



Rapid Floristic Quality Assessment with Plant ID Refresher

The course will begin as a plant ID refresher in preparation to apply the Rapid Floristic Quality Assessment (FQA) method. After an introduction to the methodology, participants will conduct a field exercise practicing the Rapid FQA.

July 7 & 21, 2026 (6 CEC per day)- Cloquet Forestry Center (July 7), Lino Lakes (July 21)

Course start and end time: 9am-5pm

Course Agenda:

Introduction and Ecological Settings of MN

Common Plant Communities & Species

Plant ID Stations

Introduction to Rapid FQA Concepts and Methods

Lunch

Small Group Field Exercise

FQA data interpretation and course wrap up

Participant Field Gear to bring: muck boots, clipboard, hand lens (not required)

Trainers (Cloquet): Dan Shaw, Mike Bourdaghs, Cade Steffenson, David Demmer, Ben Meyer

Trainers (Lino Lakes): Dan Shaw, Mike Bourdaghs, Carol Strojny, Alyssa Core, David Demmer, Ben Meyer