

## Fall Check-In: Last Chance to Submit Your Data!

Rare Plant Monitors,

The days are getting shorter, the weather's getting colder, and fall is in full swing. That means it's time for us to check in to round up any stray rare plant reports you may be holding on to.

First, though, we want to say thanks for all your work this year. The Rare Plant Monitoring Program continues to be the largest source of rare plant surveys in Wisconsin, something you should all really be proud of. So far, over 130 rare plant reports have been submitted this year, including one report of species of the year (*Boechera missouriensis*). We're excited to really dig into the data and will include highlights and summaries in the annual report next spring.



John Scholze recently updated his 2013 observation of Virginia Meadow-beauty (*Rhexia virginica*) in Jackson County.

We will follow up with each of you individually over the next few weeks, but **if you haven't submitted data yet please do so ASAP.** Here is the link to the online submission form.

We will be entering all the rare plant data into the DNR database soon, so don't wait to send in what you've got. If you didn't make it out for a survey, no worries; we understand how time gets away from us. Please just let us know. If you need a refresher on how to submit data, check out <u>training video #9</u>.

In my first year with the program, I want to share how honored I am to work with all of you. I've been so impressed and incredibly grateful for the commitment to rare plant conservation this group has. We are in this together and are really making a difference.

Thanks again, everyone, and let us know if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

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