

BOTANICAL INVENTORY OF PRAIRIE RIDGE STATE NATURAL AREA, JASPER COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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ABSTRACT. Prairie Ridge State Natural Area, located in southeastern Illinois, is one of the most significant grassland habitat complexes in Illinois and well known for supporting the only population of Greater Prairie Chickens (*Tympanuchus cupido*) in the state. On the site, we found 544 vascular plant species, of which 438 are native (including the state-endangered *Penstemon tubaeformis*), and one new state record (*Schoenoplectus americanus*). Exotic species accounted for 106 species (19.5%). Grassland communities were of two types: cool-season grasslands, managed by mowing and dominated by *Agrostis gigantea*, *Bromus inermis*, *Dactylis glomerata*, *Festuca arundinacea*, and *Poa pratensis*; and warm-season prairie grasslands, managed by fire or mowing, and dominated by *Andropogon gerardii*, *Schizachyrium scoparium*, and *Sorghastrum nutans*. Two small forest tracts were examined; both were immature second-growth mesic upland forests with an overstory dominated by *Quercus alba*, *Carya ovata*, and *Acer saccharinum*.

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At the time of European settlement, prairie vegetation covered about 60% of Illinois (Iverson et al. 1991). Most was “black soil” tall-grass prairie of the prairie peninsula that once stretched throughout much of the central United States and adjacent Canada (Transeau 1935). Nearly all disappeared after the arrival of European settlers. Small remnants remain in pioneer cemeteries, along a few railroad tracks, and in places of rocky or thin soil where it was not profitable to plow. In recent times, mostly within the last 40 years, numerous attempts have been made to recreate and restore prairie communities in Illinois (McClain 1986, 1997; Packard & Mutel 1997). Rarely, natural succession processes also created prairie communities.

Prairie Ridge State Natural Area is well known for supporting the only population of Greater Prairie Chickens (*Tympanuchus cupido*) in the state (McFall & Karnes 1995; Simpson & Esker 1997). There is abundant information on the site’s fauna, especially breeding birds (Simpson & Esker 1997, Simpson 1998). However, only two studies have focused on the plant life, a natural prairie restoration, associated with a pioneer cemetery (Edgin & Ebinger 2000), and

five tracts of prairie restorations surveyed by Kessler et al. (2001). The purpose of the present study was to survey the vascular flora of Prairie Ridge State Natural Area, and to determine the composition and structure of the vegetation on recently established grassland and recently acquired forest communities present on this 1093 ha natural area.

STUDY AREA

Prairie Ridge is included in the Illinois Natural Areas Inventory and is rated as one of the five most significant grassland habitat complexes in Illinois (Simpson & Esker 1997). This natural area consists of many isolated tracts of mostly abandoned farmland located approximately 11 km southwest of Newton, Jasper County, Illinois, near the small town of Bogota (S19 through 36 T6N R9E; N38.911°, W88.189°) (Fig. 1). The natural area is located within the Effingham Plain Section of the Southern Till Plain Natural Division, an area which encompasses most of the Illinoian glacial till in southern Illinois (Schwegman 1973). The Effingham Plain Section is a relatively flat plain drained by the Kaskaskia River and the Little Wabash River, and was glaciated approximately 125,000 years ago. In pre-settlement times it was covered mostly with prairie vegetation, although upland flatwoods and savanna com-

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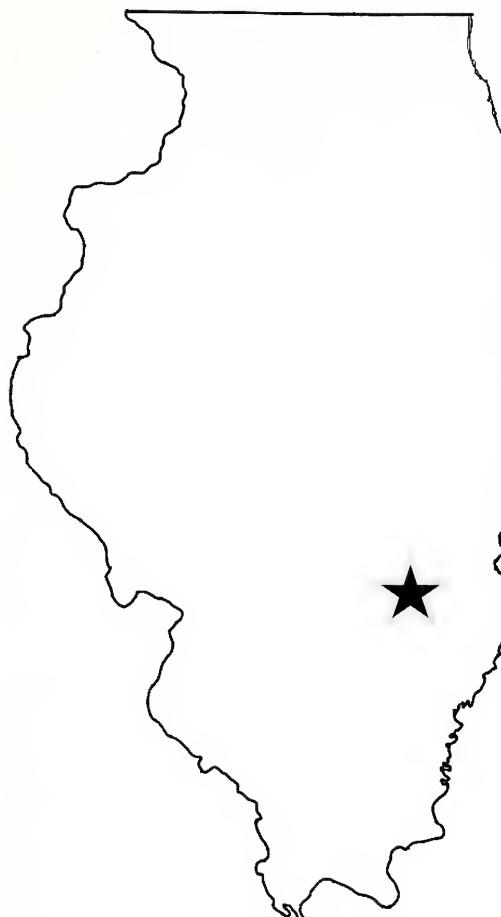


Figure 1.—Map showing location of Prairie Ridge State Natural Area, Jasper County, Illinois.

munities were common depending on soil type, while forests were generally associated with dissected topography along rivers and streams. Presently, in Jasper County about 84% of the land is devoted to agriculture, 5% to woodland, and the remainder cultural (Barmstedt 1992).

Soils throughout the study area are nearly level to gently sloping, poorly-drained, grayish brown and friable silt loam composed of Illinoian till overlain with shallow loess deposits on the broad ridges and knolls of the uplands (Willman et al. 1975; Barmstedt 1992). The climate is continental and characterized by hot, humid summers and cold winters. Precipitation averages 104.8 cm, with July having the highest rainfall (11.1 cm). Mean annual temperature is 11.4 °C, the hottest month being July (average of 24.3 °C), and the coldest being January (average of -3.1 °C). The average

number of frost-free days is 183 (Newton, Illinois, Midwestern Regional Climate Center 2009).

METHODS

Prairie Ridge State Natural Area was visited every 2–3 weeks during the 2005 and 2006 growing seasons and sporadically until the fall of 2008. During each trip, all flowering or fruiting species encountered were collected and voucher specimens deposited in the Stover-Ebinger Herbarium of Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, Illinois (EIU), with duplicates sent to the Illinois Natural History Survey Herbarium, Champaign, Illinois (ILLS). Nomenclature follows Mohlenbrock (2002) and the assignment of non-native status follows Taft et al. (1997) and Mohlenbrock (2002) (Appendix I).

Ground-layer species were analyzed from late August through early October 2005 using m^2 plots located at 1 m intervals along a randomly placed 25 m transect ($n = 25$ /transect) in each of 12 grasslands with varying histories of management. Even-numbered plots were placed to the right, odd-numbered to the left. Herbaceous species, shrubs, and tree seedlings to 0.4 m in height were included in the sampling. Percent cover for each species and bare ground and litter were determined by using the Daubenmire (1959) cover class system as modified by Bailey & Poulton (1968) (class 1 = 0–1%, class 2 = 2–5%, class 3 = 6–25%, class 4 = 26–50%, class 5 = 51–75%, class 6 = 76–95%, and class 7 = 96–100%). Mean cover, relative cover, frequency (%), relative frequency, and importance value (I.V.) were determined for each species. As used here, I.V. is the sum of the relative frequency and relative cover, and has a maximum value of 200.

During the late summer of 2008, transects (50 m × 100 m) were established in two small woodlots located along the western edge of the natural area. Both woodlots were surveyed by dividing the core area into eight contiguous quadrats 25 m on a side (0.5 ha). In each quadrat all living woody stems (≥ 10.0 cm dbh) were identified and their diameters recorded. From these data, the living-stem density (stems/ha), basal area (m^2/ha), relative density, relative dominance, importance value (I.V.), and average diameter (cm) were calculated for each species. Determination of the I.V. follows the procedure used by McIntosh (1957) and is the sum of the relative density and relative dominance (basal area).

Table 1.—Total species encountered in the study area, average species/plots, average importance value (I.V.) and average mean cover (M.C.) for the dominant species, and a list of the common associated herbaceous species in the grassland habitats examined at the Prairie Ridge State Natural Area, Jasper County, Illinois.

	<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i> <i>Solidago canadensis</i> Community (2 transects)	<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i> <i>Solidago canadensis</i> Community (3 transects)
Total species	13	35
Species/plot	3.22	4.01
Dominant species	<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>	<i>Solidago canadensis</i>
Average I.V. and M.C.	I.V. = 68.4 M.C. = 29.6	I.V. = 57.8 M.C. = 21.2
Subdominant species	<i>Solidago canadensis</i>	<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>
Average I.V. and M.C.	I.V. = 67.6 M.C. = 27.9	I.V. = 44.3 M.C. = 14.8
Associated species	<i>Festuca arundinacea</i> <i>Poa pratensis</i> <i>Pycnanthemum pilosum</i> <i>Rubus allegheniensis</i> <i>Solidago juncea</i>	<i>Achillea millefolium</i> <i>Aster pilosus</i> <i>Festuca arundinacea</i> <i>Phleum pratense</i> <i>Setaria glauca</i> <i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>
	<i>Andropogon gerardii</i> <i>Solidago canadensis</i> Community (4 transects)	<i>Solidago canadensis</i> <i>Rubus allegheniensis</i> Community (3 transects)
Total species	27	33
Species/plots	3.97	5.00
Dominant species	<i>Solidago canadensis</i>	<i>Solidago canadensis</i>
Average I.V. and M.C.	I.V. = 45.8 M.C. = 19.3	I.V. = 47.4 M.C. = 24.7
Subdominant species	<i>Andropogon gerardii</i>	<i>Rubus allegheniensis</i>
Average I.V. and M.C.	I.V. = 43.9 M.C. = 18.6	I.V. = 12.2 M.C. = 5.0
Associated species	<i>Ambrosia artemisiifolia</i> <i>Aster pilosus</i> <i>Festuca arundinacea</i> <i>Poa pratensis</i> <i>Rubus allegheniensis</i> <i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>	<i>Achillea millefolium</i> <i>Ambrosia artemisiifolia</i> <i>Aster pilosus</i> <i>Bromus inermis</i> <i>Dactylis glomerata</i> <i>Festuca arundinacea</i> <i>Trifolium pratense</i>

Woody understory composition and density (stems/ha) were determined using nested circular plots 0.0001, 0.001, and 0.01 ha in size. The nested plots were located at about 25 m intervals along line transects through the study areas. Four additional 0.0001 ha circular plots were located 6 m from the center points along cardinal compass directions. In the 0.0001 ha plots, woody seedlings (≤ 50 cm tall) and all shrubs were counted; in the 0.001 ha circular plots small saplings (> 50 cm tall and < 2.5 cm dbh) were recorded; and in the 0.01 ha circular plots large saplings (2.5–9.9 cm dbh) were tallied. Within each woodlot, 20 large and small plots and 100 seedling plots were sampled.

RESULTS

The preserve supports a total of 544 vascular plant taxa in 108 families (Appendix I). Ferns, fern-allies, and gymnosperms were represented by 10 taxa in 7 families. Of the remaining taxa, 165 were monocots in 17 families, and 369 were dicots in 84 families. Non-native (exotic) species accounted for 106 taxa, or 19.5% of the species collected. The largest plant families were Poaceae with 78 species, Asteraceae with 72 species, and Cyperaceae with 46 species. The only state-endangered species encountered was *Penstemon tubaeformis*, although *Silene regia* has been planted in the natural area and

Table 2.—Densities by diameter classes (stems/ha), total density (stems/ha), basal areas (m^2/ha), relative values, importance values, and average diameters of woody species in a *Quercus alba* dominated, immature second growth mesic upland forest (Area A) at Fuson Farm, Prairie Ridge State Natural Area, Jasper County, Illinois.

Species	Diameter classes (cm)					Total #/ha	Basal area m^2/ha	Rel. den.	Rel. dom.	I.V.	Avg. diam. (cm)
	10–19	20–29	30–39	40–49	50+						
<i>Quercus alba</i>	—	14.0	40.0	48.0	16.0	118.0	16.46	50.8	60.3	111.1	41.2
<i>Carya ovata</i>	12.0	14.0	2.0	2.0	—	30.0	1.430	12.9	5.2	18.1	23.0
<i>Acer saccharum</i>	2.0	—	2.0	12.0	2.0	18.0	2.438	7.8	8.9	16.7	40.0
<i>Fraxinus lanceolata</i>	—	4.0	6.0	2.0	4.0	16.0	2.446	6.9	9.0	15.9	41.3
<i>Quercus rubra</i>	—	—	2.0	4.0	6.0	12.0	2.532	5.2	9.3	14.5	50.7
<i>Carya glabra</i>	14.0	6.0	4.0	—	—	24.0	0.900	10.3	3.3	13.6	20.9
<i>Carya cordiformis</i>	—	2.0	2.0	2.0	—	6.0	0.536	2.6	2.0	4.6	32.6
<i>Prunus serotina</i>	—	—	—	2.0	—	2.0	0.374	0.9	1.4	2.3	48.8
<i>Carya tomentosa</i>	2.0	2.0	—	—	—	4.0	0.134	1.7	0.5	2.2	20.5
<i>Ostrya virginiana</i>	2.0	—	—	—	—	2.0	0.018	0.9	0.1	1.0	10.7
Total	32.0	42.0	58.0	72.0	28.0	232.00	27.276	100.0	100.0	200.0	

persists (Simpson & Esker 1997; Illinois Endangered Species Protection Board 2005).

Of the many species recorded for this natural area a few were not listed by Mohlenbrock (2002). These include the hybrid between *Acer rubrum* and *A. saccharinum* (*A. × freemanii*), which has occasionally been collected in southern Illinois (EIU herbarium has specimens from Coles, Jasper and Massac counties). The hybrid grass, *Elymus canadensis* × *E. hystrix*, was also found, although this taxon has rarely been observed throughout the range of both parents (Stephen Darbyshire, Agriculture Canada, Ottawa, pers. commun.). Addi-

tionally, *Schoenoplectus americanus* (Cyperaceae; synonym *Scirpus olneyi*), a new state record was found in the natural area by Tucker (2001), which was probably brought in by migrating waterfowl, as was the case in neighboring Missouri (Yatskievych 2001). Two other taxa, *Carex missouriensis* (Cyperaceae) and *Bothriochloa laguroides* (Poaceae), are new to the state due to recent taxonomic and nomenclatural changes.

Management of this natural area has involved the development of grasslands that include both introduced exotic grass and native prairie species. During the present study, 12

Table 3.—Densities by diameter classes (stems/ha), total density (stems/ha), basal area (m^2/ha), relative values, importance value, and average diameters of woody species in an *Acer saccharum* dominated, immature second-growth mesic upland forest (Area B) at CIPS Tract, Prairie Ridge State Natural Area, Jasper County, Illinois.

Species	Diameter classes (cm)					Total #/ha	Basal area m^2/ha	Rel. den.	Rel. dom.	I.V.	Avg diam. (cm)
	10–19	20–29	30–39	40–49	50+						
<i>Acer saccharum</i>	40.0	74.0	26.0	10.0	4.0	154.0	8.964	46.0	34.2	80.2	25.8
<i>Quercus alba</i>	—	12.0	10.0	30.0	18.0	70.0	10.49	21.0	40.1	61.1	42.7
<i>Carya ovata</i>	32.0	20.0	10.0	2.0	—	64.0	2.636	19.2	10.1	29.3	21.6
<i>Fraxinus lanceolata</i>	—	—	8.0	2.0	2.0	12.0	1.804	3.6	6.9	10.5	42.1
<i>Carya glabra</i>	—	2.0	4.0	—	2.0	8.0	0.918	2.4	3.5	5.9	36.8
<i>Ulmus rubra</i>	6.0	2.0	—	—	—	8.0	0.158	2.4	0.6	3.0	15.4
<i>Ulmus americana</i>	8.0	—	—	—	—	8.0	0.116	2.4	0.4	2.8	13.3
<i>Juglans nigra</i>	—	—	—	2.0	—	2.0	0.348	0.6	1.3	1.9	47.1
<i>Quercus stellata</i>	—	—	—	2.0	—	2.0	0.352	0.6	1.3	1.9	47.3
<i>Prunus serotina</i>	—	4.0	—	—	—	4.0	0.160	1.2	0.6	1.8	22.5
<i>Carya tomentosa</i>	—	—	—	2.0	—	2.0	0.252	0.6	1.0	1.6	40.0
Total	86.0	114.0	58.0	50.0	26.0	334.0	26.204	100.0	100.0	200.0	

Table 4.—Densities by diameter classes (stems/ha) of woody understory species in a *Quercus alba* dominated (Area A) and an *Acer saccharum* dominated (Area B), immature second growth mesic upland forests at Fuson Farm, Prairie Ridge State Natural Area, Jasper County, Illinois.

Species	Seedlings		Small saplings		Large saplings	
	Area A	Area B	Area A	Area B	Area A	Area B
<i>Acer saccharum</i>	11700	55125	—	—	5	15
<i>Prunus serotina</i>	6500	1875	—	—	—	—
<i>Fraxinus lanceolata</i>	4900	5500	100	—	—	—
<i>Carya glabra</i>	2000	1625	—	—	5	—
<i>Parthenocissus quinquefolia</i>	1400	3375	—	—	—	—
<i>Rubus allegheniensis</i>	1000	500	—	—	—	—
<i>Quercus alba</i>	700	500	—	—	—	—
<i>Cercis canadensis</i>	500	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Quercus rubra</i>	500	125	—	—	—	—
<i>Sassafras albidum</i>	500	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Morus alba</i>	400	125	—	—	—	—
<i>Ulmus</i> spp.	400	22750	—	—	—	—
<i>Ostrya virginiana</i>	300	—	—	—	5	—
<i>Toxicodendron radicans</i>	300	125	—	—	—	—
<i>Celastrus scandens</i>	200	625	—	—	—	—
<i>Celtis occidentalis</i>	200	875	—	—	—	5
<i>Malus ioensis</i>	200	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Carya ovata</i>	200	750	—	—	5	—
<i>Rubus occidentalis</i>	100	—	—	—	—	—
<i>Symporicarpos orbiculatus</i>	—	1875	—	—	—	—
<i>Ribes missouriense</i>	—	125	—	—	—	—
<i>Vitis vulpina</i>	—	125	—	—	—	—
Total	32000	96000	100	—	20	20

grasslands were surveyed to determine species composition. All sites were originally cultivated fields that were seeded to grasses between 1990 and 2004, nine fields to native prairie grasses, and three fields to cool-season, exotic grasses.

The dominant species in the grasslands examined was dependent, in part, on the species originally planted on the site. Generally, the grass species planted is presently the dominant species along with *Solidago canadensis*, a common native prairie species that enters most fallow fields, prairie plantings, and other disturbed habitat in the Southern Till Plain Natural Division (Kessler et al. 2001). This perennial member of the Asteraceae, with its wind-dispersed achenes and well developed rhizome system, readily becomes established and persists (Transeau 1935).

Nine tracts were originally planted to various native prairie grass species, and always had *Solidago canadensis* as the dominant or sub-dominant species (Table 1). Usually each of the nine fields was planted to *Sorghastrum nutans* and either *Andropogon gerardii* or *Schizachyrium scoparium* as a second native grass species

(Simpson & Esker 1997). Also, based upon the results of the vegetation surveys cool-season grasses were sometimes important associates in these prairie grass plantings, indicating that they were probably in the seed mix (Table 1).

Solidago canadensis and *Rubus allegheniensis* were the only species consistently found in the fields planted to cool-season grasses (Table 1). Usually a mixture of two cool-season grass taxa was seeded in each field, the most important species planted being *Agrostis gigantea* (red top), *Bromus inermis* (awnless brome), *Dactylis glomerata* (orchard grass), *Festuca arundinacea* (tall fescue), and *Poa pratensis* (bluegrass).

Both of the small woodlots examined were immature second-growth upland forests located in slightly dissected terrain close to the eastern edge of Newton Lake. The woodlots were classified as dry-mesic to mesic upland forests with the shade-intolerant, fire-resistant *Quercus alba* and *Carya ovata* among the top three species in importance. Shade-tolerant, fire-sensitive species were also present with *Acer saccharum* the most common followed by *Fraxinus lanceolata* (Tables 2, 3). The

understory in these woodlots was very open; few small or large saplings were present, though woody seedlings were extremely common (Table 4).

DISCUSSION

Prairie Ridge State Natural Area is one of only five biologically significant grassland habitat preserves in the state (Simpson & Esker 1997). It also is one of the 30 areas identified in the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Inventory of Resource Rich Areas in Illinois (Suloway et al. 1996). Since the original purchase in 1962, the primary goal at Prairie Ridge has been the development of a grassland ecosystem capable of maintaining viable populations of grassland bird species, including both permanent residents and migratory species, with an emphasis on endangered and threatened bird species (Simpson & Esker 1997). A second goal was to reconstruct the typical prairie vegetation that was representative of the Southern Till Plain of Illinois in pre-settlement times (Schwegman 1973).

Presently, within this natural area there are numerous fields similar to those surveyed in this study. These fields were originally cultivated and now have established populations of cool-season exotic grass, or populations of native prairie bunch-grasses. These plantings have been maintained by rotary mowing and prescribed burning. Over time, seeds and fruits of many prairie species become established in these fields. Some of these fields, where succession toward prairie communities has taken place, were studied by Kessler et al. (2000). On these fields prairie forbs were usually added to the original seed mix during planting. Also, forbs have entered the fields from surrounding fence-rows, roadsides, and small prairie remnants. In these fields *Sorghastrum nutans*, *Andropogon gerardii*, *Schizachyrium scoparium*, and *Panicum virgatum* were the dominant grasses while *Solidago canadensis* was the dominant forb. One field, originally planted in 1991, had 17 native prairie forb and shrub species present when studied in 1998 (Kessler et al. 2000).

Similar results, on another site of the natural area, were obtained by Edgin & Ebinger (2000) in a successional prairie that was cropped until the mid-1950s. Since that time the site has remained fallow, and has been colonized by prairie species from surrounding roadsides, fence-rows, and a small prairie remnant in a

cemetery near the northwest corner of the site. More than 144 species were recorded for this field, the majority being native prairie grasses and forbs, but also including 10 exotic and 20 woody species. *Andropogon gerardii* and *Schizachyrium scoparium* were the dominant grasses, while more than 90 native prairie forbs and shrubs were found.

Native grassland habitats come at a premium in Illinois, and so do many grassland birds. Prairie Ridge State Natural Area is the best place to find many of these species (Simpson & Esker 1997). While the grasslands and marshes of Prairie Ridge are the most unusual feature of this area, a wide variety of habitats is nearby, including shrubby areas, small woodlots, and Newton Lake. All parts of the natural area are managed to create the best habitat for these endangered and threatened species. As a result of this management, native prairie is becoming established.

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APPENDIX I

Vascular plant species encountered at Prairie Ridge State Natural Area, Jasper County, Illinois are listed alphabetically by family under major plant groups. An asterisk (*) indicates non-native species. Collecting numbers are preceded by the initial of the collector (E = Bob Edgin; K = Annette Kessler; T = Gordon Tucker). Specimens are deposited in the Stover-Ebinger Herbarium, Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, Illinois (EIU), with some duplicates at the Illinois Natural History Survey Herbarium, Champaign, Illinois (ILLS). Nomenclature generally follows Mohlenbrock (2002).

FERNS AND FERN ALLIES

Aspleniaceae (Spleenwort Family)

Asplenium platyneuron (L.) Oakes, T14050

Dryopteridaceae (Shield Fern Family)

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- Eleocharis palustris* (L.) Roem. & Schultes, *T13856*
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