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Butternut

Smaller than black walnut, seldom more than 30' to 50' with a diameter of up to 24", although in the forest it can attain a height of 80' with a diameter of 36"; trunk usually divided and forked or crooked; top develops into open, broad crown; may be distinguished from black walnut by velvet collars just above scars left by last year's leaves.

[Butternut \(Juglans cinerea\) | Minnesota DNR \(state.mn.us\)](#)



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White Campion

A widely distributed weedy species from Europe, White Campion is common in waste places and disturbed sites in both urban and rural areas. Another species commonly called Bladder Campion is *Silene vulgaris*, which is mostly hairless overall with a smooth calyx and has long protruding stamens with purplish tips.

[Silene latifolia \(White Campion\): Minnesota Wildflowers](#)



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Honeysuckle (Invasive)

Non-native bush honeysuckles were introduced to the United States as ornamental shrubs. They thrive in sunny and moderately shaded disturbed areas, where they can out-compete and shade out native woodland species.

[Non-native bush honeysuckles | Minnesota DNR \(state.mn.us\)](https://www.state.mn.us/dnr/)



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Hoary Alyssum (Invasive)

Hoary Alyssum was once on the secondary noxious weed list for Minnesota. It is a weedy plant often found in empty lots, on roadsides, degraded fields, railroad rights-of-way, and other sunny locations with dry disturbed soil.

[Berteroa incana \(Hoary Alyssum\): Minnesota Wildflowers](#)



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Early Meadow Rue

Early Meadow Rue is similar to Tall Meadow Rue (*Thalictrum dasycarpum*), but the latter is a much taller plant (to 6 feet), has leaflets with only 2 or 3 lobes, and doesn't start blooming until about the time Early Meadow Rue goes to seed in June.

[Thalictrum dioicum](#)
[\(Early Meadow Rue\):](#)
[Minnesota Wildflowers](#)



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Wild Geranium

Wild Geranium makes a wonderful shade garden plant. It is easily distinguished from the other 3 Geranium species in Minnesota by its comparatively large flowers, an inch or more in diameter, where the others are under ½ inch.

[Geranium maculatum](#)
[\(Wild Geranium\):](#)
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Meadow Horsetail

Meadow Horsetail spreads both by spores and vegetatively from rhizomes and may create large colonies.

[Equisetum pratense](#)
(Meadow Horsetail):
[Minnesota Wildflowers](#)



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Wild Four O'Clock

Wild Four O'Clock is something of a weedy species, commonly found along roadsides, railroads, trail edges, fields, and even sidewalk cracks, though it may be found in higher grade habitats as well. It can take on a bushy appearance due to much branching.

[Mirabilis nyctaginea](#)
[\(Wild Four O'Clock\):](#)
[Minnesota Wildflowers](#)



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Crown Vetch (Invasive)

Crown vetch (also known as axseed and purple crown-vetch) is a perennial plant in the pea family. It has been widely planted along roadsides for erosion control and can spread into prairies, forest edges, and riverbanks.

[Crown vetch or axseed \(Securigera varia\) | Minnesota DNR \(state.mn.us\)](#)



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Wild Grape

Some consider Riverbank Grape a weedy pest, sometimes creating dense masses and smothering other plants and even small trees. Though it can become aggressive along woodland edges and other disturbed areas where seed is spread, it is typically better behaved in the shadier riverbanks and mature forests where it competes well with other forest species.

[Vitis riparia \(Riverbank Grape\): Minnesota Wildflowers](#)



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Black Raspberry

Black Raspberry is common throughout much of southern Minnesota and frequently found along roadsides and hiking trails. Its range northward is mostly limited by winter hardiness. It is easily recognized and "going black cap picking" is a favorite pastime.

[Rubus occidentalis](#)
[\(Black Raspberry\):](#)
[Minnesota Wildflowers](#)



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Red Raspberry

Red Raspberry is ubiquitous throughout much of Minnesota and frequently found along roadsides and hiking trails. It is probably the most widely recognized and consumed wild fruit, though in deerfly season a head net is highly recommended.

[Rubus idaeus \(Wild Red Raspberry\): Minnesota Wildflowers](#)