

Lake Erie North Shore Inventory  
Of Vascular Plants 2012

By the first week in August Evan's Point was the farthest west location visited. Surrounded by privately held properties the site nevertheless had many interesting native plants.

Along with some of the rushes seen at other site a rare one Panicked Bulrush (*Scirpus macrocarpus*) was observed plus Baltic Rush (*Juncus balticus*) and Knotted Rush (*Juncus nodosus*). A fine example of Giant Bur-reed (*Sparganium eurycarpum*) along with Needle Spikerush (*Eleocharis acularis*) were also seen. A grass of note was Creeping Bent Grass (*Agrostis stolonifera*). An interesting sedge found here was Woolly Sedge (*Carex pellita*).

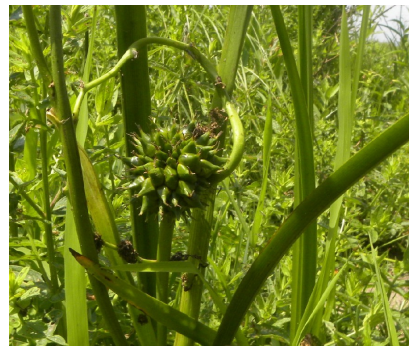
Other interesting specimens were Marsh Skullcap (*Scutellaria galericulata*), Square Stemmed Monkey Flower (*Mimulus ringens*), Fringed Willowherb (*Epilobium ciliatum*), Marsh Yellow Cress (*Rorippa palustris*) and Smaller Forget-me-Not (*Myosotis laxa*). A shrub of note found here was Basket Willow (*Salix purpurea*).

Many other more common plants were observed at different sites. Among them would be Eastern Cottonwood, Silky Dogwood, Red Osier Dogwood, Riverbank Grape, Red Oak, Nannyberry, Ninebark, Staghorn Sumac, Silver Maple and Poison Ivy (Both Types).

Other plants common to most sites were Indian Hemp, Pale Smartweed, Common Milkweed, Silverweed, Mayapple, Enchanter's Nightshade, Plus the usual invasives Queen Anne's Lace, Chicory and Common St. Johnswort.



Three Square



Giant Bur-reed



Torrey's Rush .



Beach Pea

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The second week of August saw us visiting a dune site behind Camelot Beach near Port Colborne. Here a fine example of Black Maple (*Acer nigrum*) with a diameter of more than a meter was seen.

Three types of Goldenrod were found at this location, Canada( *Solidago Canadensis*), Blue-stemmed(*S. caesia*) and Zig Zag (*S. flexicaulis*) plus examples of Wild Mint (*Mentha arvensis*) and Pale Jewelweed (*Impatiens pallida*).



Black Maple



Wild Mint

On the same day a visit to the Port Maitland area just east of the Grand River mouth the beach here once again was interesting. On the east side of the Siddall Rd. allowance there was a plethora of Beach Pea (picture on page #1) plants while on the west side an abundance of Trailing Wild Bean was noted.

Among the graminoids there were American Beach Grass, Switch Grass, Purple Sand Grass 9*Triplasis purpurea*), Baltic Rush (*Juncus balticus*) and Fox Sedge (*Carex vulpinoidea*).

The shrubby plants here were Sandbar Willow (*Salix exigua*), Peach-leaved Willow (*Salix amygdaloides*) and two Dogwoods, Silky and Red Osier.