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Summer Check-In

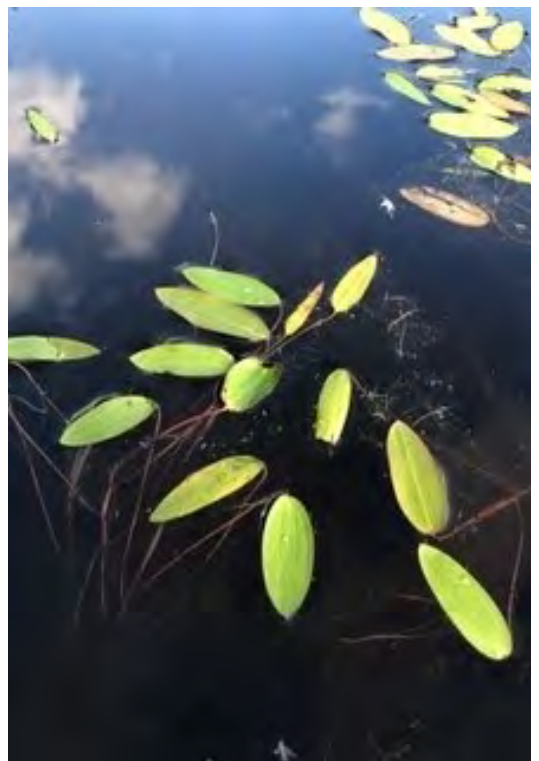
Rare Plant Monitors,

After last week's heat, it's finally starting to feel like fall is on the way. I wanted to check in with all of you and say thank you for everyone who has requested and submitted reports. It has been so inspiring to see your updates to our rare plant records and some of you finding new populations of rare plants on your surveys too!

The DNR has created a new webpage for [Wisconsin's Rare Plants](#), including new species pages for each of the rare plant species in the state. If you haven't checked them out yet, these can be a great resource for exploring the diversity of our rare plants. As always, you can still find resources like training videos, the Rare Plant Finder, and data submission tools at our [Rare Plant Monitoring Program webpage](#).

Any time of year can be a great time to search for rare plants, but late summer into fall has a lot of opportunities. If you've been wanting to get out on a survey, here are a few plants that you can look for right now:

- Great Plains Lady's-tresses ([Spiranthes magnicamporum](#)) - Blooming September through October in moist prairies in southern and central counties.
- Brittle Prickly-pear ([Opuntia fragilis](#)) - Identifiable year-round in western and central counties.
- Forked Aster ([Eurybia furcata](#)) - Blooming through early October in eastern counties.
- Climbing fumitory ([Adlumia fungosa](#)) - Blooming through September, fruiting through October. Mostly in northern counties, with some populations in the southern part of the state.



Oake's' Pondweed (*Potamogeton oakesianus*) observed by Don Evans in Vilas County.

If you would like to search for these or any other rare plants, please use the [Rare Plant Finder](#) and email us your requests. Don't forget, we have a new email address that you can find in our signature.

As always, let us know if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

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