Native Plants and Local Ecosystems

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Yavapai County Factoids

- Area is 8,125 mi²
- Elevation ranges from 1,900 to 7,979 ft
- 26% Private
- 38% USFS
- 27% State Lands
- 9% BLM
- 0.5% Native American Reservations
- Population estimate 211,061 (2010)
- Nine incorporated cities/towns
Yavapai County Vegetation Types

Montane Conifer Forests (red)

Great Basin Grasslands & Pinyon Juniper Woodland (straw)

Desert Communities (blue)

Interior Chaparral (green)

Semi-Desert Grasslands (peach)
Native Plant Law

- Most cacti and desert legumes are protected
- Threatened and endangered plant species

Grasses

- Warm vs. Cool Season
- Sod-forming vs. Bunch
- Native vs. Non-natives
- Forbs have some similarities

Yavapai County Plant Books

- Seed Plants of Northern Arizona (1973), W.B. McDougall
- A Field Guide to Southwestern and Texas Wildflowers (1998), T.F. Niehaus
- Weeds of the West (2006), T.D. Whitson
Yavapai County Native Plant Web Resources

- Yavapai County Native & Naturalized Plants
cals.arizona.edu/yavapaiplants/
- Common Plants of the Verde Valley & Sedona
  www.naturesongs.com/vvplants/
- USDA Plants Database
  plants.usda.gov
- SEINet
  swbiodiversity.org/seinet/