

# Elkhorn Biodiversity Preserve Species List

## Northwest Illinois Audubon Society

\* Indicates a non-native species  
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### Sedges (14) 13 Native

*Carex bebbii* – Bebb's Oval Sedge  
*Carex brevior* – Plains Oval Sedge  
*Carex brunnescens* – Green Bog Sedge  
*Carex diandra* – Bog Panicked Sedge  
*Carex stipata* – Common Fox Sedge  
*Carex stricta* – Common Tussock Sedge  
*Carex trichocarpa* – Hairy-fruited Lake Sedge  
*Carex vulpinoidea* – Fox Sedge  
*Cyperus acuminatus* – Short-pointed Flat Sedge  
*Cyperus echinatus* – Globe Sedge \*  
*Cyperus esculentus* – Field Nut Sedge  
*Cyperus filiculmis* – Slender Sand Sedge  
*Cyperus rivularis* – Brook Nut Sedge  
*Scirpus atrovirens* – Dark Green Rush

### Ferns (2)

*Athyrium filix-femina* – Lady Fern  
*Onoclea sensibilis* – Sensitive Fern

### Horsetails (2)

*Equisetum arvense* – Common Horsetail  
*Equisetum hyemale* – Scouring Rush

### Grasses (23) 12 Native

*Andropogon gerardii* – Big Bluestem  
*Schizachyrium scoparium* – Little Bluestem  
*Agropyron repens* – Quack Grass \*  
*Agrostis alba* – Redtop \*  
*Bouteloua curtipendula* – Side-oats Grama  
*Bromus inermis* – Smooth Brome \*  
*Dactylis glomerata* – Orchard-grass \*  
*Digitaria filiformis* – Slender Crab Grass  
*Enchinochloa microstachya* – Barnyard Grass \*  
*Elymus canadensis* – Canada Wild Rye  
*Eragrotis spectabilis* – Purple Love Grass  
*Festuca sp.* – Tall Fescue \*  
*Leptoloma cognatum* – Fall Witch Grass  
*Oryzopsis asperifolia* – Rough-leaved Rice Grass  
*Panicum oligosanthes var. scribnerianum* – Scribner's Panic Grass  
*Panicum villosissimum* – White-Haired Panic Grass  
*Paspalum setaceum ver. ciliatifolium* – Lens Grass  
*Phalaris arundinacea* – Reed-canary Grass \*  
*Phleum pratense* – Timothy \*  
*Poa compressa* – Canada Blue Grass \*  
*Poa pratensis* – Kentucky Blue Grass \*  
*Setaria glauca* – Yellow Fox Tail \*  
*Sorghastrum nutans* – Indian Grass

### Rushes (2)

*Eleocharis erythropoda* – Red-rooted Spike Rush  
*Juncus tenuis* – Path Rush

### Forbs (137) 101 Native

*Abutilon theophrasti* – Velvetleaf \*  
*Achillea millefolium* – Yarrow \*  
*Alliaria petiolata* – Garlic Mustard \*  
*Ambrosia artemisiifolia* – Common Ragweed  
*Ambrosia trifida* – Giant Ragweed  
*Amorpha canescens* – Lead Plant  
*Anemone canadensis* – Meadow Anemone  
*Anemone cylindrica* – Thimbleweed  
*Anemone virginiana* – Tall Anemone  
*Angelica atropurpurea* – Great Angelica  
*Apocynum cannabinum* – Dogbane  
*Arctium minus* – Common Burdock \*  
*Arctium tomentosum* – Cotton Burdock \*  
*Asclepias amplexicaulis* – Blunt-leaved or Sand Milkweed  
*Asclepias incarnata* – Swamp Milkweed  
*Asclepias syriaca* – Common Milkweed  
*Asclepias verticillata* – Whorled Milkweed  
*Aster ericoides* – Heath Aster  
*Aster lateriflorus* – Calico Aster  
*Aster linariifolius* – Flax-leaved Aster (Stiff or Linear-leaved Aster)  
*Aster novae-angliae* – New England Aster  
*Aster pilosus* – Hairy Aster  
*Aster praealtus* – Willow Aster  
*Barbarea vulgaris* – Yellow Rocket (Winter Cress) \*  
*Baptisia leucophaea* – Cream Wild Indigo  
*Bidens cernua* – Nodding Bur Marigold  
*Campanula aparinoides* – Marsh Bellflower  
*Cardamine bulbosa* – Spring Cress  
*Centaurea maculosa* – Spotted Knapweed \*  
*Cerastium vulgatum* – Mouse-ear Chickweed \*  
*Chenopodium album* – Lamb's Quarter \*  
*Cicuta maculata* – Water Hemlock  
*Circaea lutetiana var canadensis* – Enchanter's Nightshade  
*Cirsium arvense* – Field Thistle \*  
*Cirsium discolor* – Pasture Thistle  
*Cirsium vulgare* – Bull Thistle \*  
*Clematis virginiana* – Virgin's Bower  
*Convolvulus sepium* – Hedge Bindweed  
*Conium maculatum* – Poison Hemlock \*  
*Daucus carota* – Queen-Anne's Lace \*  
*Dianthus armeria* – Deptford Pink \*  
*Echinocystis lobata* – Wild Cucumber  
*Epilobium coloratum* – Cinnamon Willow Herb  
*Erechtites hieracifolia* – Fireweed  
*Erigeron canadensis* – Horseweed  
*Erigeron philadelphicus* – Marsh Fleabane  
*Erigeron strigosus* – Daisy Fleabane  
*Eupatorium maculatum* – Spotted Joe-Pye Weed  
*Euphorbia corollata* – Flowering Spurge  
*Fragaria virginiana* – Wild Strawberry  
*Galium aparine* – Cleavers  
*Galium obtusum* – Blunt-leaved Bedstraw

**Forbs (continued)**

*Gentiana puberulenta* – Downy Gentian  
*Gnaphalium obtusifolium* – Old-field Balsam  
*Helenium autumnale* – Sneezeweed  
*Helianthus grosseserratus* – Sawtooth Sunflower  
*Helianthus rigidus* – Prairie Sunflower  
*Helianthus tuberosus* – Jerusalem Artichoke  
*Helianthemum canadense* – Rockrose  
*Heliopsis helianthoides* – Early Sunflower  
*Heracleum maximum* – Cow Parsnip  
*Heuchera richardsonii* – Prairie Alum Root  
*Hypericum pyramidatum* – Great St. Johnswort  
*Impatiens capensis* – Orange Jewelweed  
*Kuhnia eupatorioides* – False Boneset  
*Lactuca canadensis* – Wild Lettuce  
*Lechea stricta* – Bushy Pinweed  
*Lemna minor* – Small Duckweed  
*Leonorus cardiaca* – Motherwort \*  
*Lespedeza capitata* – Round-headed Bushclover  
*Liatris aspera* – Rough Blazingstar  
*Lithospermum incisum* – Fringed Puccoon  
*Lobelia siphilitica* – Great Blue Lobelia  
*Lycopus americanus* – American Bugleweed  
*Lycopus rubellus* – Water Horehound  
*Lysimachia nummularia* – Moneywort \*  
*Medicago lupulina* – Black Medick \*  
*Melilotus alba* – White Sweet Clover \*  
*Melilotus officinalis* – Yellow Sweet Clover \*  
*Mentha arvensis* – Wild Mint  
*Mimulus ringens* – Monkey Flower  
*Monarda fistulosa* – Wild Bergamot  
*Myosoton aquaticum* – Water Chickweed  
*Nepeta cataria* – Catnip \*  
*Oxalis stricta* – Common Wood- Sorrel  
*Oxalis violacea* – Violet Wood-Sorrel  
*Pastinaca sativa* – Wild Parsnip \*  
*Physalis pubescens* – Clammy Groundcherry  
*Physalis subglabrata* – Tall Groundcherry  
*Plantago aristata* – Poor Joe  
*Plantago lanceolata* – English Plantain \*  
*Plantago major* – Common Plantain \*  
*Polygala sanguinea* – Field Milkwort  
*Polygonum hydropiper* – Water Pepper \*  
*Polygonum persicaria* – Lady’s Thumb \*  
*Polygonum scandens* – Climbing False Buckwheat  
*Potentilla recta* – Rough-fruited Cinquefoil \*  
*Potentilla simplex* – Common Cinquefoil  
*Pycnanthemum virginianum* – Common Mountain Mint  
*Ranunculus abortivus* – Abortive Buttercup  
*Ranunculus fascicularis* – Early Buttercup  
*Ranunculus sceleratus* – Cursed Buttercup  
*Ratibida pinnata* – Yellow Coneflower  
*Rhus radicans* – Poison Ivy  
*Rudbeckia laciniata* – Wild Golden Glow  
*Rumex acetosella* – Sheep Sorrel  
*Scrophularia marilandica* – Late Figwort  
*Silphium integrifolium* – Rosinweed  
*Silphium perfoliatum* – Cup Plant  
*Smilacina stellata* – Star-flowered Solomonseal  
*Smilax tamnoides var. hispida* – Catbrier  
*Solanum carolinense* – Horse-nettle  
*Solanum dulcamara* – Deadly Nightshade \*

**Forbs (continued)**

*Solidago altissima* – Tall Goldenrod  
*Specularia perfoliata* – Venus’s Looking Glass  
*Stachys tenuifolia var. hispida* – Marsh Hedge Nettle  
*Tanacetum vulgare* – Common Tansy \*  
*Taraxacum officinale* – Dandelion \*  
*Teucrium littorale var. canadense* – Germander  
*Teucrium littorale var. virginicum* – Wood Sage  
*Thalictrum sp.* – Meadow-rue  
*Tradescantia ohiensis* – Ohio Spiderwort  
*Tragopogon pratense* – Goat’s Beard \*  
*Tragopogon hybrid* – Goat’s Beard x Salsify \*  
*Trifolium pratense* – Red Clover \*  
*Urtica dioica* – Stinging Nettle \*  
*Urtica procera* – Tall Nettle  
*Verbascum blattaria* – Moth Mullein \*  
*Verbascum thapsus* – Common Mullein \*  
*Verbena hastata* – Blue Vervain  
*Verbena urticifolia* – White Vervain  
*Veronica comosa* – Water Speedwell  
*Veronicastrum virginicum* – Culver’s Root  
*Vicia cracca* – Cow Vetch \*  
*Viola sagittata* – Arrow-leaved Violet  
*Viola sororia* – Common Blue Violet  
*Viola pedata* – Bird’s Foot Violet

**Shrubs (16) 12 Native**

*Cornus racemosa* – Gray Dogwood  
*Cornus stolonifera* – Red Osier Dogwood  
*Corylus americana* – American Hazelnut  
*Lonicera* – Honeysuckle \*  
*Parthenocissus quinquefolia* – Virginia Creeper  
*Rhamnus cathartica* – Common Buckthorn \*  
*Rhus radicans* – Poison Ivy  
*Ribes missouriense* – Missouri Gooseberry  
*Rosa carolina* – Pasture Rose  
*Rosa multiflora* – Multiflora Rose \*  
*Rubus allegheniensis* – Common Blackberry  
*Rubus flagellaris* – Common Dewberry  
*Rubus occidentalis* – Black Raspberry  
*Sambucus canadensis* – Elderberry  
*Symphoricarpos orbiculatus* – Coralberry  
*Viburnum opulus* – European Highbush Cranberry \*  
*Vitis riparia* – Riverbank Grape

**Trees (14) 11 Native**

*Acer negundo* – Box Elder  
*Acer saccharinum* – Silver Maple  
*Celtis occidentalis* – Hackberry  
*Juglans nigra* – Black Walnut  
*Maclura pomifera* – Osage Orange \*  
*Morus alba* – White Mulberry \*  
*Populus deltoides* – Cottonwood  
*Prunus serotina* – Black Cherry  
*Pyrus malus* – Apple \*  
*Quercus macrocarpa* – Bur Oak  
*Quercus velutina* – Black Oak  
*Salix nigra* – Black Willow  
*Tilia americana* – Basswood  
*Ulmus rubra* – Red (Slippery) Elm

**Fish (8)**

*Campostoma anomalum* – Stoneroller  
*Catostomus commersoni* – White Sucker  
*Etheostoma nigrum* – Johnny Darter  
*Moxostoma aureolum* – Northern Redhorse  
*Notropis cornutus* – Common Shiner  
*Phoxinus eos* – Red-bellied Dace  
*Pimephales notatus* – Blunt-nose Minnow  
*Semotilus atromaculatus* – Creek Chub

**Reptiles (3)**

*Chelydra serpentina* – Snapping Turtle  
*Storeria dekayi dekayi* – Northern Brown Snake  
*Pituophis melanoleucus* – Bull Snake

**Amphibians (6)**

*Bufo americana* – American Toad  
*Hyla cf. versicolor* – Gray Treefrog  
*Hyla crucifera* – Spring Peeper  
*Pseudacris t. triseriata* – W. Chorus Frog  
*Rana clamitans melanota* – Green Frog  
*Rana p. pipiens* – N. Leopard Frog

**Mammals (14)**

Beaver  
 Eastern Chipmunk  
 Cottontail Rabbit  
 Coyote  
 Mink  
 Woodland Jumping Mouse  
 Opossum  
 Plains Pocket Gopher  
 Raccoon  
 Short-tailed Shrew  
 Skunk  
 Thirteen-lined Ground Squirrel  
 White-tailed Deer  
 Woodchuck

**Insects (80) 74 Native**

*Anax sp.* – Dragonfly  
*Anax junius* – Common Green Darner  
*Ancyloxyphia numitor* – Least Skipper  
*Apion rostrum* – Baptisia Seed Pod Weevil  
*Archytas apicifer* – Tachinid Fly  
*Argicapicalis* – Blue-fronted Dancer Damselfly  
*Asilus prairiensis* – Robber Fly  
*Ayles lineata* – White-lined Sphinx Moth  
*Baetidae* – Mayfly  
*Bolaria bellona* – Meadow Fritillary  
*Calopteryx maculata* – Ebony Jewelwing Damselfly  
*Carmelionidae* – Negro Bug  
*Celastrina neglecta* – Summer Azure  
*Chironomus sp.* – Midge Fly  
*Chrysochus auratos* – Dogbane Beetle  
*Chrysopidae* – Green Lacewing  
*Chrysops sp.* – Deerfly  
*Colias eurytheme* – Alfalfa Butterfly  
*Colias philodice* – Clouded Sulphur  
*Ctenicera noxia* – Click Beetle  
*Cucullia asteroides* – Goldenrod Hooded Owlet  
*Danaus plexippus* – Monarch

**Insects (continued)**

*Depressaria pastinacella* – Parsnip Webworm \*  
*Epargyreus clarus* – Silver-spotted Skipper  
*Euchaetias egle* – Milkweed Tiger Moth  
*Eucretes comyntas* – Eastern Tailed-Blue Butterfly  
*Euptoieta claudia* – Variegated Fritillary  
*Euptychia cymela* – Little Wood Satyr  
*Gerris remigis* – Waterstrider  
*Grammia virgo* – Virgin Tiger Moth  
*Haematopis grataria* – Chickweed Geometer  
*Haploa reversa* – Reversed Hapola  
*Hydropsyche simulans* – Caddisfly  
*Isia isabella* – Woolly Bear Caterpillar Moth  
*Junonia coenia* – Buckeye  
*Labidomera clivicollis* – Milkweed Leaf Beetle  
*Libellula luctuosa* – Widow Skimmer  
*Libellula pulchella* – Twelve-spotted Skimmer  
*Limenitis archippus* – Viceroy  
*Limenitis arthemis astyanax* – Red-spotted Purple  
*Lycaena helloides* – Purplish Copper  
*Lycaena phlaeas americana* – American Copper  
*Mantis religiosa* – European Mantis \*  
*Microcentrum retinerve* – Angular-winged Katydid  
*Microcrambus elegans* – Elegant Grass-Vener  
*Nymphalis antiopa* – Mourning Cloak  
*Nymphalis milberti* – Milbert's Tortoiseshell  
*Oecanthus fultoni* – Snowy Tree Cricket  
*Oncopeltus fasciatus* – Large Milkweed Bug  
*Ostrinia nubilalis* – European Corn Borer \*  
*Papilio cressphontes* – Giant Swallowtail  
*Papilio glaucus* – Tiger Swallowtail  
*Papilio polyxenes asterius* – Black Swallowtail  
*Papilio troilus* – Spicebush Swallowtail  
*Pelecinus polyturator* – American Pelecinid  
*Perithemis tenera* – Eastern Amberwing  
*Philaenus spumarius* – Spittle-bug  
*Pholisora catullus* – Common Sootywing  
*Phyciodes tharos* – Pearl Crescent  
*Pieris rapae* – European Cabbage Butterfly \*  
*Plathemis (Libellula) lydia* – Common Whitetail  
*Polites coras* – Peck's Skipper  
*Polygonia comma* – Comma  
*Polygonia interrogationis* – Question Mark  
*Popilla japonica* – Japanese Beetle \*  
*Pyrausta ochosalis* – Pyrausta Moth  
*Sepedon fuscipennis* – Marsh Fly  
*Simulium sp.* – Blackflies  
*Simyra insularis* – Henry's Marsh Moth  
*Sitochroa palealis* – Carrot Seed Moth  
*Speyeria cybele* – Great Spangled Fritillary  
*Stenelmis sp.* – Elmid Beetle  
*Tabanus sp.* – Greenhead Fly  
*Tenodera aridifolia sinensis* – Chinese Praying Mantis \*  
*Tetraopes tetraphthalmus* – Red Milkweed Beetle  
*Tramea lacerata* – Black Saddlebags  
*Tremex columba* – Pigeon Tremex (Horntail)  
*Trichodes nutalli* – Red-blue Checked Beetle  
*Vanessa atalanta* – Red Admiral  
*Vanessa cardui* – Painted Lady

**Birds (132) 127 Native**

Double-crested Cormorant  
Great Blue Heron  
Green Heron  
Turkey Vulture  
Cackling Goose  
Canada Goose  
Wood Duck  
Mallard  
Bald Eagle  
Northern Harrier  
Sharp-shinned Hawk  
Broad-winged Hawk  
Red-tailed Hawk  
American Kestrel  
Ring-necked Pheasant \*  
Northern Bobwhite  
Wild Turkey  
Sora  
Sandhill Crane  
Killdeer  
American Woodcock  
Wilson's Snipe  
Solitary Sandpiper  
Rock Pigeon \*  
Mourning Dove  
Black-billed Cuckoo  
Yellow-billed Cuckoo  
Eastern Screech-Owl  
Great Horned Owl  
Barred Owl  
Common Nighthawk  
Chimney Swift  
Ruby-throated Hummingbird  
Belted Kingfisher  
Red-headed Woodpecker  
Red-bellied Woodpecker  
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker  
Downy Woodpecker  
Hairy Woodpecker  
Northern Flicker  
Olive-sided Flycatcher  
Eastern Wood-Pewee  
Willow Flycatcher  
Least Flycatcher  
Eastern Phoebe  
Great Crested Flycatcher  
Eastern Kingbird  
Yellow-throated Vireo  
Warbling Vireo  
Red-eyed Vireo  
Blue Jay  
American Crow  
Purple Martin  
Tree Swallow  
Northern Rough-winged Swallow  
Cliff Swallow  
Barn Swallow  
Black-capped Chickadee  
White-breasted Nuthatch  
Brown Creeper  
House Wren

**Birds (continued)**

Winter Wren  
Marsh Wren  
Sedge Wren  
Golden-crowned Kinglet  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet  
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher  
Eastern Bluebird  
Gray-cheeked Thrush  
Swainson's Thrush  
Hermit Thrush  
American Robin  
Gray Catbird  
Brown Thrasher  
European Starling \*  
Cedar Waxwing  
Golden-winged Warbler  
Tennessee Warbler  
Orange-crowned Warbler  
Nashville Warbler  
Northern Parula Warbler  
Yellow Warbler  
Chestnut-sided Warbler  
Magnolia Warbler  
Cape May Warbler  
Yellow-rumped Warbler  
Black-throated Green Warbler  
Blackburnian Warbler  
Yellow-throated Warbler  
Palm Warbler  
Bay-breasted Warbler  
Blackpoll Warbler  
Black-and-white Warbler  
American Redstart  
Prothonotary Warbler  
Northern Waterthrush  
Louisiana Waterthrush  
Kentucky Warbler  
Common Yellowthroat  
Wilson's Warbler  
Yellow-breasted Chat  
Eastern Towhee  
Scarlet Tanager  
American Tree Sparrow  
Chipping Sparrow  
Field Sparrow  
Vesper Sparrow  
Savannah Sparrow  
Fox Sparrow  
Song Sparrow  
Lincoln's Sparrow  
Swamp Sparrow  
White-throated Sparrow  
White-crowned Sparrow  
Dark-eyed Junco  
Northern Cardinal  
Rose-breasted Grosbeak  
Indigo Bunting  
Dickcissel  
Bobolink  
Red-winged Blackbird  
Eastern Meadowlark

**Birds (continued)**

Rusty Blackbird  
Common Grackle  
Brown-headed Cowbird  
Orchard Oriole  
Baltimore Oriole  
Purple Finch  
House Finch  
American Goldfinch  
House Sparrow \*  
Eurasian Tree Sparrow \*

**Miscellaneous (14)**

*Argiope aurantia* – Black and Yellow Garden Spider  
*Argiope trifasciata* – Banded Garden Spider  
*Dermacentor variabilis* – Wood Tick  
*Dugesia tigrina* – Planarian  
*Gammarus lacustris* – Scud  
*Hyalla azteca* – Sideswimmer  
*Hydrachnidae* – Water Mite  
*Limax* – Slug  
*Lumbricus terrestris* – Night Crawler \*  
*Naididae* – Aquatic Worm  
*Opilio sp.* – Harvestman  
*Physa* – Pond Snail  
*Spharium sp.* – Fingernail Clam  
*cf. Trombicula alfreddugesi* – Red Mite