

Dear Plant Photographic Scavenger Hunt community,

We at the IU Herbarium have two pieces of exciting news.

First, Hunting Lists have now been updated to include species that bloom through May. Given that we are hitting the peak of spring flowering it should not be surprising that the lists have increased in length. You can find them on the project website here: <https://herbarium.bio.indiana.edu/hunting-lists/index.html>. **Please make your members aware of the updates via your website and/or social media.**

[Hunting Lists: Herbarium Photographic Scavenger Hunt: Indiana University Bloomington](https://herbarium.bio.indiana.edu/hunting-lists/index.html)

Hunting lists "Hunting lists" are provided for each of the nine ecoregions in Indiana. Each list includes species you might expect to find in that region and notes the month the plants are likely to be in bloom. herbarium.bio.indiana.edu

Second, we soon will introduce a really cool feature to the Consortium of Midwest Herbaria website; **but you can try out test versions now!** If you've ever used the Golden Key, you know how useful it can be in identifying a species you're not sure about. With the new photo gallery option, as you check off characteristics and narrow down the species list, you can see color images of candidates. While this may sound like a small change, we have found it to be immensely useful for identifying species. We hope you'll try it out for yourself! Here are the links to the Golden Key test versions for three of Indiana's nine ecoregions.

1. SE Indiana -
- <https://midwetherbaria.org/portal/ident/key2.php?clid=5394&pid=124&taxon=All+Species>
2. Central Indiana -
- <https://midwetherbaria.org/portal/ident/key2.php?clid=5392&pid=124&dynclid=0&taxon=All+Species>
3. NW Indiana -
- <https://midwetherbaria.org/portal/ident/key2.php?clid=5967&pid=124&taxon=All+Species>

As you begin to work the key, click the "Display Images" box in the control panel and enjoy!

Many thanks to all our sponsors and collaborators for making the Photographic Scavenger Hunt a success -- and happy hunting!

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