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**From:** Coulson, Daryl (MNR)  
**Sent:** June 29, 2004 1:42 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Braeside Alvar

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Hi [REDACTED]  
My apologies for not replying sooner...your note became buried in emails.  
Thanks for sharing your list of plants. You had some good finds. And I saw some familiarity in your botanizing strategy ([REDACTED]). I found this strategy getting more difficult though as I became older!  
Let me know if you happen to make any other planned trips down to the alvar and I will do the same in return. We will eventually get to the same place at the same time.  
I will also try and put together a list from my visit this year and from previous years to share with you.  
Regards,  
Daryl

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**From:** Grant Bickel [REDACTED]  
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**To:** daryl.coulson@mnr.gov.on.ca  
**Subject:** Braeside Alvar

Daryl:

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I got your phone message. Sorry you couldn't make it but it was kind of a spur of the moment trip. I [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] spent about 2 hours in the alvar. I left the alvar at 9:30 - [REDACTED] That is  
how I often do my botanizing ([REDACTED])

In spite of the short visit it was very productive. Saw some neat things. Excellent day for sedges.

Here's a list of sedges: Carex aurea, Carex eburnea, Carex richardsonii, Carex castanea (not formosa!), Carex pellita (lanuginosa), Carex granularis, Carex crawei, Carex spicata, Carex rosea, Carex vulpinoides, Carex hystericina, Carex tenera and Carex bebbii.

Many of these were not listed by Mary Moore. C. eburnea, crawei, richardsonii and pellita are characteristic of alvars. The rest on the list seem to prefer calcareous soils. Note that my tentative id on C. formosa was wrong - these plants are now mature and they turned out to be C. castanea.

Other alvar species in bloom were: Tiger Lily, Balsam Ragwort, Seneca Snakeroot, Hairy Beardtongue and Coopers Milkvetch. There was also some little sandworts that were not in bloom and I couldn't identify. I overlooked a lot of Juncus - too much for me to learn at once. I'll save the rest of the Cyperaceae for another year once I have the Carex down pat.

Also a lot of the standard roadside aliens blooming in there.

Hope to talk to you soon.

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