

BENTLEY POND

- Acorus americanus* (Raf.) Raf., **American sweet-flag**. c=7. Emergent. 2003.
- Bidens cernuus* L., **nodding beggar-ticks**. c=4. Emergent and on shore. 2003.
- Calamagrostis canadensis* (Michx.) Beauv., **blue-joint grass**. c=5. Wetland and shore. 2003.
- Calla palustris* L., **marsh calla-lily**. c=9. Shore and extending over water. 2003.
- Carex comosa* Boott, **bristly sedge**. c=5. Shore. 2003.
- Carex lacustris* Willd., **lake sedge**. c=6. Shore and wetland. 2003.
- Carex utriculata* Boott, **bottle-shaped sedge**. c=7. Shore and wetland. 2003.
- Ceratophyllum demersum* L., **coontail**. c=3. Submersed and free-floating. 2003.
- Elodea canadensis* Michx., **Canadian waterweed**. c=3. Submersed. 2003.
- Iris versicolor* L., **northern blue-flag**. c=5. Shore. 2003.
- Juncus effusus* L., **common rush**. c=4. Shore and wetland. 2003.
- Lemna turionifera* Landolt, **turion duckweed**. c=2. Free-floating. 2003.
- Phalaris arundinacea* L., **reed canary-grass**. alien; c=0. Shore. 2003.
- Polygonum punctatum* Ell., **dotted smartweed**. c=5. Shore. 2003.
- Potamogeton gramineus* L., **variable pondweed**. c=7. Submersed. 2003.
- Potamogeton natans* L., **floating-leaf pondweed**. c=5. Rooted with floating leaves. 2003.
- Potamogeton zosteriformis* Fern., **flat-stem pondweed**. c=6. Submersed. 2003.
- Ranunculus aquatilis* L., **white water-crowfoot**. c=8. Submersed. 2003.
- Rumex orbiculatus* Gray, **great water dock**. c=8. Wetland. 2003.
- Sagittaria latifolia* Willd., **broad-leaved arrowhead**. c=3. Emergent. 2003.
- Solanum dulcamara* L., **bittersweet nightshade**. alien; c=0. Shore. 2003.
- Sparganium eurycarpum* Engelm., **giant burreed**. c=5. Emergent. 2003.
- Typha latifolia* L., **broad-leaved cattail**. c=1. Emergent. 2003.
- Wolffia borealis* (Engelm.) Landolt, **northern water-meal**. c=6. Free-floating. 2003.
- Zizania aquatica* L., **common wild rice**. c=8. Emergent. 2003.
- Zizania palustris* L., **northern wild rice**. c=8. Emergent. 2003.
- Zosterella dubia* (Jacq.) Small., **water star-grass**. c=6. Submersed and emergent. 2003.

There are **27** species of aquatic and wetland plants that have been found on Bentley Pond, which is below average for the Portage County lakes. The average index of conservatism (c value) is **4.7** which is average for Portage County lakes. The floristic quality index is **24.4** which is below average when compared to the county's lakes.

(Refer to for information)

Bentley Pond has dense submersed vegetation of relatively few species, primarily waterweed, coontail, and variable pondweed. Much of the pond is shallow enough to be dominated by emergent plants, especially cattail, burreed, wild rice, and sedges. The UWSP has no collections or studies made on Bentley Pond before 2003.

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