

Weekly Wild Wednesday

May 26th, 2021

What a BEAUTIFUL week!

Flowers are blooming EVERYWHERE! We cannot help but think that just a few weeks ago, it looked like THIS! Those tiny 'Winter Sowing' plants are quickly getting tucked into their new homes, and now they look—still tiny—but so much happier!

So...How do we care for those new plants? March 3rd Wild Wednesday had a link to Ken Williams Top 10 things New Native Gardeners need to know, 1+ hour

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q4caQ9o4Naw> --and-- Ken Williams watering in a nutshell basic Rule of 1's is an easy reminder!



1 Inch 1 week 1 year!



So get out those rain gauges if you have baby plants! However, if you would like an in depth and detailed watering tutorial, this "Water Smart" from Dyck Arboretum is really excellent! Click photo for link!



At "The Flower House", new plants are being installed almost daily! Some New Jersey Tea was added to the Foods area. (Yes, you CAN make Tea out of Tea, Haha, click photo)



The base is woody, while the upper portion of the plant is made up of herbaceous, spreading branches. Fall color is insignificant. The dried leaves of this nitrogen-fixing shrub make an excellent tea that was very popular during the Revolutionary War period.

<https://www.wildflower.org> › result

[Ceanothus americanus \(New jersey tea\) | Native Plants](#)

Mercedes and her Mom gave a Shout Out to Save The Bees, and the Coral Honeysuckle received a Climbing Wall!



So pretty! Imagine the Hummingbirds visiting that plant in years to come!





<And what does this little guy grow up to be? Does anyone know?



Sara created this wonderful Butterfly Watering Station, and added that she puts sponges in it to assist the butterflies in getting a much needed sip of water. Beautiful and useful! →

Dawn transformed her strip with the helping hands of Tom and Cheri, what a lovely change from Turf! Go Dawn! 100% Natives!





Elisa shared her new design and layout for her Butterfly Garden! The paths will allow her to get in this space for an up close and personal tour of her new plants! The plants are under the arrow—Really!



And we love the beauty of her Golden Alexander and the Trumpet Vine. And a Hummingbird zipped through as well. Elisa explained the “Swoop Dance” she has been seeing in her yard as the hummers are in Courting Mode!

Dianne shared this walk along her lane!

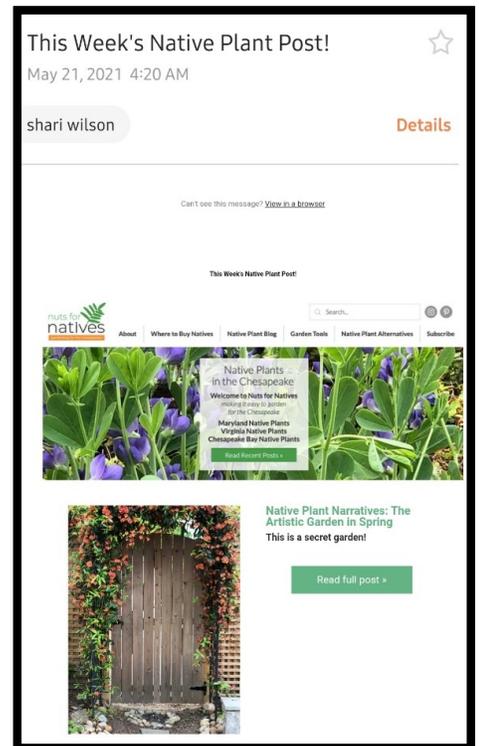


Last year I think it was 48 or 50. This year I counted over 80 along the private lane to our house.



Penstemon grandiflorus

And we love this Nuts for Natives Blog! Click photo for link! →



Wishing you a week filled with beauty and butterflies!



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