

Course Name: Plant ID Wetlands - Module	
Course Coordinator: State Biologist	Course Number: MI0216

Overview: This course emphasizes the methods and procedures that are used to identify common wetland plant species. It covers the identifying characteristics of common wetland species and their associated habitat requirements. This course also covers common identification books and tools.

Purpose: The purpose of this course is to provide information and procedures that are used to identify common wetland plant species. Common wetland plant guides will be used including Midwest Wetland Flora, Michigan Flora and Newcomb's Wildflower Guide. This information will result in wetland identification that assist customers in making decisions that conserve, maintain, and improve wetland resources.

Prerequisites:

- Review the following plant identification guides

Midwest Wetland Flora Guide
Michigan Trees
Newcomb's Wildflower Guide
Michigan Flora

Duration: One to three days

Target Audience: NRCS and conservation partner employees providing wetland plant identification assistance to customers.

Expected Outcomes: The minimum wetland identification proficiency level expected at the end of the course is 3 Perform with Supervision

Resources needed: National Food Security Act Manual, Midwest Wetland Flora Guide, Michigan Trees, Newcomb's Wildflower Guide, Michigan Flora Parts 1-3

Outline for: **Plant ID Wetlands - Module**

Part 1: In classroom

Discuss wetland criteria and the prevalence of hydrophytic vegetation

Review characteristics of plants which aid in identification

Review plant guides and how they are used.

Part 2: In field

Identify common wetland trees, shrubs, grasses and forbs which are found in the local area