

Weekly Wild Wednesday

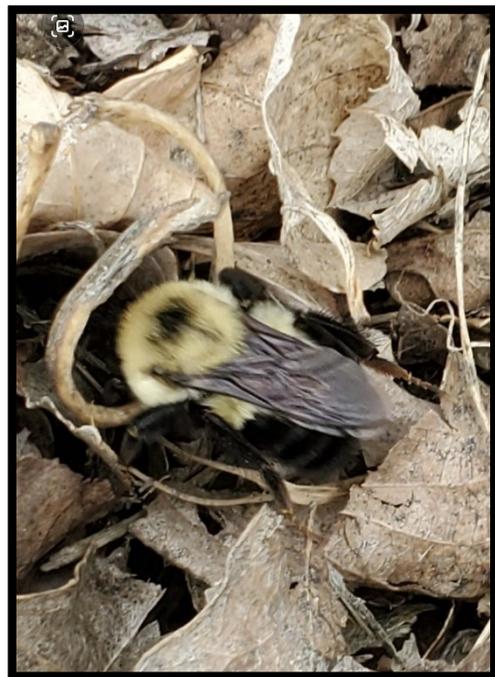
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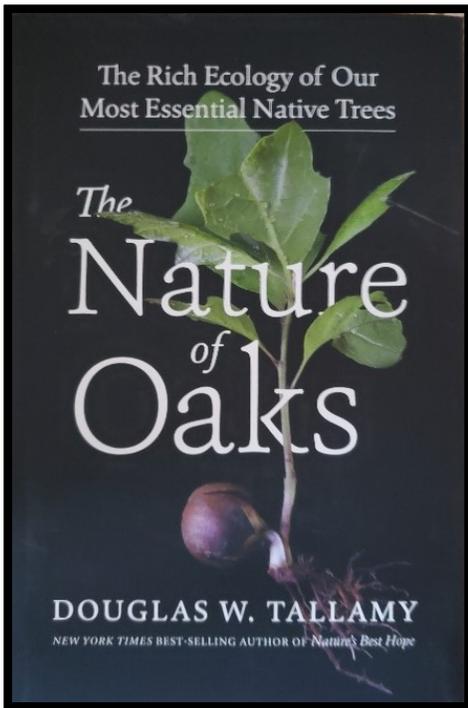
Wow! What a wonderful week!

Buddy and I went over to “The Flower House” to rescue the rest of the fallen leaves and place them behind the cedars for neatness-- as we had heard a few lawn mowers in the area. Why? Doug had told us in his presentation that shredding leaves meant possibly shredding overwintering future butterflies and moths. Drum Roll... We were rewarded! As I slowly raked the yard and carefully added leaves to the area behind the edging, I heard a loud buzzing, and stopped to see this HUGE bumblebee emerge OUT of the LEAF PILE! She buzzed around busily for several minutes, and then burrowed and disappeared right back into the same spot where she had emerged! In awe I marveled that, this VERY FIRST WINTER OF LEAVES in this otherwise mostly turf grass yard has overwintered a Bumble Bee!! Or is she nesting?

Buddy was unimpressed.

We left that spot alone, and went to play elsewhere!





Speaking of Oaks, Doug's new book arrived, for the Lending Library! And it has generated a LOT of interest! This podcase with Margaret Roach is really interesting! Click photo for link!

↩ Fwd: Margaret Roach's "A Way to Garden" interviews Doug about his new book on OAKS ☆

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Michelle Alfandari Details

Hi

What a month Homegrown National Park™ has had:

Over 6000 on the Homegrown National Park™ MAP!
 Over 3000 followers on Instagram
 Newsletter mailing list more than doubled in one month.

Mention of Homegrown National Park™ and Link to www.homegrownnationalpark.org
 In today's "A Way To Garden" Podcast:

<https://awaytogarden.com/oaks-the-most-powerful-plant-of-all-with-doug-tallamy/>



←Demolition started over at the Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center Gardens, we removed lots of invasive plants and tidied up, taking advantage of this fantastic streak of excellent weather!



And then went for a hike to see the VERY FIRST Pasque Flowers right here in our own Mt. Talbot State Preserve! Jakes own Alicia took these stunning photos on a hike of her own! Thanks, Alicia!



Both Dianne and Michelle gave us some VERY welcome news that April has been designated as National Native Plant Month!

Native Plant Awareness is Increasing! The US Senate approved this designation:

Designating April 2021 as "National Native Plant Month".

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES
March 15, 2021

Mr. Portman (for himself and Ms. Hirono) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

March 25, 2021

Wow!!



And back to Oaks, ours are starting to bud and this droplet of fluid was just stunning in the sunlight.

Find an oak and look to see what it is doing in your area!

Talk of Iowa had this excellent podcast! [Click for link!](#)



Make Your Backyard A Pollinator's Paradise

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←Several 'Fools' went for an April 1st Guided Hike and Party On the Prairie hosted by Jeanne, Dotty, and Bill. What fun to have a Seafood Boil right out on the Prairie and in the Woods--while celebrating Nature and the Outdoors! Is your weather cooperating for an outdoor hike and feast with a few masked friends?

Later that same April Fools Day we were NOT fooled, we saw more Bloodroot flowers! *Sanguinaria canadensis* are springing up all over Stone State Park!



Wishing You a Wonderful Week of Discovering Spring in your Spaces!

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NATIVE PLANTS, NATURAL LANDSCAPES

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