

Suspected New AIS Discoveries Communication Protocol: Group B Taxonomic Experts List

This list is intended for use by Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources staff. It is an extension of and is intended to be used according to the Suspected New AIS Discoveries – Communication Protocol.

The individuals listed below have sufficiently completed the AIS Verification Test administered by the Statewide AIS Monitoring Lead, which includes the following common restricted species and easy-to-identify prohibited* species.

Individuals who score 75% or greater will be added to the verifier list for 1 year. Those who score 100% will be added to the verifier list for 5 years. Verifiers who scored 100% may retest annually if they prefer, but the verifier list will reflect only the most recent score (e.g., someone who scored 100% in 2023 and then 80% in 2024 will need to take the test again in 2025 to remain on the verifier list).

To enable more verifiers, scores have been split into species-specific groups of aquatic plants, wetland plants, and animals. Fish are not tested on this exam as we defer to the local fish biologist. Every occurrence requires two verifiers to agree.

Aquatic plants: Eurasian water milfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*), curly leaf pondweed (*Potamogeton crispus*), water lettuce (*Pistia stratiotes*)*, and water hyacinth (*Eichhornia crassipes*)*

Wetland plants: Japanese knotweed (*Fallopia japonica*), flowering rush (*Butomus umbellatus*), yellow iris (*Iris pseudacorus*) in flower only, and purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*)

Animals: Banded mystery snail (*Viviparus georgianus*), Chinese mystery snail (*Cipangopaludina chinensis*), rusty crayfish (*Orconectes rusticus*), and zebra mussel (*Dreissena polymorpha*)

Fish: If it is a fish, contact your [local fish biologist](#).

Consult Statewide AIS Monitoring Lead if further verification is needed, or for approval of verification by individuals not listed here. To verify all other species, please contact the AIS Monitoring Lead.

| Verifier | Phone | Affiliation | Date of 100% | Retest Date | Animals | Aquatic Plants | Wetland Plants |
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| Acy, Chris chris@fwwa.org | (920) 460-3674 | Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance | 2024 | 2029 | X | X | X |
| Adler, Shelby shelby.adler@wisconsin.gov | (608) 712-4306 | DNR | 2022 | 2027 | X | X | X |
| Anderson, Katelin katelin.anderson@polkcountywi.gov | (715) 485-8637 | Polk County | 2023 | 2028 | X | X | X |
| Bartsch, Anna anna.bartsch@wisconsin.gov | (608) 716-1194 | DNR | | EXPIRED | X | X | X |

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| Boehlke, Matt Matthew.boehlke@wisconsin.gov | (715) 681-0277 | DNR | | EXPIRED | X | X | X |
| Boismenu, Stephanie sboismenu@oneidacountywi.gov | (715) 369-7835 | Oneida County | | EXPIRED | X | X | X |
| Boisvert, Tom thomas.boisvert@co.lincoln.wi.us | (715) 539-1054 | Lincoln County | 2023 | 2028 | X | X | X |
| Bolha, Dave david.bolha@wisconsin.gov | (920) 424-7892 | DNR | | EXPIRED | X | X | X |
| Burns, Lisa lburns@co.washburn.wi.us | (715) 468-4654 | Washburn County | | EXPIRED | X | X | X |
| Caven, Scott scott.caven@co.ashland.wi.us | (715) 682-7187 | Ashland County | 2024 | 2029 | X | X | X |
| Cicero, Patricia patriciac@jeffersoncountywi.gov | (920) 675-7121 | Jefferson County | | EXPIRED | X | X | X |
| Cowart, Kelsey kelsey.cowart@uwrf.edu | (715) 425-4930 | UW-River Falls | 2023 | 2028 | X | X | X |
| Dishaw, Shawna sbroullire@florencecountywi.gov | (715) 528-3483 | Florence County | 2026 | 2031 | X | X | X |
| Dobberstein, Lydia lydia@discoverycenter.net | (715) 972-6119 | North Lakeland Discovery Center | 2025 | 2028 | X | X | X |
| Djupstrom, Hayley hayley.djupstrom@co.lincoln.wi.us | | Lincoln County | 2023 | 2028 | X | X | X |
| Druckrey, Chuck cdruckrey@marinettecounty.com | (715) 732-7528 | Marinette County | 2022 | 2027 | X | X | X |
| Engele, Holland hengele@colwalworth.wi.us | (262) 741-7916 | Walworth County | | EXPIRED | X | X | X |
| Erlor, Natalie natalie.erlor@sawyercountygov.org | (715) 638-3266 | Sawyer County | 2024 | 2029 | X | X | X |
| Ewoldt, Ben benjamin.ewoldt@wisconsin.gov | (715) 491-4131 | DNR | 2022 | 2027 | X | X | X |
| Fillmore, Dara dara.fillmore@wisconsin.gov | (715) 718-1001 | DNR | 2024 | 2029 | X | X | X |
| Halstad, Kori wamsco.edu@gmail.com | (715) 851-7840 | WAMSCO | | 2027 | X | X | X |
| Hamerla, Chris chris.hamerla@goldensandsrcd.org | (715) 343-6215 Ext. 704 | Golden Sands RC&D | 2023 | 2028 | X | X | X |
| Hanson, Katie katie.hanson@sheboygancounty.com | (920) 946-5432 | Sheboygan County | 2024 | 2029 | X | X | X |

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| Hartman, Jack jhart@vilascountywi.gov | | Vilas County | | 2027 | X | X | X |
| Heald, Emily emily.heald@wisc.edu | (608) 262-6333 | UW-Extension | 2022 | 2027 | X | X | X |
| Higley, Catherine cahigl@vilascountywi.gov | (715) 479-3738 | Vilas County | 2025 | 2030 | X | X | X |
| Hudak, Andrew andrew.hudak@wisconsin.gov | (920) 662-5117 | DNR | 2021 | 2026 | X | X | X |
| Hutchinson, Colton chutchinson@jeffersoncountywi.gov | (920) 674-7111 | Jefferson County | 2023 | 2028 | X | X | X |
| Isaacson, Retta Retta.isaacson@colperce.wi.us | (715) 273-6763 | Pierce County | | 2027 | X | X | X |
| Jenks, Jayne jjenks@waukeshacounty.gov | (262) 896-8305 | Waukesha County | 2024 | 2029 | X | X | X |
| Juneau, Kevyn kevyn.juneau@uwrf.edu | (715) 425-4958 | UW-River Falls | | EXPIRED | X | X | |
| Kalscheur, Maureen maureen.kalscheur@wisconsin.gov | (608) 381-3231 | DNR | | EXEMPT | X | X | X |
| Kapinus, Emma emma.kapinus@co.crawford.wi.gov | | Crawford County | | EXPIRED | | X | X |
| Klockzien, Bre breanne@beavercreekreserve.org | | Beaver Creek Reserve | | EXPIRED | X | X | X |
| Kolasinski, Chris christopher.kolasinski@wisconsin.gov | (920) 252-5053 | DNR | | EXPIRED | X | X | X |
| Koyen, Sam skoyen@co.door.wi.us | (920) 746-2363 | Door County | | EXPIRED | X | X | X |
| Kretlow, Amy amy.kretlow@wisconsin.gov | (920) 893-8552 | DNR | | EXEMPT | X | X | X |
| Kunding, Kendra kendra.kunding@woodcountywi.gov | | Wood County | 2023 | 2028 | X | X | X |
| Lince, Mara Mara.lince@goldensandsrccd.com | (715) 343-6215 | Golden Sands RC&D | 2025 | 2030 | X | X | X |
| Lotto, Brooke brooke.lotto@wisconsin.gov | (414) 881-4018 | DNR | 2023 | 2028 | X | X | X |
| Martin, Grace grace@uppersugar.org | (608) 465-6383 | Upper Sugar River Watershed Assoc | | 2026 | X | X | X |
| Matheson, Reece reece.matheson@wisconsin.gov | (414) 345-0852 | DNR | 2024 | 2029 | X | X | X |

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| Matuszak, Danielle dmatuszak@sewrpc.org | | Southeastern WI Regional Planning Commission | | EXPIRED | X | X | |
| McComb, Scott mccomb@aqua.wisc.edu | (608) 890-0977 | Wisconsin Sea Grant | 2024 | 2029 | X | X | X |
| McGinty, Dawson dawson.mcginty@co.lincoln.wi.us | | Lincoln County | | EXPIRED | X | X | X |
| Mesalk, Tyler tyler.mesalk@wisconsin.gov | (715) 416-5066 | DNR | 2019 | EXPIRED | X | X | X |
| Miller, Jason jmiller@co.door.wi.us | (920) 746-2363 | Door County Soil & Water | 2025 | 2030 | X | X | X |
| Miner, Brian brian.miner@tnc.org | (262) 684-2014 | The Nature Conservancy | 2025 | 2030 | X | X | X |
| Moore, Emily emoore@burnettcounty.org | (715) 349-2109 Ext 2613 | Burnett County | 2022 | 2027 | X | X | X |
| Mullen, Naomi nmullen@co.walworth.wi.us | (262) 741-7916 | Walworth County | | EXPIRED | X | X | X |
| Nault, Michelle michelle.nault@wisconsin.gov | (608) 513-4587 | DNR | | EXEMPT | X | X | X |
| Neureuther, Nicklaus nneureuther@sewrpc.org | (262) 953-3225 | Southeastern WI Regional Planning Commission | | EXPIRED | X | X | X |
| Norris, Tyler wriscaquatic.pm@gmail.com | | Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition | | EXPIRED | X | X | X |
| Poinsatte, Justin jpoinsatte@sewrpc.org | | Southeastern WI Regional Planning Commission | 2024 | 2029 | X | X | X |
| Russell, Molly mrussell@ironcountywi.org | (715) 561-2234 | Iron County | | | | | |
| Sabre, Rachel rachel.sabre@wisconsin.gov | (414) 507-1413 | DNR | | EXPIRED | X | X | X |
| Sailing, Brady bsailing@co.walworth.wi.us | (262) 741-7916 | Walworth County | 2025 | 2030 | X | X | X |
| Scarasso, Marco marco.scarasso@wisconsin.gov | (608) 438-9238 | DNR | | EXPIRED | X | X | X |
| Schmitz, Amanda amanda.schmitz@washcowisconsin.gov | (262) 483-9687 | Waukesha, Washington Counties | 2024 | 2029 | X | X | X |
| Schwartz, Emily emily.schwartz@ocontocountywi.gov | (920) 834-7157 | Oconto County | 2026 | 2031 | X | X | X |
| Senderhauf, Andrew | | | | 2026 | X | X | X |

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| andrew.senderhauf@goldensandsrcd.org | | Golden Sands RC&D | | | | | |
| Sickmann, Katie ksickmann@wildriversconservancy.org | (715) 483-3300 | Wild Rivers Conservancy | | EXPIRED | X | X | X |
| Siwula, Patrick patrick.siwula@wisconsin.gov | (920) 893-8552 | DNR | 2023 | 2028 | X | X | X |
| Skawinski, Paul paul.skawinski@uwsp.edu | (715) 346-4853 | UW-Extension | | EXEMPT | X | X | X |
| Smith, Amanda amanda.smith@wisconsin.gov | (608) 883-5041 | DNR | 2025 | 2030 | X | X | X |
| Sorensen, Colton colton.sorensen@polkcountywi.gov | (715) 485-8639 | Polk County | 2023 | 2028 | X | X | X |
| Spencer, Lianna Lake_manager@tn.oakland.jefferson.wi.gov | (608) 423-4537 | Lake Ripley | | 2026 | X | X | X |
| Sroka, Keifer keifer.sroka@co.adams.wi.us | (608) 474-0699 | Adams County | 2025 | 2030 | X | X | X |
| Stegemann, Holly holly.stegemann@wisconsin.gov | (920) 360-0794 | DNR | | EXPIRED | X | X | X |
| Storlie, Jessica jessica.storlie@co.lincoln.wi.us | (715) 539-1054 | Lincoln County | | EXPIRED | X | X | X |
| Suelflow, Rayona rsuelflow@ironcountywi.org | (715)-561-2234 X1 | Iron County | 2025 | 2030 | X | X | X |
| Swenseon, Danielle Danielle.Swenson@co.lincoln.wi.us | (715) 539-1054 | Lincoln County | 2025 | 2030 | X | X | X |
| Tanner, Liz elizabeth.tanner@wisconsin.gov | (608) 225-8112 | DNR | 2021 | 2026 | X | X | X |
| Teal, Andrew ateal@bayfieldcounty.wi.gov | (715) 373-3417 | Bayfield County | | EXPIRED | X | X | X |
| Thorn, Derek flowais@lumberjackrcd.org | (715) 490-3325 | Forest Langlade Marinette Oconto Waterways | 2024 | 2029 | X | X | X |
| Van Egeren, Scott scott.vanegeren@wisconsin.gov | (715) 471-0007 | DNR | 2022 | 2027 | X | X | X |
| VandenLangenberg, Jamie jamie@discoverycenter.net | (715) 543-2085 | North Lakeland Discovery Center | | 2026 | X | X | X |
| Vogt, Abby abby@discoverycenter.net | (715) 543-2085 | North Lakeland Discovery Center | | 2026 | X | X | X |
| Voss, Ellen evoss@wisconsinrivers.org | (608) 257-2424 Ext. 111 | River Alliance of Wisconsin | 2023 | 2028 | X | X | X |
| Vucenic, Garrett gvucenic@florencecountywi.gov | (715) 528-3484 | Florence County | 2026 | 2031 | X | X | X |

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| Wallrath, Matt matt@uppersugar.org | (608) 437-7707 | Upper Sugar River Watershed Association | | EXPIRED | X | X | X |
| Witthoff, Aidan aidan@discoverycenter.net | (715) 543-2085 | North Lakeland Discovery Center | | EXPIRED | X | X | X |
| Wyant, Jasmine jasmine@uppersugar.org | (608) 437-7707 | Upper Sugar River Watershed Association | | 2026 | X | X | X |
| Young, Maria myoung@wildriversconservancy.org | (715) 483-3300 Ext. 1 | Wild Rivers Conservancy | | 2027 | X | X | X |