

Status & outcomes

The Minnesota Biological Survey (MBS) has enhanced our knowledge of the distribution and status of the state's flora, fauna, and native plant communities. To date MBS has:



- completed survey work in **81 of Minnesota's 87 counties**, with surveys underway in 6 other counties
- added over 15,000 new records of rare plants and animals to Biotics in the DNR's Natural Heritage Information System (NHIS)
- added over 8,800 **vegetation plots** to the Relevé Database in the NHIS
- recorded **20 native plant species and 3 native amphibians** [PDF](#) (40Kb) not previously documented in Minnesota
- conducted aquatic plant surveys in over 1,500 lakes
- produced printed and digital maps of **native plant communities and rare species** for 38 counties, and digital maps for an additional 18 counties and 3 **Ecological subsections**.
- mapped Minnesota's **remaining native prairie statewide** [PDF](#) (1mb) (**version with highlighted prairie landscapes** [PDF](#) [1mb])
- Mapped prairie data was incorporated in **Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan** [PDF](#) (7.5mb)