

# Weekly Wild Wednesday

April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Hi Ruth,

I just wanted to let you know that the queen bumble bee you saw last week was verified as a two-spotted bumble bee (*Bombus bimaculatus*). Super cool!

Sarah

Sarah Nizzi  
Farm Bill Pollinator Conservation Planner and  
NRCS Partner Biologist  
pronouns: she/her/hers

What a week FULL of activity! First of all, our Bee was definitely identified as a Queen Two Spotted Bumble Bee! And She is nesting! We have sighted more activity at this same spot! Thanks Doug and Sarah!



↩ Re: Wild Wednesday!

April 7, 2021 6:48 AM

Douglas Tallamy

she is a queen trying to start this year's colony!

## Welcome to Bumble Bee Watch

### How you can participate!

We need your help! Because these animals are widely distributed the best way to keep track of them is with an army of volunteers across the country armed with cameras. With any luck, you might help us to find remnant populations of rare species before they go extinct. Participating in Bumble Bee Watch is simple and you can get started now by creating an account via the "sign in" tab at the top of the page.

[Get started!](#)

← If you would like to participate or do some Citizen Science regarding Bumble Bees, click this photo!

We had a great session with the next two designers featured by National Wild Ones! Click for video!-->

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Wild Ones Presents...  
**MEET THE DESIGNERS**  
Wed, Apr. 7, 2021 | 6-7 p.m. CDT | Online

Carmen Simonet, Minneapolis Native Garden Plan  
Susie Van de Riet, St. Louis Native Garden Plan

Below you will find the link for our virtual event.

**Meet the Designers**  
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(Minneapolis Native Garden Plan)  
Susie Van de Riet  
(St. Louis Native Garden Plan)

St. Louis Design  
East garden  
"Tiny Bit of Woodland"

- 18 Indian pink
- 1/2z daffy
- 33 wild ginger
- 29 oak sedge
- 34 Jacob's ladder
- 23 roundleaf groundsel
- Polomonium reptans (Jacob's ladder)

Photo credit: Penny Lin

← One of the design elements reminded us so much of Dawn's side alleyway, and we were thrilled that our amateur design mimicked all the elements of the professional design! Maybe we CAN do this!

Tom and Cheri shared their NATIVE find at our local Home Depot, and they are a company that Xerces noted that label any neonicatanoids used, this label was closely scrutinized and noted no such use! Yay!-->



## The Migration

The monarch migration is a multi-generational, multinational migration sure to be one of the World's greatest natural wonders.



## The Bicycle Adventure

From March to December 2017, Sara followed the monarch butterflies from their overwintering grounds in central Mexico to Canada and back. Her trip became a spotlight to remind us that it is up to

**Jeanne is very excited about this upcoming Butterfly Adventure Presentation! What a trip—This would be a feat if it were by car! Wow, Sara! Thanks Jeanne!**

<http://bit.ly/ButterflyBikeApril27>

<http://www.beyondabook.org/>

## "Bicycling with Butterflies" Conversation with Author, Sara Dykman

In 2017 Sara Dykman became the first person to follow the eastern population of monarch butterflies on their roundtrip, multinational, multigenerational migration. As she journeyed, she made it her work to educate *anyone* who would listen to the story of monarchs. During her ride through Iowa, she presented to organizations and schools.

Please join Sara Dykman at [6:30 CT](#) on Tuesday, April 27, to hear stories from the road, and learn about monarch conservation efforts.

This free virtual program is one of only eight in the country and is tailored for Iowans, so please help her spread her timely message by sharing the event with friends and family!

Register to attend. <http://bit.ly/ButterflyBikeApril27>

Prepare for the discussion. Order from Sioux City, Iowa's local bookshop, Book People, to get a signed copy. As a bonus first 30 orders also include a free art print created by Sara!

Call to order: [712-258-1741](tel:712-258-1741)

Find out more about Sara, her book, and her adventure at [www.beyondabook.org](http://www.beyondabook.org)

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**This was a week for blooms, even 'Bloomin' in the Rain'! You had to look closely, as many of these were tiny and near the ground! Our sources did not lie about plants not being smothered by a heavy covering of leaves, these Bloodroot, gifted years ago by Ruth McClarnan, pushed right through!**





Many of us visited Zales various Prairies to see the many Pasque Flowers in bloom! Thanks Dotty and Bill for being so generous with your time, talent, and seeds!! We are all so grateful! Jeanne's "Sky Meets Prairie" photo is just stunning!



♡  
Zales  
Leadplant



196 Pasque flowers in bloom tonight, 148 on Millie's prairie, 5 Maggie's 21 Aspen's Savanna & 22 above house. Only areas checked. come search yourself



Maybe this is a Pennsylvania Sedge? *Carex pensylvanica*? →

Also known as an Oak Sedge?



And Dawn and Ruth saw these! There is so much more to share this week, but it will have to wait!



*Wishing You a Wonderful Week of Discovering Wildflowers!*



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LOESS HILLS



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