

## USDA Forest Service Botany in the News

### Linda Parker - Forest Ecologist Receives the Karl Urban Celebrating Wildflowers Award for 2007

**Who:** Linda Parker, Forest Ecologist, Chequamegon Nicolet NF, WI

**What:** The native flora of the Eastern Region.

**When:** 2007

**Where:** Eastern Region USFS

**How:** The Karl Urban Celebrating Wildflowers award recognizes a forest service individual who throughout their career has demonstrated dedicated leadership, excellence in natural resource management, and outstanding commitment to working with other agencies, states, tribes, NGO's and volunteers in the field of botany. The scope and significance of the nominee's contributions to the native flora of North America are noteworthy and considerable.

The 2007 national CW award goes to Linda Parker who has made an important impact on the identification and development of native plant protocols, new directives, training and workshops, methodology, and research - garnering numerous partners and volunteers in the process. She has championed the development of the Chequamegon Nicolet National Forest's highly successful Botany Program with numerous native plant administrative site gardens, seed orchards, educational offerings, and Wildflower Viewing Areas. Linda and her botany staff of five have contributed very significantly to Celebrating Wildflowers by authoring numerous articles for the website as well as participating in several WO details to develop information for the CW website.

**Why:** Linda is consistently the first to tackle new botanical directives and needs and to problem solve to solutions serving as a significant leader in the Eastern Region Botany Program for over 15 years. Linda's professional successes in the field of botany serve to guide and inspire both her peers and the public. Thank you, Linda, for your exemplary work and dedication. Congratulations!

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Linda R. Parker's winning the Karl Urban Celebrating Wildflowers award was enhanced by her opportunity to meet and talk with Professor E.O. Wilson, of Harvard University during a National Pollinator Week reception held at the USDA headquarters in Washington, DC.

