

# Weekly Wild Wednesday

For December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020

What a fun and beautiful week! The weather has been outstanding!



A trip to Zales to learn about thrashing wild seeds with a crew from the Nature Center was both fun and educational.

Dotty took some of us on a trail hike through the woods and over a creek on a bridge constructed by Bill and his family. We saw this Oriole Nest on our hike.



Buddy took special notice of the new doves in their home, guarding them from the fierce raccoons.

Dawn snagged a Shed Horn Wreath donation for next years' fundraiser 'Nature Calls' benefiting Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center.



There were a couple of excellent Zoom meetings, one hosted by Graham and the Nature Conservancy through our local Chamber of Commerce  
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and one from Grow Native with Presenter



In this study, hedgerows enhanced the ratio of beneficial to pest insects compared with weedy areas. Plantings at Sierra Orchards in Solano County include deer grass, California lilac and elderberry. *Inset left to right, the beneficial insects identified included lady beetles, syrphid flies and their larvae (feeding on aphids).*

Ed Spevak.



[www.grownative.org](http://www.grownative.org)

Carrie contacted the Siouxland Garden Show Committee about cost sharing for speakers Douglas Tallamy and Benjamin Vogt. This is such an exciting opportunity!

Elisa supplied contact to [www.pollinatorfriendly.org](http://www.pollinatorfriendly.org) who are creating a Pollinator Magazine, and have offered a free copy.

Jeanne is working diligently with Dotty on the Holiday Party coming up this Saturday December 12<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. This promises to be a fun, enjoyable afternoon with our Membership!

The Yanney Garden is hibernating and growing roots. Dotty pointed out that Charese received “Volunteer of the Year” for Habitat for Humanity works, and that she is also promoting flat roof designs in her advertising that can support Eco-Friendly Gardens! Dianne had researched and supplied the detailed information for Charese to pursue these Garden Roofs.



At “The Flower House”, the work was completed in front of the Native Arbor vitae shelter belt on the “Birdie and Bug B&B”. It turned out to be really cute, and should provide habitat and food over the Winter for insects and birds. This was a great project for a 12 year old young man!



At the “Wild Mess in Progress” we had a flock of Thanksgiving Survivors that got a bit too friendly, and took up residence on the deck! This made me think of our ‘city’ projects. Please send your thoughts on how residences can deal with closer than anticipated wildlife in the more urban settings. Raccoons, possums, and skunks come to mind.



Tom and Cheri gave a tour of their gorgeous decorations and settled in for a Brainstorming Session on Grow Wild! They have some very exciting new suggestions—more to come as these are researched!



Erin from Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation gave information regarding a new position for a Loess Hills Land Stewardship Director. They are taking applications currently. Contact [www.inhf.org](http://www.inhf.org)

Sending wishes for a wonderful week to come!

