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
Abrams, Hannah habram@co.walworth.wi.us	(262) 741-7922	Walworth County		2027	X	X	X
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

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Bartsch, Anna anna.bartsch@wisconsin.gov	(608) 716-1194	DNR		EXPIRED informed	X	X	X
Boismenue, Stephanie sboismenue@oneidacountywi.gov	(715) 369-7835	Oneida County		EXPIRED informed	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 informed	X	X	X
Burns, Lisa lburns@co.washburn.wi.us	(715) 468-4654	Washburn County		EXPIRED informed	X	X	X
Caven, Scott scott.caven@co.ashland.wi.us	(715) 682-7187	Ashland County	2024	2029	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
Erler, Natalie natalie.erler@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.filmore@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
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

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Higley, Catherine cahigl@vilascountywi.gov	(715) 479-3738	Vilas County	2025	2030	X	X	X
Hutchinson, Colton chutchinson@jeffersoncountywi.gov	(920) 674-7111	Jefferson County	2023	2028	X	X	X
Isaacson, Retta Retta.isaacson@colpierce.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
Kalscheur, Maureen maureen.kalscheur@wisconsin.gov	(608) 381-3231	DNR		EXEMPT	X	X	X
Klockzien, Bre breanne@beavercreekreserve.org		Beaver Creek Reserve		2027	X	X	X
Kolasinski, Chris christopher.kolasinski@wisconsin.gov	(920) 252-5053	DNR		2028	X	X	X
Kretlow, Amy amy.kretlow@wisconsin.gov	(920) 893-8552	DNR		EXEMPT	X	X	X
Kundinger, Kendra kendra.kundinger@woodcountywi.gov		Wood County	2023	2028	X	X	X
Lince, Mara Mara.lince@goldensandsrcd.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		2027	X	X	X
Matheson, Reece reece.matheson@wisconsin.gov	(414) 345-0852	DNR	2024	2029	X	X	X
Matuszak, Danielle dmatuszak@sewrpc.org		Southeastern WI Regional Planning Commission		EXPIRED informed	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 informed	X	X	X
Mesalk, Tyler tyler.mesalk@wisconsin.gov	(715) 416-5066	DNR	2019	EXPIRED informed	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

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Moore, Emily emoore@burnettcounty.org	(715) 349-2109 Ext 2613	Burnett County	2022	2027	X	X	X
Nault, Michelle michelle.nault@wisconsin.gov	(608) 513-4587	DNR		EXEMPT	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	2026	2031	X	X	X
Sabre, Rachel rachel.sabre@wisconsin.gov	(414) 507-1413	DNR		EXPIRED informed	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 informed	X	X	X
Schmitz, Amanda amanda.schmitz@washcowisco.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 andrew.senderhauf@goldensandsrcd.org		Portage County		EXPIRED informed	X	X	X
Sickmann, Katie ksickmann@wildriversconservancy.org	(715) 483-3300	Wild Rivers Conservancy		EXPIRED informed	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		2027	X	X	X
Sroka, Keifer keifer.sroka@co.adams.wi.us	(608) 474-0699	Adams 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	EXPIRED informed	X	X	X

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Teal, Andrew ateal@bayfieldcounty.wi.gov	(715) 373-3417	Bayfield County	2026	2031	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		EXPIRED informed	X	X	X
Vogt, Abby abby@discoverycenter.net	(715) 543-2085	North Lakeland Discovery Center		2027	X	X	X
Voss, Ellen evoss@wisconsinrivers.org	(608) 257-2424 Ext. 111	River Alliance of Wisconsin	2023	2028	X	X	X
Vucenic, Garett gvucenic@florencecountywi.gov	(715) 528-3484	Florence County	2026	2031	X	X	X
Wallrath, Matt matt@uppersugar.org	(608) 437-7707	Upper Sugar River Watershed Association		EXPIRED informed	X	X	X
Wyant, Jasmine jasmine@uppersugar.org	(608) 437-7707	Upper Sugar River Watershed Association		2027	X	X	X
Young, Maria myoung@wildriversconservancy.org	(715) 483-3300 Ext. 1	Wild Rivers Conservancy		2027	X	X	X