


Weekly Wild Wednesday

February 16th, 2022
What a Week of "WOW!"

Our local Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center is hosting an **AWESOME** upcoming program this coming Sunday, February 20th, 2pm! Loess Hills Wild Ones is Co-Hosting this presentation!
Please register by clicking on the photo!



WOODBURY COUNTY CONSERVATION
FOUNDATION EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2022
2:00 P.M. WEBINAR VIA ZOOM

"IOWA'S FLORA ~
NATURAL & CULTURAL HISTORY"

A PRESENTATION BY DEBORAH Q. LEWIS, CURATOR
ADA HAYDEN HERBARIUM AT IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

REGISTER AT: [HTTPS://BIT.LY/WCCF2022](https://bit.ly/WCCF2022)

Ada Hayden, in "College Pasture," Ames, Iowa.
(Source: Iowa State University Department of Botany)

Our Own Dianne did such a wonderful presentation of each plant that will be available this Spring for our local Plant Sale! However, even if you are not purchasing plants locally, this is a program worth viewing! We were mesmerized by the peaceful and beautiful walk through a myriad of beautiful gardens with these photos and the time to study and think about each flower presented! This really made us pay attention to the value of each plant! We think you will be inspired by it's quiet reflection!

There are also *detailed charts and printable information* to go with the video! Thanks Carrie, Marcie, Danielle! [2022 Plant Sale Roll Out Click HERE!](#)

Click photo for video! →
Thank you Dianne!



Welcome to the 2022
Loess Hills Wild Ones
Spring Plant Sale

Photo from the Iowa Native Plant Society field trip to Twin Oaks

Participants: Ruth Rose, Dianne Blankenship, Janice Kooker, Carrie, Kitty Green, Danielle Metzger

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TouchSmart

At the “Wild Mess In Progress”, we are working on adding a Native/Perennial Food Forest area, and WOW, what a Rabbit Hole THAT sent us down! What fun to start researching this new project!

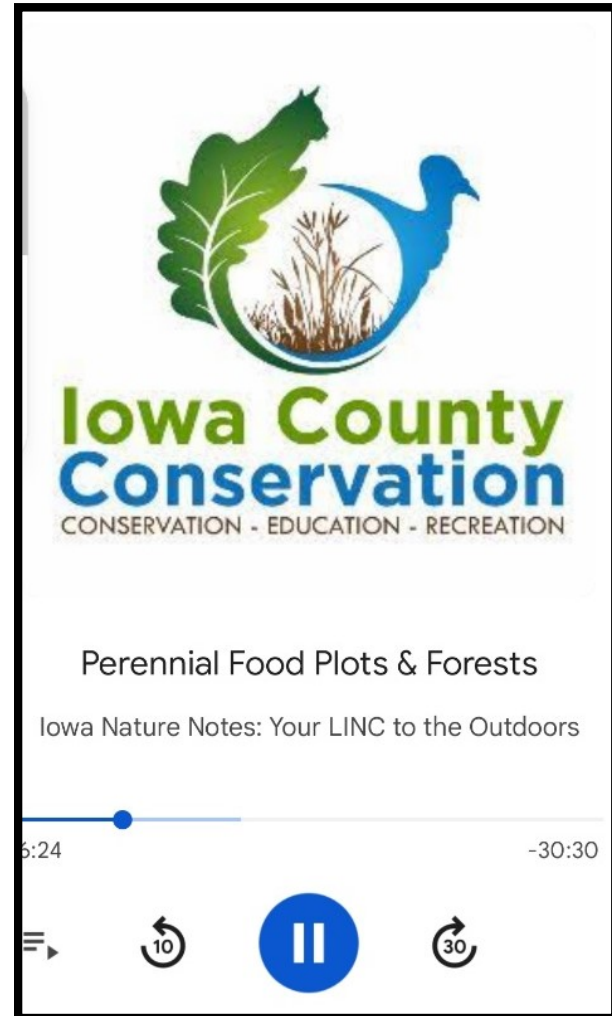
Here are just a FEW of the awesome resources and projects we found!

Click photos for links!

Plus this interesting list of shrubs are being installed at this link!

honey.com/planting-a-native-edibles-food-forest/

Chokeberry (*Aronia*)
Serviceberry
Elderberry
Native plum
American Persimmon
Mulberry (native)
Nannyberry
Paw Paw
Redbud



Wait...did I just read Redbud as edible? More research needed!!!!

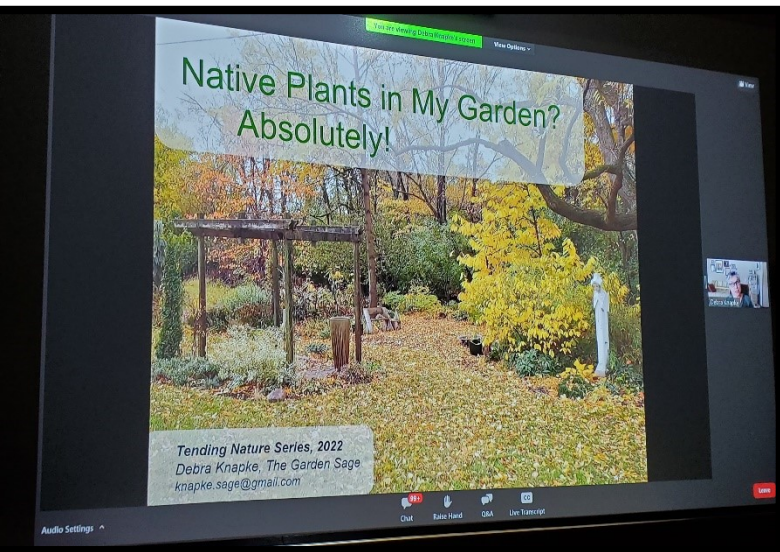
Homegrown Iowa

Homegrown Iowa is showcasing a new movement towards edible forest in the Quad Cities, Cedar Rapids, and...a town or city near you?



Edible forest movement grows in Iowa: Quad Cities, Cedar Rapids and

Gooseberries grow plump earlier this summer at Wetherby Park Edible Forest in Iowa City.
Photo Cindy Hadish



And there is so much going on locally, as well as around the country that we can only pick and choose, and leave the rest for later!

← Click for the [latest Tending Nature Webinar](#) from Ohio State University which we viewed on the Big Screen at

[Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center!](#) Thanks, Dawn! P.S. See Betty's darling Nature Center Valentine's greeting and Volunteer Opportunities below right!

There is a series of things going on at the [Tallgrass Prairie Center!](#) →

Laura, We were caught by last year's 2020-2021 Highlights!

Road Trip in April??

Cheri sent a link to an upcoming Sustainability in the Garden opportunity! →

Below, the Cornell University Bird Academy has many upcoming opportunities!

Hi Friend,

Spring in the Northern Hemisphere will be here before we know it! Now is the best time to start planning and preparing for a bird-friendly garden this spring. Here are a few resources you can use while you're plotting and researching your nature friendly landscape this year:

- What should you consider when designing a garden that birds will love? Read a few of the basic design considerations in the downloadable guide, [Creating a Garden for Birds](#).
- Learn bird water source preferences, why you should think about planting to attract insects to your yard, why "messy is beautiful," and more in the free preview of the self-paced, online course, [Growing Wild: Gardening for Birds and Nature](#)
- Worried what the neighbors will think of your nature friendly yard? Take a look at a few strategies you can use to keep your space wild, yet well planned in [Tips To Make A "Messy" Wildlife Garden Look Good](#)

Upcoming Webinar

Tips for the GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT

Seminar Presenters

WEEK 1
Digging Deeper into Sustainable Garden Design
Kelly D. Norris
Plant expert, designer, and author of multiple books

WEEK 2
Native Alternatives to Common Garden Plants
Panyoti Kelaidis
Plant explorer, gardener, and public garden administrator

WEEK 3
Gardening in Harmony with Birds & Pollinators
William Cullina
Native-plant guru and executive director of the Morris Arboretum

WEEK 4
The Secret Life of Soil
Robert Schindelbeck
Director of the Soil Health Lab at Cornell University

Sustainability in the Garden
NEW ONLINE COURSE BEGINS APRIL 1, 2022
Register Now • Limited Space
SIGN UP NOW

[Creating a garden for birds HERE](#)
[Gardening for birds and Nature HERE](#)
[Tips to make a messy wildlife garden look good HERE](#)

And your current Loess Hills Wild Ones Chapter Officers attended a great training session provided by National Wild ones!

A shout out to National for this wonderful Chapter Officer learning opportunity!

Thanks, National Wild Ones!!

Tallgrass Prairie Center
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From our director

RESEARCH AND RESTORATION
Testing new methods for large-scale prairie reconstruction

PLANT MATERIALS
How native genetic diversity for Iowa's roadsides and beyond

IOWA ROADSIDE MANAGEMENT

Happy Valentine's Day
Thank you for all you do for us!
February 14, 2022
DPNC Calendar of Events for this Month

February 18 – 21: Great Backyard Bird Count. Information found at [www.birdcount.org](#). Count birds at your feeder or in your yard to participate in one of the largest citizen science projects in the world. Go online to report your results. If you don't want to report online, send us your data at [cunps@woodburyarks.org](#) and we will record for you.

Saturday, February 19: Great Backyard Bird Count Bird Hike. 10:00 a.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Join the nature center staff and members of the Loess Hills Audubon Society for a bird hike along the trails at the Nature Center. Dress for the weather and wear sturdy walking shoes. If you prefer, you can participate in an indoor bird count throughout the day. We will watch birds from the comfort of the indoors during the Nature Center open hours from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. For more on the Great Backyard Bird Count go to [www.birdcount.org](#). Count birds at your feeder or in your yard to participate in one of the largest citizen science projects in the world.

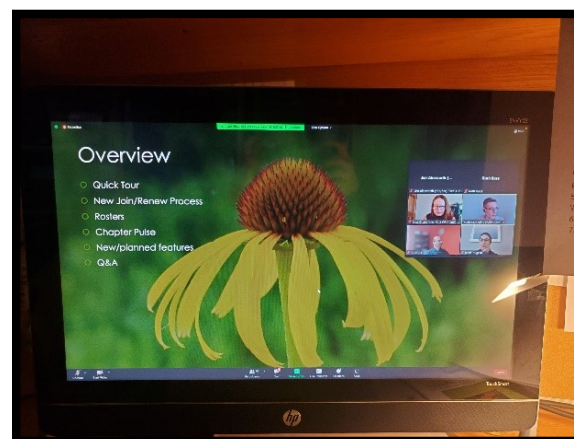
Sunday, February 20: Woodbury County Conservation Foundation Annual Meeting. 1:30 p.m., Virtual meeting via ZOOM at [https://bit.ly/wccfannualmtg](#). The Annual Meeting will be followed by a Webinar at 2:00 p.m. See info below to register for webinar.

Sunday, February 20: Iowa's Flora – Cultural and Natural History by Deborah O. Lewis, Curator, Ada Hayden Herbarium, Iowa State University. 2:00 p.m., Online Webinar via ZOOM. Register at [https://bit.ly/wccf2022](#). This wide-ranging presentation will provide an overview and history of the Ada Hayden Herbarium at Iowa State University and how its holdings inform us about Iowa's plants. It will spotlight the contributions of Iowa's botanists of the past, explore the diversity of Iowa's vascular plants, discover how humans have impacted the state's flora, examine how botanists (including those who are citizen scientists) do "botanics" work today, and share future goals. Join us for this insightful view of a little-known public collection. This program is free, open to all and co-sponsored by the Woodbury County Conservation Foundation and Loess Hills Wild Ones.

Tuesday, February 22: Yoga Class. 5:30 – 6:15 p.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Decompress from your busy day during this relaxing yoga flow. Stretch your body and calm your mind while enjoying the sights of nature. Limited to 15 people. Please pre-register by calling 712-258-0838 or emailing [kandage@woodburyarks.org](#).

Saturday, February 26: Winter Tree Identification. 10:00 – 11:00 a.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Identifying trees by their leaves and fruits is easy, but have you ever wondered how to identify a tree during the winter without those clues? During this education walk, you will learn how to identify trees in the winter by looking at bark and twigs. Limited to 15 people. Please pre-register by calling 712-258-0838 or emailing [cunps@woodburyarks.org](#).

Welcome Layne Lopez new Junior Volunteer



Wishing you a week filled with WOW!!”



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