The Senkiw area began to be populated with Europeans when a large group of immigrants from the steamship "Sicilia", monitored by Kyrylo Genyk, arrived in Winnipeg in July 1896. This group - comprised of 27 families and a few single men mainly from the village of Senkiw, in Borschchiw county - set out to establish a colony south of Winnipeg which they wanted to name “Rus” (Ukraine). Thus began the oldest colony in Manitoba. However, the name "Rus" was superseded by "Stuartburn", called "Shtombury" by the Ukrainian settlers, which was the name of the post office and railway station in the area. From this initial group developed 15 church communities, whose present-day administrative centre is Rosa.

At the old site of Senkiw is the restored Parish of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the Nativity of St. Mary.

The Senkiw bridge (a Manitoba Municipal Heritage Site) is the oldest swinging bridge in the province and one of only a handful remaining. Local residents built it in the 1930s with readily available materials such as large cylinders from threshing machines. Its purpose was to allow the children to cross the Roseau River to get to Senkiw School on the north side of the riverbank. It is notable for its impressive support mechanisms which ensured that the cables used as the bridge's main structural component could be kept taut. Before the swinging bridge was built, people crossed the river in a basket large enough for four to five children. The basket was attached to a hand-powered cable and manually pulled to the other side. It allowed children on the south side of the river to attend school on the north side. The bridge was restored in 2000 by volunteers of the TransCanada Trail after having been destroyed twice by floodwaters.

### Species list

- Smooth sweet Cicely (Osmorhiza longistylus)
- American Dragonhead (Dracocephalum parviflorum)
- Nanny Berry (Viburnum lentago)
- Downy Arrowwood (Viburnum rafinesquianum)
- High Bush Cranberry (Viburnum trilobum)
- Canada Violet (Viola canadensis)
- False Sunflower (Heliopsis helianthoides)
- Lead Plant (Amorpha canescens)
- Red-panicle Dogwood (Cornus racemosa)
- Virgin’s Bower (Clematis virginiana)
- Oyster Mushrooms (Pleurotus sp.)
- Horse’s Hoof Fungus (Polyporus fomentarius)
- Leafy Spurge (Euphorbia esula)
- Canada Anemone (Anemone quinquefolia)
- Wild Lily of the Valley (Maianthemum canadensis)
- Wild Grape (Vitus riparia)
- Basswood (Tilia americanum)
Green Ash (Fraxinus pennsylvanica)
Pincherry (Prunus pennsylvanica)
Red Osier Dogwood (Cornus stolonifera)
Cream-coloured vetchling (Lathyrus ochroleucus)
Forget me Not (Myosotis sylvatica)
Heart leaved Alexanders (Zizia aptera)
Golden Corydalis (Corydalis aurea)
Tall lungwort (Mertensia paniculata)
Fairy Bells (Disporum trachycarpum)
Blue-eyed Grass (Sisyphium montanum)
Mouse-eared chickweed (Ceratium vulgatum)
Northern Bedstraw (Galium boreale)
Carrion Flower (Smilax herbacea)
Purple Vetch (Vicia americana)
Chokecherry (Prunus virginiana)
White cinquefoil (Potentilla arguta)
Silverberry (Elaeagnus commutata)
Bishop’s Cap (Mitella nuda)
Milkweed (Asclepias sp)
Baneberry (Actaea rubra)
Cow Parsnip (Heracleum lanatum)
Solomon Seal (Polygonatum commutatum)
Nodding Trillium (Trillium cernuum)
Twining Honeysuckle (Lonicera glaucescens)
Seneca Root (Polygala senega)
Black-eyed susan (Rudbeckia seerotina)
Beaked hazelnut (Corylus cornuta)
American hazelnut (Corylus americanum)
Wild licorice (Glycyrrhiza lepiota)
Black Snakerooot (Sanicula marilandica)

Showy Lady’s-slippers (Cypripedium reginae)
Large yellow lady’s-slippers (Cypripedium parviflorum var pubescens)
Blue Flag (Iris versicolor)

Fleabane (Erigeron glabellus)

Sarsaparilla (Aralia nudicaulis). *Note it has a separate flowering stalk, unlike poison ivy. The flowers are greenish-white and berries a bluish-black.

Lilac-flowered Beardtongue (Pentstemon procerus)

Lousewort (Pedicularis canadensis)

Poison ivy (Toxicodendron rydbergii) * Note it has small clusters of yellowish-green flowers in the leaf axils. Strongly veined leaves made of three drooping leaflets, often reddish. The berries are a dull white colour. **Beware this plant as every part is poisonous!**