

# Kawishiwi Ranger District Native Plant and Pollinator Garden - Superior National Forest

## Final Report - FY 2008



*Lindley's aster at Kawishiwi Garden*

Year Awarded: 2008

Project completion: 2008

Report number: 1 of 1

Expenditures:

- FY08 funding \$9,000; expend. \$8181

Contractors:

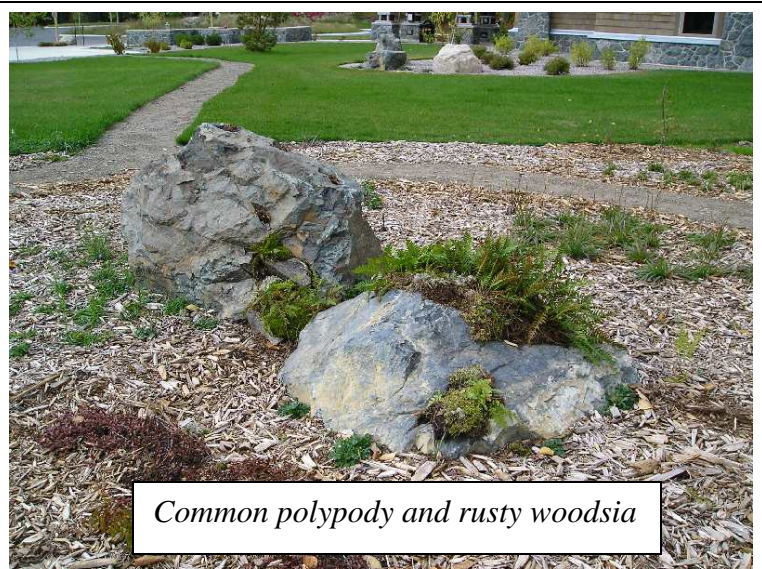
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### 2008 Accomplishments

- In early July 2008, a contractor broke ground for a 1200 sq. foot native plant/pollinator garden at the Kawishiwi Ranger District office in Ely, MN
- The contractor removed a few inches of existing soil, brought in black dirt and compost, and tilled that into the remaining native soil at the site
- The contractor also constructed a handicap accessible gravel footpath to the garden that makes a loop through the garden.
- The contractor then put down a fabric weed barrier
- Boreal Natives, a company specializing in native plants of local origin, supplied 27 species of native grasses, forbs, and shrubs, including Lindley's aster, pussytoes, blue-eyed grass, fringed brome, chokecherry, and smooth wild rose. Planting took place in mid July
- Superior National Forest employees and Youth Conservation Corp (YCC) spread cedar mulch and transplanted a few harder to get species from local forest areas
- We had not obligated a garden sign before fire borrowing occurred, so we will erect a sign next spring
- We detected deer browsing soon after the garden was planted, so we have regularly been applying deer repellent to the plants
- Outcome: a very attractive native plant and pollinator garden! In the future the garden will serve as a seed source for native species, will help promote awareness of native plants and pollinators, will help promote local native plant growers, and will help reduce energy consumption for lawn maintenance



*Common polypody and rusty woodsia*



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