

# WISCONSIN'S PLANT COMMUNITIES

**Key Concept:** *Understand that local geography, disturbance patterns, land management, and a variety of human influences have created and shaped the plant communities in Wisconsin.*

- Change within plant communities is driven by both natural and human influences.
- The factors that create the different forest types in Wisconsin include history (both ecological and human land use) and ecological processes; such as disturbance and succession, available moisture, and soil type.
- Scientific names follow a structure including genus and species.
- Native, non-native, and invasive plant species impact local natural communities.
- Management techniques are used to maintain healthy plant communities in Wisconsin.



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