

Weekly Wild Wednesday

July 7th, 2021

What a Week of Truly WILD Flowers --and Fruits!!



Wild! went to the Grand Tetons last week to see one of the National Parks we are all attempting to recreate nation wide by building a Homegrown National Parktm in our own spaces! It is still Spring in the mountains, and there were wild flowers EVERYWHERE! Each spot looked beautifully landscaped, and each area gave us inspiration to beautify our personal spaces! There was so much diversity—and COLOR, MOTION, SOUND! Bees, butterflies, birds, and other wildlife were visible and so beautiful! It made us want to redouble our efforts to support Nature in our Urban areas!





I thought I would share what my backyard has become. When I moved into my home in 2018 this terrace was blue grass lawn and the former owners mowed the lawn up there on that hill—there was even sprinkler system installed to water the grass on that terrace. The sprinkler system still exists but I've never used it for my entire lawn since I've lived here. Since I loath mowing, I decided to make it go wild and over the course of time wild black raspberries came in. As you can see they are now doing their glorious thing and I harvest up to two times a day during this time in June when they are really coming on and bearing fruit. As you can see the other added benefit is I can stand and not do any bending from my lower lawn to pick the raspberries. Here's some of the abundance from this evening— 6 cups. And I had already picked 5 cups this morning.

Yay to no mowing and yay to a wild backyard! And I compete with the gray catbirds and the house wrens and the robins and the Blue Jays that all cuss me out while I'm picking the berries. But those birds in addition to woodpeckers, chickadees, nuthatches, chipping sparrows, and more enjoy my backyard and I enjoy them !

Yesterday I was buzzed by a hummingbird that came to the Bergamont that you can see blooming in one of the photos among the many milkweeds. And this evening a monarch with flitting by. Hopefully she's laying her eggs on one of the milkweeds. And my plants from wild ones are all doing very well. My butterfly weed is going to bloom soon as well as the nodding onion and the sedges. Be well,
Dawn



And...Drum Roll...Showcasing Dawn's Urban Yard! Talk about Nature and Nurture working together! Yum! We cannot wait to try her raspberries! Grow Dawn! Thank you for NOT mowing this wonderful space!



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