

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 2022 and then 80% in 2023 will need to take the test again in 2024 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
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		2024	X	X	X

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Boismenu, Stephanie sboismenu@co.oneida.wi.us	(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		2024	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
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
Edwards, Donn donn.edwards@wisconsin.gov	(608) 419-3388	DNR		EXPIRED	X	X	X
Engele, Holland hengele@colwalworth.wi.us	(262) 741-7916	Walworth County		2025	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
Fanning, Sarah sarahr.fanning@wisconsin.gov	(608) 220-6664	DNR		EXPIRED		X	X
Hamerla, Chris chris.hamerla@goldensandsrwd.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
Heald, Emily emily.heald@wisc.edu	(608) 262-6333	UW-Extension	2022	2027	X	X	X
Hein, Katie catherine.hein@wisconsin.gov	(608) 267-2376	DNR		EXPIRED		X	X
Higley, Catherine cahigl@vilascountywi.gov	(715) 479-3738	Vilas County		EXPIRED	X	X	X
Hudak, Andrew andrew.hudak@wisconsin.gov	(920) 662-5117	DNR	2021	2026	X	X	X

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Hutchinson, Colton chutchinson@jeffersoncountywi.gov	(920) 674-7111	Jefferson County	2023	2028	X	X	X
Jenks, Jayne jjenks@waukeshacounty.gov	(262) 896-8305	Waukesh 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		2024		X	X
Klemme, Becca klemmer@uwosh.edu	(902) 424-0763	UW-Oshkosh		EXPIRED	X	X	X
Klockzien, Bre breanne@beavercreekreserve.org		Beaver Creek Reserve		2025	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		2024	X	X	X
Kretlow, Amy amy.kretlow@wisconsin.gov	(920) 893-8552	DNR		EXEMPT	X	X	X
Kromrey, Mica mica.kromrey@wisconsin.gov	(608) 712-8147	DNR	2022	2027	X	X	X
Kundinger, Kendra kendra.kundinger@woodcountywi.gov		Wood County	2023	2028	X	X	X
Lotto, Brooke brooke.lotto@wisconsin.gov	(414) 881-4018	DNR	2023	2028	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		2025	X	X	
McComb, Scott mccomb@aqua.wisc.edu	(608) 890-0977	Wisconsin Sea Grant		2024	X	X	X
McGinty, Dawson dawson.mcginty@co.lincoln.wi.us		Lincoln County		2025	X	X	X
Mesalk, Tyler tyler.mesalk@wisconsin.gov	(715) 416-5066	DNR	2019	2024	X	X	X
Moore, Emily emoore@burnettcounty.org	(715) 349-2109 Ext 2613	Burnett County	2022	2027	X	X	X

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Mullen, Naomi nmullen@co.walworth.wi.us	(262) 741-7916	Walworth County		2024	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		2025	X	X	X
Norris, Tyler wriscaquatic.pm@gmail.com		Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition		2024	X	X	X
Poinsatte, Justin jpoinsatte@sewrpc.org		Southeastern WI Regional Planning Commission	2024	2029	X	X	X
Raleigh, Mycal mycal.raleigh@wisconsin.gov	(715) 839-2781	DNR		EXPIRED	X	X	X
Sabre, Rachel rachel.sabre@wisconsin.gov	(414) 507-1413	DNR		EXPIRED	X	X	X
Scarasso, Marco marco.scarasso@wisconsin.gov	(608) 438-9238	DNR		EXPIRED	X	X	X
Scherer, Jeanne jeanne.scherer@wisc.edu	(608) 720-0195	DNR/UW-Extension		EXPIRED	X	X	X
Schluskel, Addie addie@rockrivercoalition.org		Rock River Coalition	2023	2028	X	X	X
Schmitz, Amanda aschmitz@waukeshacounty.gov	(262) 483-9687	Waukesha, Washington Counties		2024	X	X	X
Selle, Alex alexander.selle@wisconsin.gov	(715) 413-2376	DNR		EXPIRED	X	X	X
Senderhauf, Andrew andrew.senderhauf@goldensandsrscd.org		Golden Sands RC&D		2025	X	X	X
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) 275-3283	DNR		EXPIRED	X	X	X
Sorensen, Colton colton.sorensen@polkcountywi.gov	(715) 485-8639	Polk County	2023	2028	X	X	X
Spencer, Lianna spencerlj24@uw.edu	(608) 423-4537	Lake Ripley		EXPIRED	X	X	X

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Sroka, Keifer keifer.sroka@co.adams.wi.us	(608) 474-0699	Adams County		2025	X	X	X
Stegemann, Holly holly.stegemann@wisconsin.gov	(920) 360-0794	DNR		EXPIRED	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		2025	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		2024	X	X	X
Voss, Ellen evoss@wisconsinrivers.org	(608) 257-2424 Ext. 111	River Alliance of Wisconsin	2023	2028	X	X	X
Wallrath, Matt matt@uppersugar.org	(608) 437-7707	Upper Sugar River Watershed Association		EXPIRED	X	X	X
Wickman, Sandy sandra.wickman@wisconsin.gov	(715) 365-8951	DNR/UW- Extension		EXPIRED	X	X	X
Wilson, Zach zach@ironcountywi.org	(715) 561-2234	Iron County		EXPIRED	X	X	X
Young, Maria myoung@wildriversconservancy.org	(715) 483-3300 Ext. 1	Wild Rivers Conservancy		2024	X	X	X