

Weekly Wild Wednesday

November 24th, 2021

What A Week of "Thankfulness!"



←Wooooowww!
Linda made these
gorgeous roses out
of LEAVES! Click
for a YouTube
Video! It won't be
as good as Linda's
personal tutorial!

Dianne arranged a
super fun outing at
the Flathers-
Wetmore Prairie to
collect seeds!



←Dawn found some rabbit fur and ?Fox or
Coyote? scat, along with a den!

Lower Left-Sara made a gorgeous Thanksgiving
Bouquet from seed heads, and those seeds can
be spread after the Holidays! Double Gift from
Nature!

Below, we found this unusual- and unique to
us- seed head, and Bill identified it as Wild
Quinine! About dime sized! So beautiful. Click
photo for information about this plant from the
Lurie Garden in Chicago!

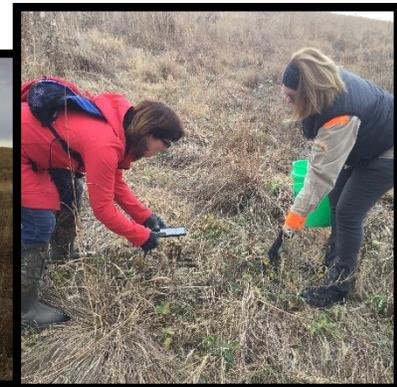
Click RIGHT for a detailed drying and storage article
from the Ion Exchange! So
helpful!-->
Thank you so much, Mark,
for letting us Play on
YOUR Prairie!!

Thank you so
much for setting
up this super fun
event!!! Seeds are
happily drying
even more!! In the
Sattelite Box!

2:35 PM

Perfect!

2:39 PM



November: Ideal Time for Bush Honeysuckle Control



Non-native, invasive bush honeysuckle (*Lonicera maackii* and other non-native species) spreads rapidly and can choke out native shrubs, trees, wildflowers, and other plants, especially in wooded areas.

Unlike many of our native shrubs and trees, whose leaves are turning and falling now, the leaves of bush honeysuckle are yellow-green into late November, making them easy to spot and treat. Bush honeysuckle can be effectively treated with herbicide—with foliar applications or applied to cut stumps.

[Read more in this Missouri Department of Conservation news release.](#)

[Find native alternatives to bush honeysuckle in this Grow Native! article here.](#)



At the “Wild Mess In Progress”, we are steadily working on removing invasives like Bush Honeysuckle, and we can do this really easily now while it is pretty much the only thing still green!

←Before and After of the lane!

And a very fun way of removing invasives at Colter’s Prairie at Bill and Dotty’s— Burning with Dr. Brian Hazlett’s Prairie Studies past and present students and some friends!



- Aronia Size: 3-4 Product ID: Aronia
- Arrowwood Size: 3-8 Product ID: Arrow
- Black Cherry Size: 1-4 Product ID: BKCh
- Bottombush Size: 2-6 Product ID: Bttm
- Chokecherry Size: 2-4 Product ID: Choc
- Elderberry Size: 1-4 Product ID: Elder
- Hannyberry Size: 2-4 Product ID: Hanny
- Ninebark Size: 2-4 Product ID: Nine
- Servicberry Size: 2-4 Product ID: Serv
- Shagbark Hickory Size: 3-4 Product ID: Shag



←The Honeysuckle is being replaced with these beneficial Native trees and shrubs from the State Forest Nursery in Iowa.

←Click for link!

This one is one of Brian’s! →
And the leaf below was ash—it disintegrated when touched!



Current Exhibitions



Molly Wood: The Poison Garden

November 13, 2021—February 6, 2022

Des Moines photographer Molly Wood has an ongoing fascination with the duality of botanicals—the seductive potential for flora to be toxic in one form and healing in another.

←Sioux City Art Center has this exhibition and we cannot wait to visit and see if there are any Native Plants represented! Click for link!

We received this book for the Lending Library! We have not read it yet! →



The Garden Awakening: Designs to Nurture Our Land and Ourselves

Dianne recommended this book if you are shopping this Thanksgiving for Holiday Gifts! A wonderful adventure for Young Naturalists to be!-->

Below from Steph! Bumblebee ID!
[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1u6r-](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1u6r-PAYWtEHN9xfo2jjuP5lhD-aAW1ru/view)

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Cost of Lawns!

<https://meridian.allenpress.com/jfw/article/12/1/151/464075/Financial-Analysis-of-Converting-Rural-Lawns-to>

Hi All -

It was nice to visit with everyone at last week's IAN meeting. I had some follow up from my session that might be of interest to folks.

First, I said I would share the [presentation which has some useful slides for bumblebee i.d.](#) Let me know if you have trouble accessing.

Second, I mentioned a paper ISU has recently published comparing the [cost of maintaining lawn vs. maintaining prairie and here is the link.](#)

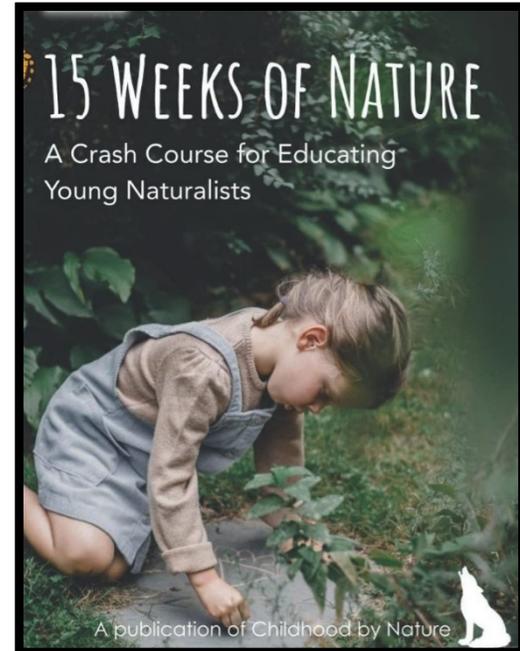
Someone (I forget who, sorry!) told me at the end that Davenport, IA has a lot of great conservation work going on and indeed they do ([especially look under "get involved"](#))! It looks like they have a prominent partnership with the [Good Neighbor program](#), which advocates for less chemical use and wildlife friendlier lawns.

Steph

Get Involved Davenport!

https://www.davenportiowa.com/get_involved

And join iowa Native Plant Society 'Fens' Program!
[Presentation December 7th, 7PM Zoom!! Click below!](#)



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Wishing you a week filled with "Thanksgiving"



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