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New Edition of
*Wetland Plants and Plant Communities of
Minnesota and Wisconsin*
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1. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Paul District, announces that *Wetland Plants and Plant Communities of Minnesota and Wisconsin, Third Edition*, can now be viewed at the bottom of the Environment webpage on the St. Paul District's website:

<http://www.mvp.usace.army.mil/environment/> .

Over 300 species of plants are organized into 15 wetland plant communities and illustrated by 600 digital photographs, as well as ink drawings for the grasses and sedges. The guide is focused on Minnesota and Wisconsin, but is applicable in general to the entire Great Lakes Region. Printed copies of the Third Edition are not available at this time due to funding constraints.

2. Printed copies of the Second Edition (1997), which covers 144 plant species, are still available. An order form for the Second Edition is available at the above web site.

3. The point of contact at the St. Paul District is Steve Eggers, Senior Ecologist, 651-290-5371, or steve.d.eggers@usace.army.mil .

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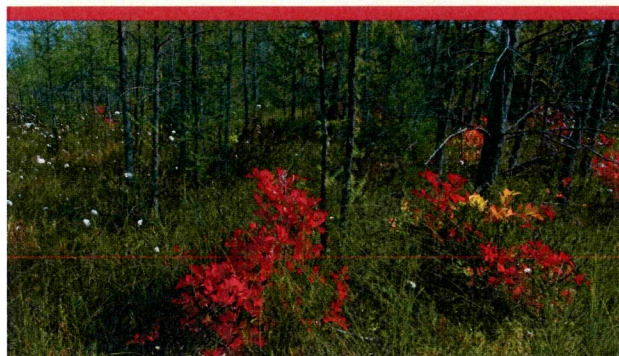


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CALCAREOUS FENS

KEY TO THE WETLAND PLANT COMMUNITIES

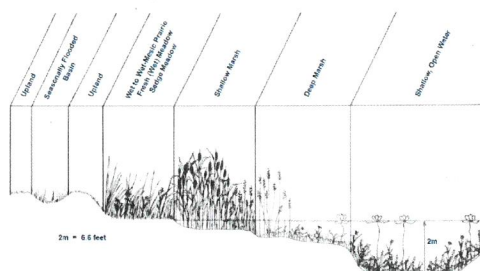


FIGURE 5 Generalized Cross Section of a Meadow-Marsh-Open Water Complex

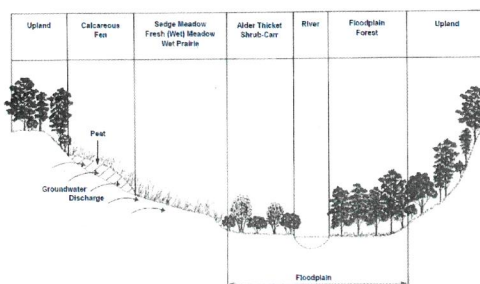


FIGURE 6 Generalized Cross Section of Wetland Plant Communities in a River Valley



GRASS-OF-PARNASSUS (*Parnassia glauca* Raf.)

SAXIFRAGE FAMILY (Saxifragaceae)

C of C: Native (9)

IND. STATUS: OBL

FIELD CHARACTERISTICS: A perennial herb 15-30 cm. high. The stalked basal leaves are entire, smooth, rounded, 2-7 cm. long x 1-5 cm. wide, forming a basal rosette. The stem leaf, if present, is stalkless and located at or below the middle of the stem. Flowers are white with five star-like, green-striped petals 1-2 cm. long, and solitary at the end of a single stem. The fruit is a conspicuous, terminal capsule. In flower August-October.

ECOLOGICAL NOTES: Grass-of-Parnassus is a characteristic species of calcareous fens. It also occurs along calcareous shores and on wet lake dune flats if groundwater seepages are present.

SOURCE: Gleason and Cronquist (1991).