

Southern Michigan Succession Mixed Herbaceous Perennial Community

The Mixed Herbaceous Perennial Community is characterized by grasses and large flowering plants 1 to 2 meters high without woody stems. These plants are usually perennials.

This community lasts for 5 to 16 years depending on the soil development of previous communities. These communities may have the greatest diversity of food webs.

Herbaceous plants are those characterized by non-woody stems which die down to the ground at the end of the growing season.

The plants and animals that are examples of this community in Southern Tuscola County include:

PLANTS	ANIMALS
Bergamot, <i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	Aphid, Aphididae
Bull thistle, <i>Cirsium vulgare</i>	Centipede, Diplopoda and Glomerida
Burdock <i>Actium minus</i>	Cricket, <i>Gryllus pennsylvanicus</i> Burmeister and <i>Gryllus veletis</i>
Dogbane, <i>Apocynum androsaemifollum</i>	Earthworm, Oligochaeta
Feabane, <i>Erigoron sp.</i>	Golden garden spider, <i>Araneus diadematus</i>
Golden rod, <i>Solidago canadensis</i>	Goldfinch, <i>Spinus tristis</i>
Milkweed, <i>Ascleplas purpurascens</i>	Grasshopper sparrow, <i>Ammodramus savannarum</i>
New England Aster, <i>Aster novae-angliae</i>	Henslow's sparrow, <i>Passerherbulus henslowii</i>
St. John's Wort, <i>Hypericum sp.</i>	Honey bee, <i>Apis mellifera</i>
Stinging nettle, <i>Urtica dioica</i>	Lady bug, <i>Epilachna sp.</i>
Teasel, <i>Dipsacus sylvestris</i>	Marsh hawk, <i>Circus cyaneus</i>
White aster, <i>Aster ericolades</i>	Meadow vole, <i>Microtus pennsylvanicus</i>
White aster, <i>Aster pilosus</i>	Millepede, Julida sp.
Yarrow, <i>Achillea millefolium</i>	Pill bug, <i>Armadillidium vulgare</i>
	Rough-legged hawk, <i>Buteo lagopus</i>
	Short-billed marsh wren, <i>Cistothorus platensis</i>
	Stink bug, Scutelleridae
	Velvet mite, <i>Trombidium sp.</i>