

Flora of the Chicago Region

A Taxonomic and Ecological Synthesis

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THIS FLORA WILL INCLUDE MOST OF THE INFORMATION & ALL OF THE INNOVATIONS PRESENTED IN THE 4TH EDITION OF PLANTS OF THE CHICAGO REGION, PLUS:

- Etymology of generic and specific names
- Morphological descriptions of each family, genus, and species
- Re-evaluations of many problematic genera, including *Amelanchier*, *Chenopodium*, *Crataegus*, *Echinochloa*, *Panicum*, *Rubus*, and *Salix*. In most cases, a return to the original works of these genera is critical and necessary to understand them
- Addition of a whole new section of associates that account for all the insects, birds, and mammals that have intimate relationships with our vascular plants: nectaring of pollen or extrafloral nectaries, gall formation, herbivory, seed or fruit utilization, myrmecochory, et cetera
- Where vascular plants, or their communities have characteristic associations with bryophytes and lichens, these cryptogams are mentioned
- The lists of associated vascular plant have been revised to create additional space
- Nomenclatural alignments, while still conservative, are much more "current" than any of the other editions
- Fine-tuning of the coefficients of conservatism
- The abstruse but important aspects of local surface geology are integrated into plant community understandings
- Updated dot distribution maps
- Illustrations of the key floral features for each genus (occasionally fruits and/or leaves)

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