

Our vascular plant collection now houses 140 species with a total of 220 vascular plants which have been identified and collected in the field. I travel to the University of Montana in Missoula every fall, to have plants that have been collected, cross referenced with the university's, Herbarium collection. 58 plant species (45% of the collection) grow in or near wetlands 66% to 99% of their lifetime. The rest of the plants were collected in adjacent uplands, surrounding the riparian areas. 12 new species were added into the collection, taken mostly from prairie sites.

WETLAND INVENTORIES

Wetland inventories have been completed on 49 sites, and wetland assessments have been completed on 25 sites. Wetland Delineations were also performed, and classified 36 sites as a jurisdictional wetland.

Wetland assessments were conducted using the Montana Department of Transportations, Functional Assessment Method, which classifies wetlands by assigning functions and values.

<i>Category I (Pristine or Endangered species present)</i>	<i>2 sites</i>
<i>Category II (Sensitive species present and scores above 65%)</i>	<i>14 sites</i>
<i>Category III (If Category I, II or III not satisfied)</i>	<i>3 sites</i>
<i>Category IV (Low rating below 30%, usually an impacted wetland)</i>	<i><u>6 sites</u></i>
	<i>25 total sites</i>