

Kawishiwi Ranger District Native Plant and Pollinator Garden-Superior National Forest

Final Report-FY2008

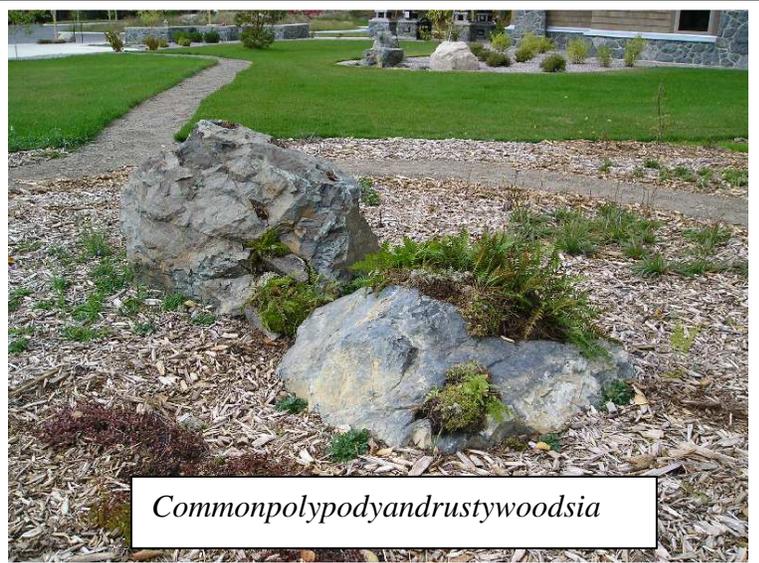


Lindley's aster at Kawishiwi Garden

Year Awarded: 2008
 Project completion: 2008
 Report number: 1 of 1
 Expenditures:
 • FY08 funding \$9,000; expend. \$8181
 Contractors:
 Prairie Restorations/Boreal Natives
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2008 Accomplishments

- In early July 2008, a contractor broke ground for a 1200sq. foot native plant/pollinator garden at the Kawishiwi Ranger District office in Ely, MN
- The contractor removed a few inches of existing soil, brought in black dirt and compost, and tilled that into the remaining native soil at the site
- The contractor also constructed a handicap accessible gravel footpath to the garden that makes a loop through the garden.
- The contractor then put down a fabric weed barrier
- Boreal Natives, a company specializing in native plants of local origin, supplied 27 species of native grasses, forbs, and shrubs, including Lindley's aster, pussytoes, blue-eyed grass, fringed brome, chokecherry, and smooth wild rose. Planting took place in mid July
- Superior National Forest employees and Youth Conservation Corp (YCC) spread cedar mulch and transplanted a few hard-to-get species from local forest areas
- We had not obligated a garden sign before fire burning occurred, so we will erect a sign next spring
- We detected deer browsing soon after the garden was planted, so we have regularly been applying deer repellent to the plants
- Outcome: a very attractive native plant and pollinator garden! In the future the garden will serve as a seed source for native species, will help promote awareness of native plants and pollinators, will help promote local native plant growers, and will help reduce energy consumption for lawn maintenance



Common polypody and rusty woodsia



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