



# Soper Preserve

## High Quality Plant Species

This list represents the most ecologically significant and high quality plants found at the Soper Preserve during a 2008 Floristic Quality Assessment conducted by Yarrow Wolfe, Rick Halbert, Dr. Dan Palmer, Richard Fidler, and Dr. Julie Medlin. These plants are the highest quality species found on the property and therefore may be rare, difficult to find, or not be blooming

Please remember to practice Leave No Trace techniques; picking flowers may not seem like a big deal, but it means others won't have a chance to enjoy them. With thousands of people visiting Conservancy properties, the less impact we each make, the longer we will enjoy what we have. If you are interested in conducting a scientific study on the property please contact the Conservancy for written permission.

<b>C</b>	<b>Scientific Name</b>	<b>Common Name</b>
6	<i>Caltha palustris</i>	MARSH MARIGOLD
6	<i>Dryopteris cristata</i>	CRESTED WOOD FERN
6	<i>Fagus grandifolia</i>	AMERICAN BEECH
6	<i>Fraxinus nigra</i>	BLACK ASH
6	<i>Picea mariana</i>	BLACK SPRUCE
7	<i>Betula alleghaniensis</i>	YELLOW BIRCH
7	<i>Geum rivale</i>	WATER AVENS
8	<i>Equisetum variegatum</i>	VARIEGATED SCOURING RUSH
9	<i>Cypripedium reginae</i>	SHOWY OR QUEEN'S LADY SLIPPER
9	<i>Tiarella cordifolia</i>	FOAMFLOWER
10	<i>Epifagus virginiana</i>	BEECHDROPS

To see pictures or learn more about the plants listed above please visit the Michigan Natural Features Inventory website at <http://mnfi.anr.msu.edu/data/specialplants.cfm> or consult Newcomb's Wildflower Guide by Lawrence Newcomb.