

Weekly Wild Wednesday

October 12th, 2022

What a Week of "Beauty & Adventures!"

Upcoming!

Saturday October 15th

1-4 P.M.



**Seed & Social @ Bill & Dotty's
Prairie Hills**

All Are Welcome!

**15384 N Ridge Rd,
Westfield, IA 51062**

**Experience High Quality Iowa
Loess Hills Original Prairie!**



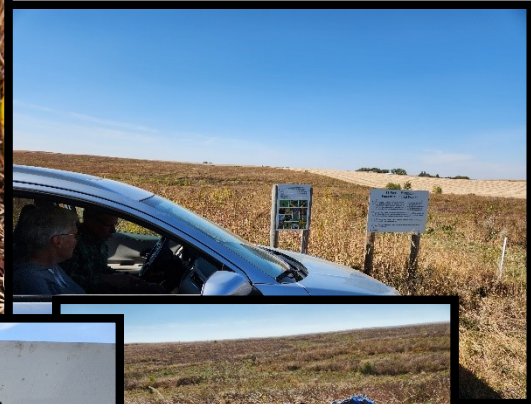
Join us this Saturday, and take the **LONG** route if you can, either there or back home, through Nature Conservancy **Broken Kettle**

Grasslands Butcher Road from Hwy 12! The buffalo were in the pond right by the road! Fall colors will NOT last much longer! Woooooow!

Thank you to Dianne who hosted and Mark for sharing his Prairie with all of us on the Seed Collection Adventure!

Click photos for links! Mystery seed head—Help please, Anyone?

So much FUN!!



Flathers - Wetmore Pioneer Memorial Prairie

When this community was homesteaded in 1867, the land was a sea of grass and wildflowers, a landscape gradually established after the retreat of the glaciers began 14,000 years ago. Rebounding from the Civil War, with faith, intelligence, bravery, grit, and an enormous amount of work, the men and women who settled here made better lives for their families and for the generations following them. The tallgrass prairie became some of the best farm land on earth.

To honor their efforts, remind us of what was here before them, and re-establish a tiny bit of that lost habitat, these eighty acres are being permanently restored as closely as possible to what the original prairie was. The site is dedicated to our ancestors, the tallgrass pioneers.

Seeded with 90 flower species, plus 24 grasses and sedges, beginning in early 2016, it will take several years to regain a true prairie appearance.

Visitors are welcome to walk through it, enjoy the flowers, birds, butterflies, and all the diverse nature of this unique habitat.

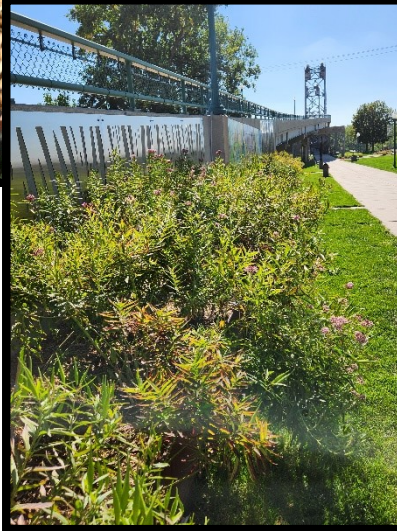
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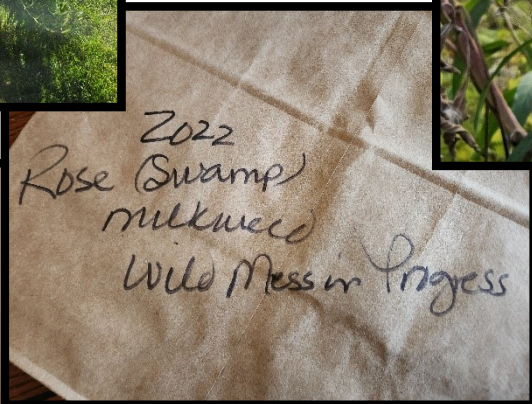
2 minute video on seed-- Common Milkweed –The easy way to separate it from the floss! →



Rose Milkweed, Red Milkweed, Swamp Milkweed— Common names for *Asclepias incarnata*! Whatever you call it, it is GORGEOUS! Here we show it in Yankton at the Meridian Bridge Walk in full bloom, and



at the Wild Mess in Progress in seed! We met Coral at Flathers-Wetmore, and she told us of exciting news for Native plants with [the Missouri Valley Master Gardeners](#), who provided the signage for the bridge plants! Stay tuned!!



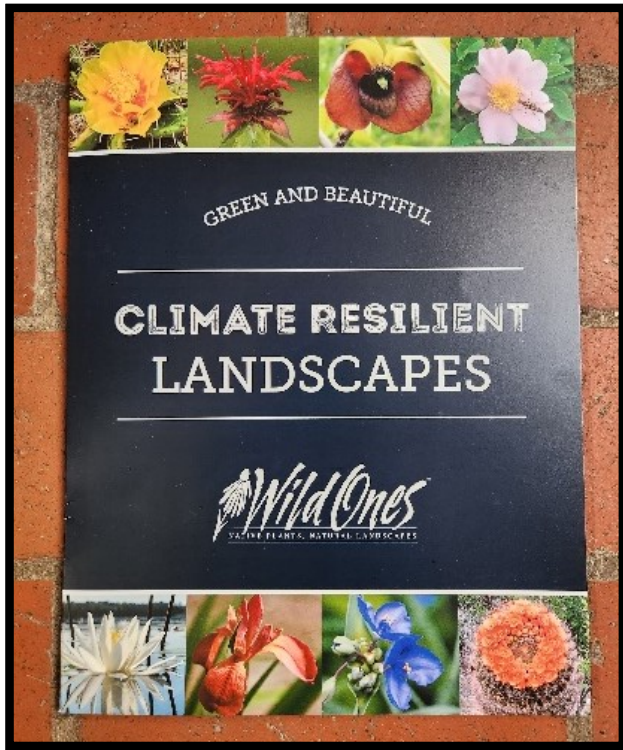
Meet Koy! If you are in the Storm Lake or Okoboji area, there is a

growing (haha) membership who have Native Plants! ←The Poke Milkweed grows in shadier areas, and look at that fat and happy Monarch caterpillar on the Rose Milkweed!

Hi Ruth, My "prairie" is really a joke. Shortly after my husband died I lost our old, old weeping willow, then a couple of years ago also an ash. That made it possible to plant a 10 by 10 ft. Space with native plants as I finally had some sun. My street yard (which is my back yard) is total shade so I planted lots of hostas, but I've also found that violets, sedge, goldenrod tradescantia and of course the milkweed (below) have done pretty well there. When I came here 26 yrs ago to take care of my mom there were no flowers, just trees and lilacs which didn't bloom. It was harder to find natives back then. But now in my lake yard I have borders with rose milkweeds, asters, mist flower (it does spread!) and several other natives. I've bought from Prairie Moon and also from Prairie Flowers up at Fostoria. The rose milkweed below is in my lake yard and gets sun except late afternoon. Thanks for sending my info on. Koy W.

Grow, Koy!





Wild Ones Grows the Native Garden Design Program!

So exciting! We just received these gorgeous new booklets! Click for link to the online information about these fabulous guides! If you would like a print copy, we will have them at various upcoming events! Thanks, Wild Ones, Yippeeoooooooooooo!!!! [Join us!](#)

If you have extra Milkweed seeds and you do not know what to do with them, consider donating the

seeds to Monarch Watch! Details-- click photo for link! →

← Danielle shared this stunning photo of her fabulous outing! We thank [Dr. Tom Rosburg](#) for leading this outing with hosts [Iowa Prairie Network!!](#)

Bring Back The Monarchs

Home The Milkweed Resources Donate Campaign

Milkweed Regions & Seed Needs

There are 73 species of native milkweeds in the United States. Many of these species are rare, threatened, and endangered. Monarchs utilize about 30 of these species as host plants with some regularity.

Monarch Watch needs seed donations to continue our restoration efforts. **Please use the resources below to see which milkweed seed is needed in your region.** These seeds will be grown and plants will be sold or donated back to their ecoregions. For collection instructions, see our [Seed Collecting and Donating](#) page.

Modified from R. G. Bailey, [Ecoregions of the United States](#), USDA Forest Service, revised 1994.

For descriptions, distributions, growing conditions and images of each milkweed species targeted for restoration, please consult the [Milkweed Profiles](#). Directions for milkweed propagation and instructions on how to create monarch habitats can also be found at [Growing Milkweeds](#). Sources of milkweed seeds and plants can be found via our [Milkweed Market](#) and the Xerces Society's [Seed Finder](#).

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Monarch Watch is a non-profit educational outreach program based at the University of Kansas that focuses on the monarch butterfly, its habitat, and its spectacular fall migration.

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Super cool! I spent Sunday afternoon learning from Dr Rossburg at the Loess Hills Forrest in Manona county!



[Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center!](#) That is one Herculan Hercules Insect!



And Linda shared a new baby! Finger's Crossed!



MMS
I have a baby silky aster !!
1:12 PM

Oh how cute!!!!!!

Wishing you a week filled with "Beauty and Adventures!"



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LOESS HILLS



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