



Rare Plant
Monitoring
Program

Late Spring Check-in

Rare Plant Monitors,

As summer quickly approaches, I wanted to check in with a quick update.

Thanks to everyone who has requested surveys and submitted reports. We've had a lot of interesting updates already, including on several populations of putty root (*Aplectrum hymale*) and an update to a 32-year-old record of maidenhair spleenwort (*Asplenium trichomanes*).

As many of you know, summer is one of the best times to search for rare plants. If you haven't yet signed up for a survey, now is a great time! Here are a few plants that you can look for right now:

- Missouri rock-cress ([*Boechera missouriensis*](#)) - Our 2023 plant of the year! Blooming through late June in central and northern counties.
- Purple milkweed ([*Asclepias purpurascens*](#)) - Blooming late June through late July in southern counties.
- Yellow evening primrose ([*Oenothera serrulata*](#)) - Blooming late June through September throughout the state.
- Livid sedge ([*Carex livida*](#)) - For those who like the challenge of sedge ID. Fruiting late June through July throughout the state.



Maidenhair spleenwort (*Asplenium trichomanes*) observed by Ben, Miles, and Wes Redding in Sauk 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. Remember, we have a new email address that you can find in our signature.

Thanks for being so welcoming and patient as I get up to speed with the RPMP. Seeing your rare plant reports come in this spring has been so great! Thank you all for the work you do in helping to conserve rare plants in our state. If you know anyone who might be interested in the program, feel free to share our [online training videos](#). We are always happy to welcome new volunteers to the program.

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

Sincerely,

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