

Using the unique (and statistically significant) characteristics identified in the Eagle Point – Blue Rapids Park System, the following summary table provides a guide to identifying vegetation community types in the field. Empty cells denote that reliable indicators are not available for this category.

	Location	Soils	Overstory Vegetation	Midstory Vegetation	Understory Vegetation	Nonvascular Vegetation
A: Riparian Forbes and Shrubs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On the river floodplain - Floods frequently 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regosols (sand or gravel aggregate) - Very well drained to imperfectly drained 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minimal or absent - Balsam poplar or willow species - Young (< 45 years old) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scouring rush present 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Big red stem moss absent - Stair step moss absent
B: Balsam Forest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On the river floodplain - <2.75 m above elevation of river - Floods occasionally 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Usually regosols - Very well drained to imperfectly drained 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Balsam poplar always present - Trembling aspen absent - Minimal white spruce 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - River alder always present - Saskatoon absent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Star-flowered false Solomon seal always present - Wild sarsaparilla absent - Low bush cranberry absent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Big red stem moss absent - Stair step moss absent
C: Aspen Forest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - >2.75 m above elevation of river 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Luvisols, brunisols or regosols 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trembling aspen dominates - Mixedwood 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Saskatoon always present - River alder absent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wild sarsaparilla always present - Low bush cranberry always present - Scouring rush absent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Big red stem moss absent - Stair step moss absent
D: Spruce Forest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Anywhere in Park System - Location relates to time since disturbance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Luvisols, brunisols or regosols 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - White spruce dominates - coverage (may not be tallest) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minimal - River alder absent - Saskatoon absent 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Big red stem moss present - Stair step moss present
E: Pine Forest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Currently located on upland - Location likely relates to fire disturbance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Currently on well drained, sandy soil (brunisol) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lodgepole pine dominates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minimal or absent 		
F: Aspen – High Bush Cranberry – Ostrich Fern	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Currently located on a terrace 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Currently on moderately well drained luvisol soil 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trembling aspen dominates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - High bush cranberry dominates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ostrich fern dominates 	
Aquatic Ecosystems (includes fens, bogs, swamps, ponds)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Anywhere in Park System 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Water table at, near or above the surface of the soil - Standing or flowing water may be present 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Black spruce may be present - Tamarack / larch may be present - Midstory / overstory minimal or absent 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - arrow leaved coltsfoot, horsetails, water sedge, and/or wild mint may be present 	