

# Weekly Wild Wednesday

October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021

*What A Week of "Invasives vs Natives"*

Tom and Cheri are taking control of the SW corner of the native plants demo section at [Agape Community Garden](#). Bindweed has met its match in those two! Today they are moving lots of Meadow Anemone to their property for overwintering. When the coast is clear in Springtime, much of it will come back home.



Several weeks ago, Tom and Cheri removed a LOT of European Bindweed (*Convolvus arvensus*) from the [Agape Community garden](#) in preparation for marking the Native plants for overwintering and seed collection! Bindweed also comes in a Native variety (*Convolvus sepium*), which can be aggressive.

This week, Jeanne flagged Native plants with their common names, so that it is easy to harvest the seeds--

and also in Spring easy to find plants again-- before they emerge!

Grow Agape! Her sharp eyes rescued a tiny, overwintering flag insect--or future insect-- we don't know! Check out the Native Plants and insects in the middle of all that traffic!

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**Grow Agape!**

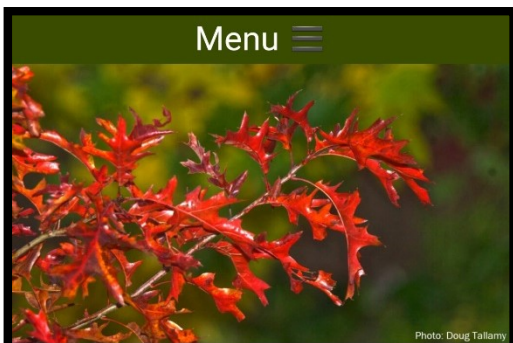
Oh—There are plenty of Kale varieties and other 'Cool Season' veggies for humans, too!



At the “Wild Mess In Progress, we are working on removing Invasives like Bush Honeysuckle! **The Native Plants at Noon Webinar** answered many of our questions, like “How can we easily identify invasive honeysuckle?” (Four Berries together, round) and “What Nature Plants should we use to replace these Invasives?” (Spicebush, and...ummm...one other we can't remember...)



←Great YouTube video, click photo for link!



**BAD INVASIVE** taking over our Nature in the Wild! →

←Lisa from National Wild Ones gave us this great article –and a link to the Oaks Presentation from Doug Tallamy! Grow Lisa!

And guess what? Under all of those Bush

Honeysuckle bushes—Well basically trees at this point— We found a baby Bur Oak in ‘Oaktober’!! →

## “Oaktober” 2021 Marcescent Leaves

Posted October 25th, 2021 by [Lisa Olsen](#) & filed under [National News](#).

Wild Ones celebrates the month of Oaktober with highlights from Doug Tallamy's presentation on his new book, *The Nature of Oaks: The Rich Ecology of Our Most Essential Native Trees*



**Grow Wild!**

Spicebush has oval berries, and you get this cool butterfly! The caterpillar is adorable, too!



**Grow Spicebush!**





## Pollinator Partnership Resources

**SELECTING PLANTS FOR POLLINATORS**  
A REGIONAL GUIDE FOR FARMERS, LAND MANAGERS, AND GARDENERS IN THE  
**PRAIRIE PARKLAND TEMPERATE PROVINCE**  
INCLUDING THE STATES OF ILLINOIS, IOWA, MISSOURI, AND PARTS OF INDIANA, KANSAS, MINNESOTA, NEBRASKA, NORTH DAKOTA, OKLAHOMA, SOUTH DAKOTA.  
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**SELECTING PLANTS FOR POLLINATORS**  
A REGIONAL GUIDE FOR FARMERS, LAND MANAGERS, AND GARDENERS IN THE  
**EASTERN BROADLEAF FOREST CONTINENTAL PROVINCE**  
INCLUDING THE STATES OF ILLINOIS, INDIANA, KENTUCKY, TENNESSEE, AND PARTS OF ALABAMA, ARKANSAS, LOUISIANA, MISSOURI, NEW YORK, OHIO, OKLAHOMA, PENNSYLVANIA, WISCONSIN.

<http://www.pollinator.org>

Dr. Ed Spevak from the St. Louis Zoo gave a **FABULOUS** program on flies. The photos were astounding, and the content was so interesting! Who knew we had flies that look exactly like bees! Flies are the only pollinator of **CHOCOLATE**, too!

### Native Gardening for Native Flies

And Natural Mosquito Control

Ed Spevak, Ph.D.  
Curator of Invertebrates & Director - Center for Native Pollinator Conservation  
Saint Louis Zoo

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Description

**Grow Native! Webinar: Native Gardening for Native Flies with information on Natural Mosquito Control**

This is our **FAVORITE** seed pod—The Illinois Bundleflower. If you get these early, they look exactly like a carved wooden rose, and they make a great indoor dried flower arrangement. And you can sow the seeds before a snow fall! **Click Photo**→



Marcus, Joseph A.

### *Desmanthus illinoensis*

*Desmanthus illinoensis* (Michx.) MacMill. ex B.L. Rob. & Fernald

Illinois Bundleflower, Bundleflower, Prairie Bundle Flower, Prickleweed, Illinois Desmanthus, Prairie Mimosa

Fabaceae (Pea Family)

Synonym(s): *Acuan illinoense*, *Mimosa illinoensis*

USDA Symbol: deil

USDA Native Status: L48 (N)

Well, We Tried to Make Insects the Ov..

The Gardenangelists knocked it out of the park on this “Well, we tried to make Insects the Overall Theme” podcast. Listen on a Meander Tour or on a drive! **Click for link!** →

**Like a moth?**

The head and small, stout body of the adult tend to resemble those of a moth

**Like a butterfly?**

Fly during the day

Antennae are clubbed but the club can end in a slender hooked tip

←And this great webinar about ‘Skippers In Your Yard’ was super interesting! **Click photo for link!**

**Grow Skippers!** We found several at the ‘Wild Mess In Progress’ after watching this video!

*Wishing you a week filled with "Renewal of Nature"*



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