

Grant Program

The Illinois Native Plant Society **Grant Fund** was developed to promote the conservation of Illinois native plants and communities through scientific research and rare plant searches.

The **Research Grant Program** funds projects relating to Illinois native plants and communities (including those that are threatened or endangered), such as life history, reproductive biology, demography, genetics, comparative site inventories, community ecology, ecological interactions and threat impacts.

The **Survey Grant Program** funds searches for Illinois Endangered, Threatened, or Rare species for which current data are inadequate to assess their status and for which field surveys and recovery recommendations are needed.



Samantha (Sam) Danguilan, recipient of an INPS research grant, studies phenology and pollinators of Spring Beauty (*Claytonia virginica*). -Photo by Aurelia Nichols

History

The Illinois Native Plant Society was organized as the Southern Illinois Native Plant Society by Dr. Robert Mohlenbrock at Southern Illinois University and his son, Mark W. Mohlenbrock, in 1982. In 1986, it expanded to become the statewide organization we know today. The Society is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and consists of members that participate at state and chapter levels. Members include professionals and amateurs who share an interest in all aspects of the flora native to the state of Illinois.

Chapters

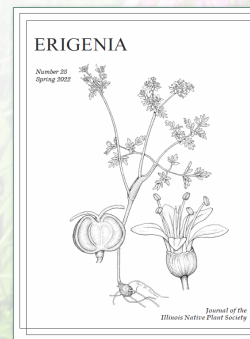
There are currently seven chapters of the Illinois Native Plant Society. Chapters host programs, hold native plant sales, offer workshops, conduct field trips and organize symposia. We welcome additional chapters.



Join us in celebrating the native plants and natural communities of Illinois. Scan me to learn more. Illinoisplants.org

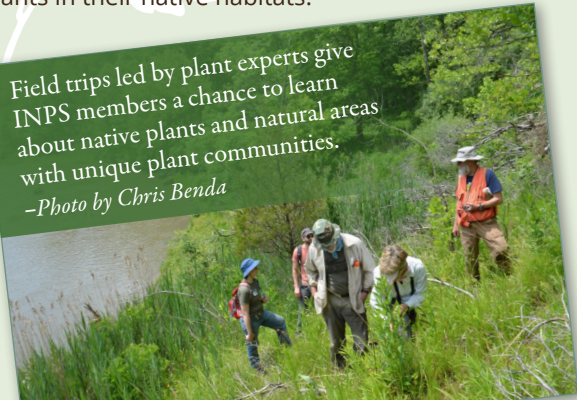
Publications

Erigenia is our peer-reviewed scientific journal published yearly, and *The Harbinger* is our statewide newsletter published quarterly. Additionally, some chapters publish monthly newsletters and other periodic content like guidebooks for wildflower viewing.



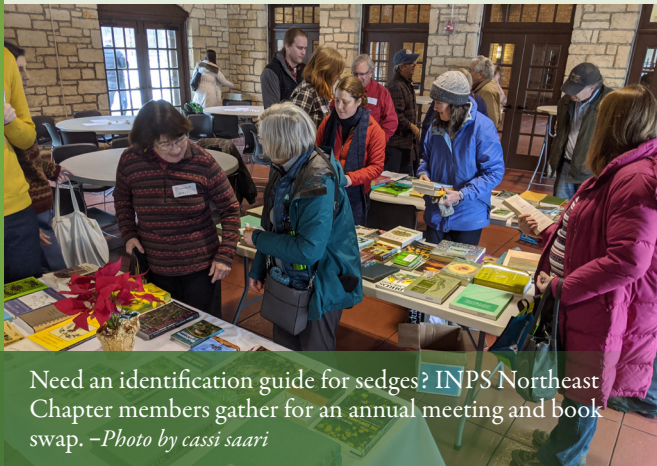
JOIN US in celebrating native plants and connecting to fellow native plant lovers. Get outside to observe plants in their native habitats.

Field trips led by plant experts give INPS members a chance to learn about native plants and natural areas with unique plant communities.
-Photo by Chris Benda

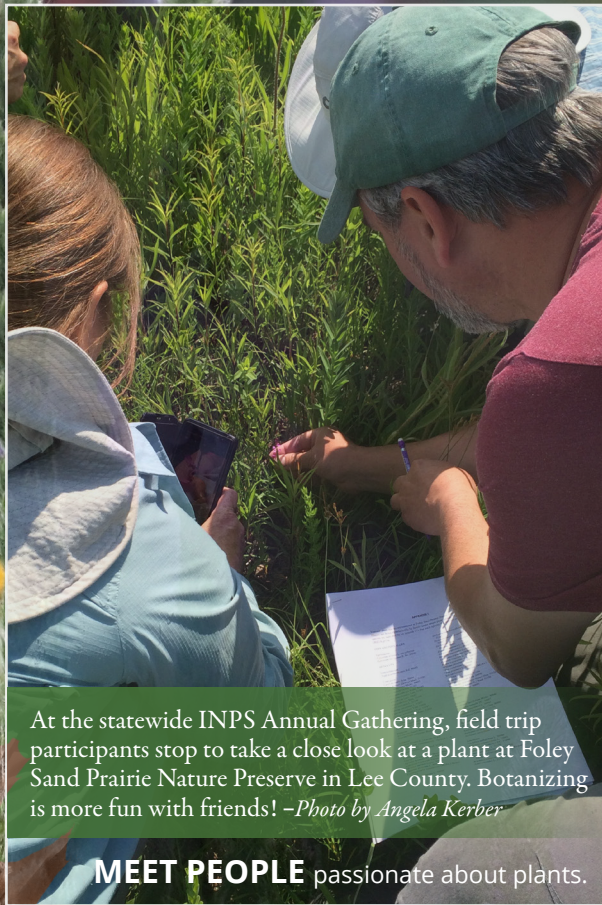


A group of INPS Southern Chapter members tour Mermet Lake State Conservation Area in Massac County in the far southern tip of Illinois. -Photo by Chris Benda

LEARN about native plants and plant communities.



Need an identification guide for sedges? INPS Northeast Chapter members gather for an annual meeting and book swap. -Photo by cassi saari



At the statewide INPS Annual Gathering, field trip participants stop to take a close look at a plant at Foley Sand Prairie Nature Preserve in Lee County. Botanizing is more fun with friends! -Photo by Angela Kerber

MEET PEOPLE passionate about plants.

GROW natives to provide healthy habitats for pollinators and the planet.

The bright orange blooms of Butterfly Weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*) provide a playful backdrop for two young girls. -Photo by Alana McKean



Native plant enthusiasts check out the selection at a native plant sale hosted by INPS.

-Photo by Alana McKean



The annual native plant sale hosted by INPS Central Chapter attracts a crowd.

-Photo by Alana McKean



"OUR VISION for Illinois is a thriving native flora, a public that values native habitats and advocates for native plants, and a robust array of scientific and popular publications that educate and inform about these issues."

With the help of members of INPS, this street corner is transformed into an island of nature.
-Photo by Alana McKean

