

**Red Banks Alvar-
Botany Blitz**

Saturday May 17, 2008



(Photo by Thomas Eddy)

Red Banks Alvar State Natural Area is a rare community type that occurs on flat limestone or dolomitic bedrock with very shallow soils. This alvar is unusual blend of boreal, southern and prairie species. (WI DNR)

(See April 2007 Wisconsin Flora article, pg. 3 for more site info)

State Natural Area # 332
Located in Brown County.

www.dnr.state.wi.us/ORG/land/er/sna/sna332.htm

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Bring along: sturdy footwear for uneven terrain, field guides, hand lenses, pens or pencils, and any other identification and mapping aids you may have, such as a GPS unit. Also bring boots if you have them, especially for Trempealeau River Meadow and Lawrence Lake.

**Lawrence Lake
Botany Blitz**

June 14-15, 2008



(Photo by Thomas Eddy)

Lawrence Lake State Natural Area contains a portion of an undeveloped seepage lake surrounded by northern wet-mesic forest, bog, shrubs, and 3 kettle depressions with shallow wetlands. The shoreline is ringed by a broad band of mixed hardwoods and conifers. Species include hemlock, black spruce, balsam fir, aspen, sugar maple, and red maple. The lake contains an expansive littoral zone with a well-developed aquatic plant community consisting of emergent, floating leaf, and submersed plants including cat-tails, bulrush, smartweeds, and manna grass. (WI DNR)

State Natural Area #404
Located in Langlade County.

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**Trempealeau River Meadow
Botany Blitz**

Saturday, Sept. 6, 2008



(Photo by Thomas Eddy)

Trempealeau River Meadow State Natural Area features a large undisturbed sedge meadow, a shallow marsh, as well as deep water marshes in the old oxbows of the river. An important aspect of these communities is the absence of invasive species.

Dominant plant species are tussock sedge, fox sedge, blue-joint grass, cord grass, fowl manna grass, and rice cut grass. Forbs include Canada anemone, marsh pea, paniced aster, swamp milkweed, spotted joe-pye weed, American water-horehound, and blunt-leaf bedstraw. (WI DNR)

State Natural Area #346
Located in Buffalo County.

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