THR | | Plant |
| <i>Silene virginica</i> | Fire Pink | END | | Plant |
| <i>Strophostyles leiosperma</i> | Small-flowered Woolly Bean | SC | | Plant |
| <i>Triphora trianthophora</i> | Nodding Pogonia | SC | | Plant |

Communities

Dry cliff Community
 Dry prairie Community
 Dry-mesic prairie Community
 Emergent marsh Community-
 Ephemeral pond Community-
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 Hemlock relict Community
 Mesic prairie Community
 Moist cliff Community
 Oak barrens Community
 Oak opening Community
 Pine barrens Community
 Pine relict Community
 Riverine Lake/Pond Community-
 Sand barrens Community
 Sand prairie Community
 Shrub-carr Community-
 Southern dry-mesic forest Community
 Southern mesic forest Community
 Southern sedge meadow Community-
 Stream--fast, hard, cold Community-
 Wet-mesic prairie Community-