

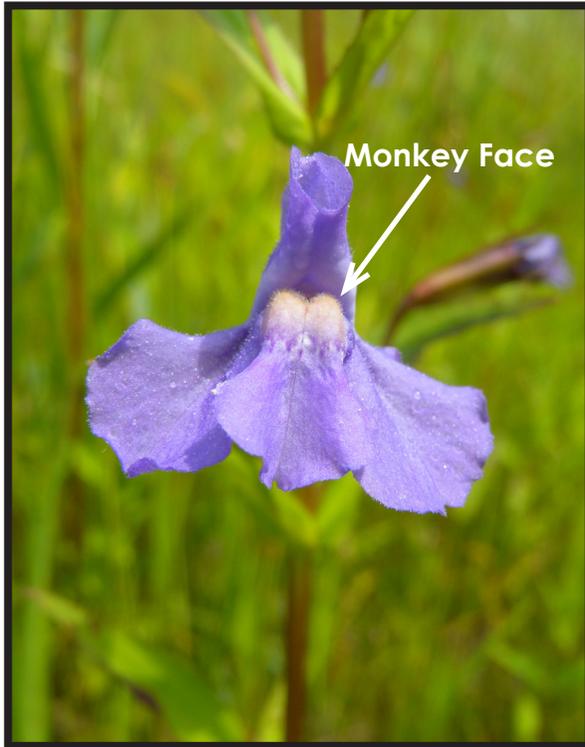
Monkey Flower

Mimulus ringens

Minnesota C-Value: 5

Wetland Indicator Status: OBL

Native



Leaves: Opposite and oblong to lance shaped, 4-12 cm long and up to 1 cm wide. Serrate leaf margins. Stalkless.

Stems: 1 - 2.5 ft tall and square. Stems may be winged.

Flowers and fruit: Single flowers (2-3 cm) out of upper leaf axils. Slender stalks 1-5 cm long. Blue-violet petals with a yellow center that is partially closed. Upper lip stands upward, and lower lip has arch. Fruit is a capsule.

Plant communities: Stream banks, marshes, floodplain forests, muddy shorelines, ditches.

Comments: Perennial. Flower is commonly thought to look like a monkey's face, hence the common name.

