

SENEY NWR HERBARIUM

Introduction

This herbarium represents an integral part of the history of the Seney National Wildlife Refuge.

The first specimens in the collection date back to 1940. Since then, hundreds of plants have been collected, pressed, mounted, identified, and labeled by over 20 people with an interest in the vegetation of the Refuge.

In 1964, Professor Edward G. Voss, a nationally recognized systematic botanist from the University of Michigan, examined the existing plant collection making many corrections and recording them on the herbarium sheets.

This project has been a cooperative effort. Especially deserving to be singled out is Laural Tansy (Administrative Technician) who helped save the collection from deprivation by rodents and insects after it was stored for years in an outbuilding. She also aided on the procurement of a professional herbarium cabinet, which presently houses the specimens, as well as typed the first draft of this manuscript.

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