

KEWEENAW



PLANT I.D. WORKSHOP July 25-27

Where's Keweenaw? The picturesque community of Copper Harbor, near the tip of Michigan's **Keweenaw Peninsula**, surrounded by the clear, cold waters of Lake Superior, is the base for our plant I.D. workshop. From Copper Harbor we will explore the Keweenaw's rugged bedrock shorelines, ridges, forests, and wetlands, which provide diverse habitat for a variety of plant species, including boreal species and rare arctic disjuncts. Copper Harbor is a small, charming full service destination with shops, restaurants, and motels, making it an ideal venue for our workshop. For area info, visit www.copperharbor.org and www.keweenaw.info



Participants: This 2017 workshop is designed for adults with a beginning to intermediate knowledge of plant I.D. who would like to learn the Keweenaw's flora and enjoy other natural and historical features of the area at the same time!

Workshop activities: We'll briefly meet July 25 (Tues) a.m. in Copper Harbor. From there we'll start our 3 days of exploring diverse habitats, including boreal & swamp forests, fens, lakes, and bedrock shoreline/ridge tops with amazing views! Using field guides and dichotomous keys, you'll learn to identify the Keweenaw's flora ranging from showier plants (left) to less conspicuous plants such as grasses and sedges (right). We'll be walking mainly on hiking trails at a slow to moderate pace (covering ~5 mi on the longest day).



Grass-pink orchid
(*Calopogon tuberosus*)



Few-seeded sedge
(*Carex oligosperma*)

Evening options include reviewing plants with the instructor, biking/canoeing/kayaking, taking photographs, bird-watching, sunset cruising on Lake Superior, visiting Fort Wilkins Historic State Park, & much more...whatever your preference may be!

Instructor: Botanist Janet Marr has taught numerous botany and aquatic/wetland plant I.D. workshops in the Keweenaw Peninsula and 12 Isle Royale plant I.D. plant workshops sponsored by the Isle Royale & Keweenaw Parks Association (IRKPA). This will be the first year that a mainland IRKPA-sponsored Keweenaw plant I.D. workshop will be offered.

Workshop fee: Total cost is US\$375 per person (\$25 discount for IRKPA members; see <http://irkpa.org/> for information on becoming an IRKPA member). Preregistration and deposit (\$75) are required to hold your place. Mail your check, payable to "IRKPA," 800 E. Lakeshore Dr., Houghton, MI 49931. The balance is due by June 15. You'll be responsible for your own meals and lodging costs.

Enrollment is limited to 12 participants, so be sure to register soon to guarantee a spot. Contact Janet Marr at 906-337-5529 or jkmarr@mtu.edu for more information.

Cancellation policy: A \$50 fee will be charged for cancellations between June 15 and July 10. There will be no refund for cancellations made on or after July 11 (unless a replacement participant is available).

The 13th **Isle Royale Flora I.D. Workshop** at Rock Harbor will be offered by IRKPA and will run from June 5-10, 2017. Contact Janet Marr at 906-337-5529 or jkmarr@mtu.edu for more information.