

# Key to Major Wetland Families

- 1a. Plants with spores.....Ferns
- 1b. Plants with seeds .....2
- 2a. Leaves needle-like, scale-like, evergreen, seeds on scales, cones ....Pines, Firs, Junipers
- 2b. Seeds in an ovary, flowering plants .....3
- 3a. Plants insectivorous, parasitic, saprophytic .....Sundew, bladderworts, some orchids
- 3b. Plants with green leaves .....4
- 4a. Plants submerged or floating.....Aquatics
- 4b. Plants terrestrial or emergent .....5
- 5a. Trees, Shrubs, Vines.....Box elder, Willows, Cottonwoods, Tamarisk, Russian Olive
- 5b. Herbaceous .....6
- 6a. Leaves parallel-veined, flowers in 3s, vascular bundles scattered....Monocots (grasses, sedges, rushes, orchids, cattails)
- 6b. Leaves net-veined, flowers in 4s or 5s, vascular bundles in rings .....Dicots (daisies, hemlock, mints, smartweeds, roses, buttercups)

