

PRAIRIE RESTORATION AT EFFIGY MOUNDS NATIONAL MONUMENT

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Abstract: The North Prairie Unit (50 acres) of Effigy Mounds National Monument underwent extensive restoration from 1992-93. Trees and shrubs were cut and chipped into mulch. The unit was burned in 1992 and 1993. Seed was purchased, mixed and planted using both a Truax interseeder and a broadcast seeder. Because of the status of the Monument as an archaeological site of national significance, tillage and herbicide was not used in the restoration process. This prairie unit has since been burned every 2 – 3 years. Plants present include sundial lupine (*Lupinus perennis*), shooting star (*Dodecatheon pulchellum*), spiderwort (*Tradescantia* sp.), milkweeds (*Asclepias* sp.), blazing star (*Liatris* sp.), Culver's root (*Veronicastrum virginicum*), yellow coneflower (*Ratibida pinnata*), compass plant (*Silphium laciniatum*), phlox (*Phlox* sp.), purple prairie clover (*Dalea purpurea*), verbena (*Verbena* sp.), wild rose (*Rosa* sp.) and Michigan lily (*Lilium michiganense*).