

# 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 <a href="mailto:chris@fwwa.org">chris@fwwa.org</a>	(920) 460-3674	Fox-Wolf Watershed Alliance		2024	X	X	X
Adler, Shelby <a href="mailto:shelby.adler@wisconsin.gov">shelby.adler@wisconsin.gov</a>	(608) 712-4306	DNR	2022	2027	X	X	X
Anderson, Katelin <a href="mailto:katelin.anderson@polkcountywi.gov">katelin.anderson@polkcountywi.gov</a>	(715) 485-8637	Polk County		2024	X	X	X
Bartsch, Anna <a href="mailto:anna.bartsch@wisconsin.gov">anna.bartsch@wisconsin.gov</a>	(608) 716-1194	DNR		2024	X	X	X

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Boismenu, Stephanie <a href="mailto:sboismenu@co.oneida.wi.us">sboismenu@co.oneida.wi.us</a>	(715) 369-7835	Oneida County		EXPIRED	X	X	X
Boisvert, Tom <a href="mailto:thomas.boisvert@co.lincoln.wi.us">thomas.boisvert@co.lincoln.wi.us</a>	(715) 539-1054	Lincoln County	2023	2028	X	X	X
Bolha, Dave <a href="mailto:david.bolha@wisconsin.gov">david.bolha@wisconsin.gov</a>	(920) 424-7892	DNR		EXPIRED	X	X	X
Burns, Lisa <a href="mailto:lburns@co.washburn.wi.us">lburns@co.washburn.wi.us</a>	(715) 468-4654	Washburn County		2024	X	X	X
Caven, Scott <a href="mailto:scott.caven@co.ashland.wi.us">scott.caven@co.ashland.wi.us</a>	(715) 682-7187	Ashland County		2024	X	X	X
Cicero, Patricia <a href="mailto:patriciac@jeffersoncountywi.gov">patriciac@jeffersoncountywi.gov</a>	(920) 675-7121	Jefferson County		EXPIRED	X	X	X
Cowart, Kelsey <a href="mailto:kelsey.cowart@uwrf.edu">kelsey.cowart@uwrf.edu</a>	(715) 425-4930	UW-River Falls	2023	2028	X	X	X
Djupstrom, Hayley <a href="mailto:hayley.djupstrom@co.lincoln.wi.us">hayley.djupstrom@co.lincoln.wi.us</a>		Lincoln County	2023	2028	X	X	X
Druckrey, Chuck <a href="mailto:cdruckrey@marinettecounty.com">cdruckrey@marinettecounty.com</a>	(715) 732-7528	Marinette County	2022	2027	X	X	X
Edwards, Donn <a href="mailto:donn.edwards@wisconsin.gov">donn.edwards@wisconsin.gov</a>	(608) 419-3388	DNR		EXPIRED	X	X	X
Erler, Natalie <a href="mailto:natalie.erler@sawyercountygov.org">natalie.erler@sawyercountygov.org</a>	(715) 638-3266	Sawyer County		2024	X	X	X
Ewoldt, Ben <a href="mailto:benjamin.ewoldt@wisconsin.gov">benjamin.ewoldt@wisconsin.gov</a>	(715) 491-4131	DNR	2022	2027	X	X	X
Fanning, Sarah <a href="mailto:sarahr.fanning@wisconsin.gov">sarahr.fanning@wisconsin.gov</a>	(608) 220-6664	DNR		EXPIRED		X	X
Hamerla, Chris <a href="mailto:chris.hamerla@goldensandsrcd.org">chris.hamerla@goldensandsrcd.org</a>	(715) 343-6215 Ext. 704	Golden Sands RC&D	2023	2028	X	X	X
Heald, Emily <a href="mailto:emily.heald@wisc.edu">emily.heald@wisc.edu</a>	(608) 262-6333	UW-Extension	2022	2027	X	X	X
Hein, Katie <a href="mailto:catherine.hein@wisconsin.gov">catherine.hein@wisconsin.gov</a>	(608) 267-2376	DNR		EXPIRED		X	X
Higley, Catherine <a href="mailto:cahigl@vilascountywi.gov">cahigl@vilascountywi.gov</a>	(715) 479-3738	Vilas County		EXPIRED	X	X	X
Hudak, Andrew <a href="mailto:andrew.hudak@wisconsin.gov">andrew.hudak@wisconsin.gov</a>	(920) 662-5117	DNR	2021	2026	X	X	X
Hutchinson, Colton <a href="mailto:chutchinson@jeffersoncountywi.gov">chutchinson@jeffersoncountywi.gov</a>	(920) 674-7111	Jefferson County	2023	2028	X	X	X
Jenks, Jayne <a href="mailto:jjenks@waukeshacounty.gov">jjenks@waukeshacounty.gov</a>	(262) 896-8305	Waukesha County		2024	X	X	X

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Juneau, Kevyn <a href="mailto:kevyn.juneau@uwrf.edu">kevyn.juneau@uwrf.edu</a>	(715) 425-4958	UW-River Falls		EXPIRED	X	X	
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Kapinus, Emma <a href="mailto:emma.kapinus@co.crawford.wi.gov">emma.kapinus@co.crawford.wi.gov</a>		Crawford County		2024		X	X
Klemme, Becca <a href="mailto:klemmer@uwosh.edu">klemmer@uwosh.edu</a>	(902) 424-0763	UW-Oshkosh		EXPIRED	X	X	X
Klockzien, Bre <a href="mailto:breanne@beavercreekreserve.org">breanne@beavercreekreserve.org</a>		Beaver Creek Reserve		2025	X	X	X
Kolasinski, Chris <a href="mailto:christopher.kolasinski@wisconsin.gov">christopher.kolasinski@wisconsin.gov</a>	(920) 252-5053	DNR		EXPIRED	X	X	X
Koyen, Sam <a href="mailto:skoyen@co.door.wi.us">skoyen@co.door.wi.us</a>	(920) 746-2363	Door County		2024	X	X	X
Kretlow, Amy <a href="mailto:amy.kretlow@wisconsin.gov">amy.kretlow@wisconsin.gov</a>	(920) 893-8552	DNR		EXEMPT	X	X	X
Kromrey, Mica <a href="mailto:mica.kromrey@wisconsin.gov">mica.kromrey@wisconsin.gov</a>	(608) 712-8147	DNR	2022	2027	X	X	X
Kundinger, Kendra <a href="mailto:kendra.kundinger@woodcountywi.gov">kendra.kundinger@woodcountywi.gov</a>		Wood County	2023	2028	X	X	X
Lotto, Brooke <a href="mailto:brooke.lotto@wisconsin.gov">brooke.lotto@wisconsin.gov</a>	(414) 881-4018	DNR	2023	2028	X	X	X
McComb, Scott <a href="mailto:mccomb@aqua.wisc.edu">mccomb@aqua.wisc.edu</a>	(608) 890-0977	Wisconsin Sea Grant		2024	X	X	X
Mesalk, Tyler <a href="mailto:tyler.mesalk@wisconsin.gov">tyler.mesalk@wisconsin.gov</a>	(715) 416-5066	DNR	2019	2024	X	X	X
Moore, Emily <a href="mailto:emoore@burnettcounty.org">emoore@burnettcounty.org</a>	(715) 349-2109 Ext 2613	Burnett County	2022	2027	X	X	X
Mullen, Naomi <a href="mailto:nmullen@co.walworth.wi.us">nmullen@co.walworth.wi.us</a>	(262) 741-7916	Walworth County		2024	X	X	X
Nault, Michelle <a href="mailto:michelle.nault@wisconsin.gov">michelle.nault@wisconsin.gov</a>	(608) 513-4587	DNR		EXEMPT	X	X	X
Norris, Tyler <a href="mailto:wriscaquatic.pm@gmail.com">wriscaquatic.pm@gmail.com</a>		Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition		2024	X	X	X
Raleigh, Mycal <a href="mailto:mycal.raleigh@wisconsin.gov">mycal.raleigh@wisconsin.gov</a>	(715) 839-2781	DNR		EXPIRED	X	X	X
Sabre, Rachel <a href="mailto:rachel.sabre@wisconsin.gov">rachel.sabre@wisconsin.gov</a>	(414) 507-1413	DNR		EXPIRED	X	X	X
Scarasso, Marco <a href="mailto:marco.scarasso@wisconsin.gov">marco.scarasso@wisconsin.gov</a>	(608) 438-9238	DNR		EXPIRED	X	X	X

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Schlüssel, Addie <a href="mailto:addie@rockrivercoalition.org">addie@rockrivercoalition.org</a>		Rock River Coalition	2023	2028	X	X	X
Schmitz, Amanda <a href="mailto:aschmitz@waukeshacounty.gov">aschmitz@waukeshacounty.gov</a>	(262) 483-9687	Waukesha, Washington Counties		2024	X	X	X
Selle, Alex <a href="mailto:alexander.selle@wisconsin.gov">alexander.selle@wisconsin.gov</a>	(715) 413-2376	DNR		EXPIRED	X	X	X
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Siwula, Patrick <a href="mailto:patrick.siwula@wisconsin.gov">patrick.siwula@wisconsin.gov</a>	(920) 893-8552	DNR	2023	2028	X	X	X
Skawinski, Paul <a href="mailto:paul.skawinski@uwsp.edu">paul.skawinski@uwsp.edu</a>	(715) 346-4853	UW-Extension		EXEMPT	X	X	X
Smith, Amanda <a href="mailto:amanda.smith@wisconsin.gov">amanda.smith@wisconsin.gov</a>	(608) 275-3283	DNR		EXPIRED	X	X	X
Sorensen, Colton <a href="mailto:colton.sorensen@polkcountywi.gov">colton.sorensen@polkcountywi.gov</a>	(715) 485-8639	Polk County	2023	2028	X	X	X
Spencer, Lianna <a href="mailto:spencerlj24@uwu.edu">spencerlj24@uwu.edu</a>	(608) 423-4537	Lake Ripley		EXPIRED	X	X	X
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Vandenlangenberg, Jamie <a href="mailto:jamie@discoverycenter.net">jamie@discoverycenter.net</a>	(715) 543-2085	North Lakeland Discovery Center		2024	X	X	X
Voss, Ellen <a href="mailto:evoss@wisconsinrivers.org">evoss@wisconsinrivers.org</a>	(608) 257-2424 Ext. 111	River Alliance of Wisconsin	2023	2028	X	X	X
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Young, Maria <a href="mailto:myoung@wildriversconservancy.org">myoung@wildriversconservancy.org</a>	(715) 483-3300 Ext. 1	Wild Rivers Conservancy		2024	X	X	X