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2018 UPDATE OF NATIONAL WETLAND PLANT LIST PUBLISHED

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), as part of an interagency effort with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), is announcing the availability of the final 2018 National Wetland Plant List (NWPL). The Federal Register Notice for the 2018 NWPL update was posted on 18 May 2020 and can be found here: <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2020-05-18/pdf/2020-10630.pdf>.

The NWPL provides plant species indicator status ratings, which are used in determining whether the hydrophytic vegetation factor is met when conducting wetland delineations under the Clean Water Act. The list is effective as of May 18, 2020 and will be used in any wetland delineations performed after this date. Delineations completed prior to this date may still use the 2016 NWPL. The final NWPL is available at <http://wetland-plants.usace.army.mil/>. State, regional, and national lists can also be downloaded from this site.

For the 2018 NWPL update, the NWPL National Panel and Regional Panels reviewed proposed wetland rating changes or additions for 20 species and 37 regional ratings (some species were reviewed for multiple regions) submitted by the general public. Eight of these species were proposed for addition to the NWPL, and 12 species were submitted for a rating change request in one or more regions. Three species were removed from this update. *Bassia hyssopifolia* and *Pycnanthemum muticum* were removed because in both cases, the requested indicator for the requested region, FACU in the Arid West and FAC in the Eastern Mountains and Piedmont, respectively, was already the existing indicator on the 2016 NWPL. *Pleopeltis polypodioides* is an epiphyte and upon additional review of its epiphytic nature and the position of epiphytes on the NWPL (Lichvar and Fertig 2011), it was determined that it should be removed from the NWPL.

More information regarding changes to the 2018 Final NWPL can be found in the attached table, or at the NWPL website (<http://wetland-plants.usace.army.mil/>).

The 2020 NWPL update is currently being developed and recommendations on species and occurrences are being accepted through the NWPL website.

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For technical questions about the 2018 update, please contact the Interim Director of the NWPL, Paul Minkin.

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Species	Region*	2016 NWPL Rating**	Proposed 2018 NWPL Rating	FINAL 2018 NWPL Rating
<i>Aristida palustris</i>	AGCP	NOL	FACW	FACW
<i>Artemisia dracuncululus</i>	AW	NOL	FACU	FACU
	WMVC	NOL	FACU	FACU
<i>Bromus nottowanus</i>	MW	NOL	FACU	FACU
	NCNE	NOL	FACU	FACU
<i>Delairea odorata</i>	AW	NOL	FAC	FAC
	WMVC	NOL	FAC	FAC
<i>Dichanthelium wrightianum</i>	AGCP	NOL	FACW	FACW
<i>Epilobium brachycarpum</i>	AW	NOL	FAC	FAC
	WMVC	NOL	FAC	FAC
<i>Hymenocallis latifolia</i>	AGCP	FACW	FACU	FACU
	CB	FACW	FACU	FACU
<i>Hymenocallis occidentalis</i>	AGCP	OBL	FAC	FACW
	EMP	OBL	FAC	FAC
	GP	FACW	FAC	FACW
	MW	OBL	FAC	FAC
<i>Ilex opaca</i>	AGCP	FAC	FAC	FAC
<i>Iva axillaris</i>	AW	FAC	FACU	FACU
	WMVC	FAC	FACU	FACU
<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	AGCP	FACU	FACU	FACU
	EMP	FACU	FACU	FACU
<i>Penstemon rydbergii</i>	AW	FACU	FACU	FACU
	WMVC	FACU	FACU	FACU
<i>Polymnia canadensis</i>	EMP	NOL	FACU	FACU
	MW	NOL	FACU	FACU
	NCNE	NOL	FACU	FACU
<i>Quercus michauxii</i>	AGCP	FACW	FACW	FACW
<i>Tussilago farfara</i>	NCNE	FACU	FACU	FACU
<i>Verbena brasiliensis</i>	AGCP	NOL	FACU	FACU
	EMP	NOL	FACU	FACU
	MW	NOL	FACU	FACU
<i>Verbena incompta</i>	AGCP	FACW	FACU	FACU
	EMP	FACW	FACU	FACU
	MW	FAC	FACU	FACU

* AGCP= Atlantic and Gulf Coastal Plain; AW= Arid West; CB= Caribbean Islands; EMP= Eastern Mountains and Piedmont; GP= Great Plains; MW= Midwest; NCNE= Northcentral and Northeast; WMVC= Western Mountains, Valleys, and Coasts
 ** NOL = "Not On List" and indicates proposed additions; OBL= Obligate Wetland; FACW= Facultative Wetland; FAC= Facultative; FACU= Facultative Upland