

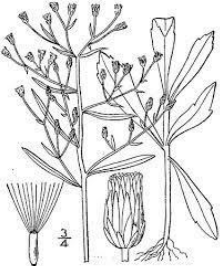
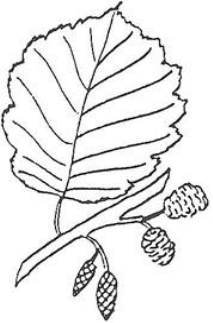



Stearns Lake –iNaturalist Plant Scavenger Hunt

Take pictures of the following plants showing as many characteristics as possible.

Name and family	Illustration	Characteristics
<p>Blue Vervain or Swamp Vervain</p> <p><i>Verbena hastata</i></p> <p>(Vervain family)</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> 5-petaled blue flowers in August, flowers 4mm wide <input type="checkbox"/> Plants can be a few feet tall. <input type="checkbox"/> Leaves opposite, longer than wide with sparsely toothed margins, often 3-lobed at the base. <input type="checkbox"/> fruit has 4 nutlets
<p>Common or tall Evening Primrose,</p> <p><i>Oenothera villosa</i></p> <p>(Evening Primrose family)</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> 4-petaled yellow flowers in summer, sometimes closed during the day <input type="checkbox"/> Plants can be up to 4 feet tall. <input type="checkbox"/> Leaves alternate, longer than wide, finely toothed margins
<p>Horseweed</p> <p><i>Conyza canadensis</i></p> <p>(Aster – sunflower family)</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Small flower heads with many white/yellow disk flowers <input type="checkbox"/> Flower heads on top of many-branched stem. <input type="checkbox"/> Leaves alternate, longer than wide, finely toothed <input type="checkbox"/> Leaves alternate, longer than wide, margins can be smooth or have serrations. <input type="checkbox"/> Bracts are arranged in an alternating way like roof shingles. Bracts are usually important for ID of asters.
<p>Thinleaf alder</p> <p><i>Alnus incana</i></p> <p>(Birch family)</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Small tree found bordering streams and lakes <input type="checkbox"/> Male and female flower on same plant. The flower parts are inside catkins. Male catkins are long and closer to the trunk female catkins are small, woody and conelike. <input type="checkbox"/> Leaves alternate, elliptic, can be doubly toothed on margins
<p>Fleshy Hawthorne</p> <p><i>Crataegus succulenta</i></p> <p>(Rose family)</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Shrub or small tree common along streams <input type="checkbox"/> Thorns 2.5 to 5 cm long <input type="checkbox"/> Leaves alternate, oval, with coarsely toothed margins <input type="checkbox"/> 5-petaled white flowers in clusters bloom May-June <input type="checkbox"/> Reddish fruit