

Weekly Wild Wednesday

January 5th, 2022

What A Week of "New Year Wilding"



Bumbling After Bumblebees/By Stephanie Shepherd, Iowa DNR

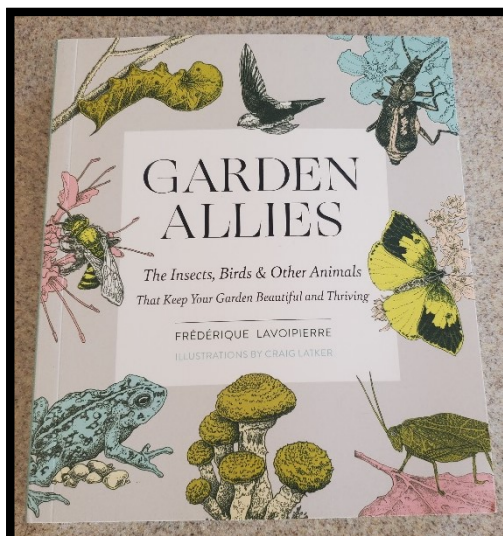
National Wild Ones Presents Matthew Ross with America's Public Gardens January 13th at 6PM!! Click photo for registration link! →

SAVE THE DATE for Loess Hills Wild Ones "Meet The Plants" hybrid event!
February 13th, 2-4PM Downtown Library and Zoom!



Brrrrrrrrr!!!

←It's a little chilly outside!



Register TODAY!

Stephanie Shepherd will be presenting live Zoom for Loess Hills Wild Ones!

Join us on

January 9th at 2PM!!

←Click photo for registration!

Yippee!!!!!!

Thanks, Stephanie, in advance!



Featuring Matthew Ross
Horticulturist, Wild Ones National Board Member and Director of Continuing Education at Longwood Gardens



America's Public Gardens:
A Resource for Native Plants Webinar
Jan. 13th | 6 p.m. CT

Hurry and sign up today! Registration will close Sunday, Jan. 9th at 11:59 p.m. CT!

Join us for "Wild Ones Presents 'America's Public Gardens: A Resource for Native Plants' Webinar on Thursday, January 13th at 6 p.m. CT with Matthew Ross

Take a journey to several of the nation's public gardens. From gardens that grow only native plants to others that have worked them into their diverse collections, get an in-depth look into how public gardens can help inform and influence your design and maintenance practices.

So let's do some reading!

←The Lending Library received this Garden Allies Book and it is already checked out! And has a hold already! Wow!

Agape Community Gardens!

Come on down to
1421 Geneva!



Bill made these darling footprints and arrows to lead everyone into the ALWAYS open-able garden gates! So cute! Come on in and Relax and Enjoy!

[Here's the link to the Agape gardens from last Winter!](#)



Friends of Stone Park did NOT worry about the -1 actual temperature with a minus 26 Wind Chilly Brrrrr Factor! And they saw some gorgeous color along the trails-- rewarding them for their robust, hardy Hike! January 1st First Day Hikers—We salute you from our warm spot in front of the fireplace with our hot chocolate and tea!



Ok, enough of that. Here are some of my favorite prairie photos from last year. Happy New Year, everyone. Be well.



Crab spider and captured fly inside shell leaf penstemon (*Penstemon grandiflorus*). Platte River Prairies. Nikon 105mm macro lens. ISO 400, f/18, 1/100 sec.



Seeds of goatsbeard, aka salsify (*Tragopogon dubius*). Platte River Prairies. Nikon 105mm macro lens. ISO 400, f/20, 1/50 sec.



Free Public Webinar: Maintenance for a Weed Free and Vi- brant Native Garden

August 17, 2021

Wonder if Doug Tallamy helped motivate the PA Dept of Ag to take action! ????

"The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture added Callery pear, or *Pyrus calleryana*, commonly called Bradford pear to a list of noxious weeds — plants that cannot be legally sold or cultivated in the state."

<https://levittownnow.com/2021/12/22/popular-tree-type-banned-in-pa/>

-Elisa



Lovejoy and Wilson have spoken; now it's time to act.

Tom Lovejoy introduced the term biodiversity in 1980 and E. O. Wilson patiently yet persistently worked thereafter to convince us that we cannot live without it. HNP's grassroots initiative is the call-to-action that will regenerate biodiversity. The time is NOW to plant native and GET ON THE HNP MAP!



This past week the world lost two of conservation's founding fathers: Thomas Lovejoy and Edward O. Wilson. Volumes will be written about these great men, but suffice it to say that Tom Lovejoy introduced the term biodiversity in 1980 and E. O. Wilson patiently yet persistently worked thereafter to convince us that we cannot live without it. We will mourn the loss of Lovejoy and Wilson, but let's also celebrate the conservation imperatives they have left us. Because of their work, we are not starting from scratch. We now have a clear set of goals for how we must interact with nature from here on. All that is left is to meet those goals.

In his 2016 book 'Half Earth', Wilson explained why we need to protect the natural world on at least half of Planet Earth if we are to preserve life as we know it on any part of the planet. This call is gaining traction. Urged by UN commissions and dozens of scientists,

Above, [Doug Tallamy's Newsletter](#) saluting two of his mentors who passed the torch to Doug-- and his likeminded colleagues. We sense a 'Passing of the Torch' Poem brewing...
←Chris Helzer's FAVORITE Winter photos had us gasping in awe!

Dianne sent links to a [Tending Nature Series](#) with the first program starting next week! Click for registration link! The speakers listed are awe inspiring, including National Wild Ones [Lisa Olsen](#) and [Doug Tallamy](#) among so many incredible names!→

←Here's an excellent Maintenance Webinar!

←And Elisa sent us this question with a link to a ban on Callery Pear Trees in Pennsylvania! We wonder too, Elisa if Doug was influential in this decision!

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Making A Sun Map: Tracking Sun Exposure In The Garden

Gardening Tips & Information

By: Darcy Larum, Landscape Designer



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BEE LAB

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Tending Nature: Native Plants and Every Gardener's Role in Fostering Biodiversity



This 6-session webinar series will focus on the ecological roles of native plants and some of the creatures that depend on them. We'll meet virtually at 10AM EASTERN each Friday for 6 weeks January 7th through February 11th.

[Register Here](#)

January 7th
Mary Gardiner, The Ohio State University professor and author
Beneficial Insect Biodiversity: What It Is and Why It Matters

January 14th
Doug Tallamy, University of Delaware professor and author
Bringing Nature Home: The Importance of Native Plants

January 21st
Lisa Olsen, Wild Ones
Cultivating a Community of Support for Native Plants

January 28th
Bryan Danforth, Cornell University professor and author
Host-plant Specialist Bees – Biology, Biodiversity, and Conserving Them in Your Backyard

February 4th
Heather Holm, Biologist and author
Bumble Bee Banquet: Selecting Native Plants for Bumble Bees

February 11th
Debra Knapke, Garden designer and author
Native Plants in My Garden? Absolutely!

Each session will last approximately 60 minutes plus questions. Register once to attend any/all sessions.

All webinars will be recorded and posted on the Bee Lab website.

This series is supported in part by an IPM pollinator health grant from USDA/NIFA.

I hope you can join us beginning January 7th. Register to attend if you

Wishing you a week filled with "A New Year of Wilding!"



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