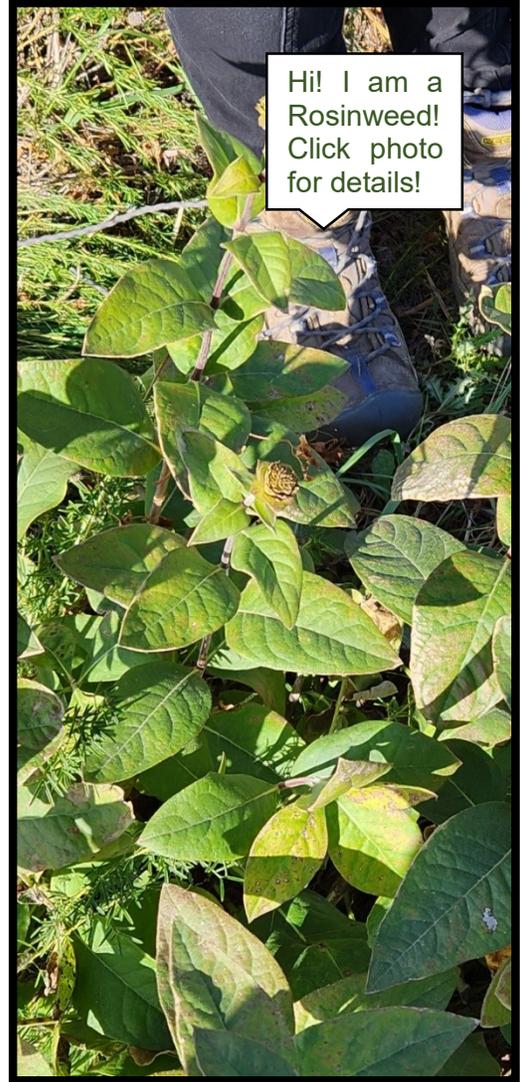


Weekly Wild Wednesday! October 19th, 2022 What a Week of 'Seed-Sonal Sharing!'



**Seed & Social @ Bill & Dotty's
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If you missed last week's Seed & Social, which was SO much FUN, Join Sierra

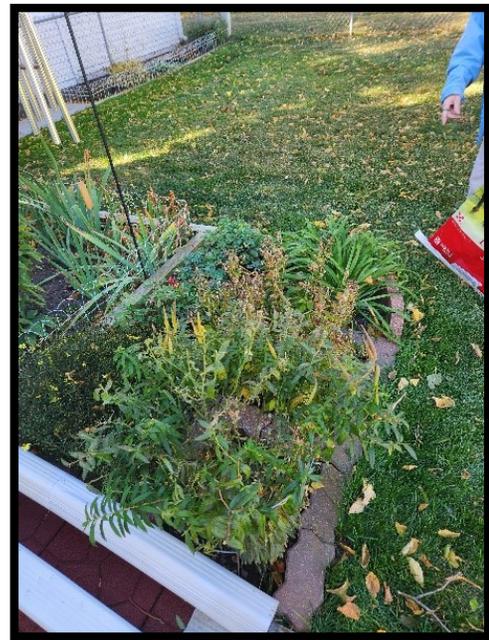
**tomorrow for a great experience!
Thursday October 20, 1-4 pm
15384 N Ridge Rd, Westfield, IA 51062.
RSVP 712-540-0952 text or call. Above, Bill shared his lifetime of experience to the NEXT generation of Native Plant Enthusiasts! Don't forget to look closely in the orchard for the Orchard Oriole Nest! Thanks, Dotty, for sharing that nest! We collected MASSES of Native Seeds to grow plants for MANY locations around the Siouxland Area! Keep your eyes open for gorgeous seed heads on your Meander Tours in your yards or parks, or on the roadside if you are out for an Autumn Auto Tour of leaves. *Only* if you pull over or are NOT the driver, haha! Dawn found this seedhead of Dotted (Which we call Dotty) Blazing Star in Stone Park!**



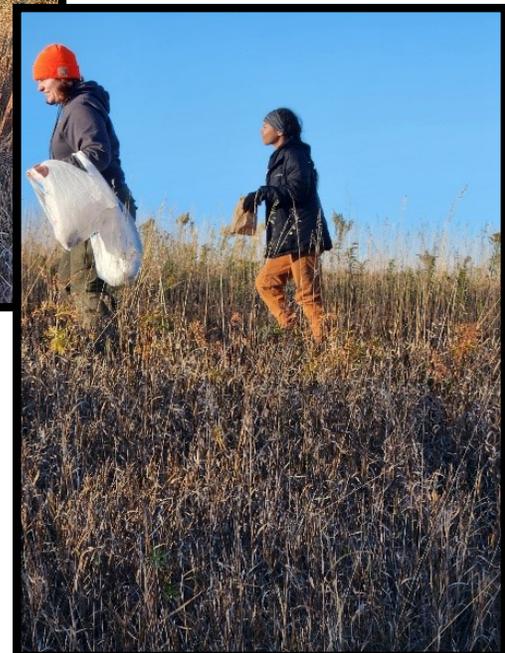


This hilarious seed was on a Rose Milkweed, and we thought it looked like a monkey ear! Seeds are so interesting!

Thank you to Sandy who shared her Butterfly Milkweed seeds from Leeds area! Those are drying nicely, and will soon be packaged and shared! They are in front of a fan drying now!



Friends of Stone Park hosted a gorgeous evening of seed collection in Stone State Park! They were joined by Golden Hills RCD and Woodbury County Conservation! We had to bundle up for this cold snap! Stunning sunset!



Doug and Kelly magnificently hosted **FABULOUS** food, fun, and friends near Turin with Iowa Prairie Network & Sierra! What a wonderful event!

The fire was welcome, and the seeds are going towards restoration projects in the Turin Area!

Grow Kelly and Doug!



Above, if you have Blackeyed Susan in your yard, and you want to harvest your own seed for yourself or to share with others, Lisa has this great video which we shared before but really love! 12 minutes. There are other plants too, check to see if these are native locally in YOUR area! [Bonap](#)

Chris wrote this article a couple of weeks ago, and since then in our area we have had our first FREEZE! Brrrrrr! ➔

And OH MY! We went down a MAJOR rabbit hole with this article shared by Cheri from Fine Gardening! [Links](#)

First Frost



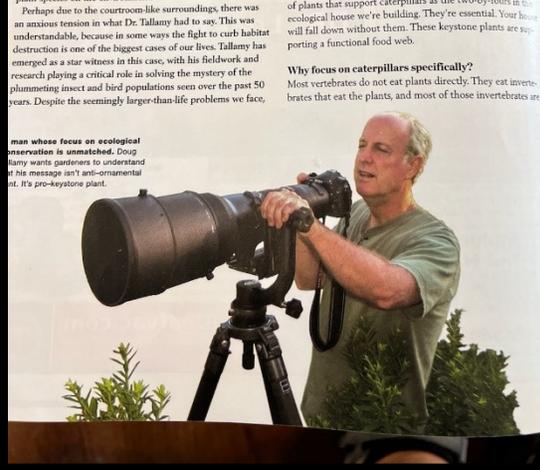
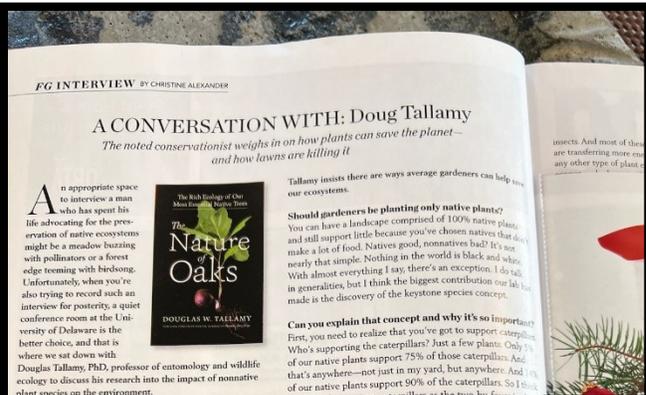
Chris Helzer
Oct 8

The forecast called for [today's](#) morning temperatures to be around 30 degrees Fahrenheit, which triggered two things to happen. First, we picked a bunch of produce from the garden last night. Second, I set my alarm to make sure I could get to our family prairie in time for sunrise.



Frost, false boneset (*Brickellia eupatorioides*) and sunrise. (As always, you can click on this or other photos to see better versions of them.)

I arrived before the sun appeared and wandered around the frosty prairie, scouting for potential photo



on photos! We checked out the Keystone Plants from the podcast—and the podcast has photos that are stunning on the printed transcript! Click that “Let’s argue about plants” photo for those links! Then we logged onto Homegrown National Park website, and found the list that was named in the podcast! Grow Native, Fine Gardening!!

fine Gardening Feedback Q ☰

Keystone Plants:

 Goldenrod Photo: Danielle Sherry	 White wood aster Photo: Danielle Sherry	 Sunflower Photo: Jennifer Benner
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1. Goldenrod (*Solidago* spp., Zones 3–9)
2. Aster (*Aster* spp., *Eurybia* spp., *Symphotrichum* spp., Zones 4–9)
3. Sunflower (*Helianthus* spp., Zones 3–9)
4. Oak (*Quercus* spp., Zones 2–9)
5. Cherry (*Prunus* spp., Zones 3–8)
6. Birch (*Betula* spp., Zones 3–9)
7. Cottonwood (*Populus* spp., Zones 2–9)
8. Elm (*Ulmus americana*, Zones 3 to 9)
9. Willow (*Salix* spp., Zones 4–10)



Episode 120: An Interview with Doug ...

Let's Argue About Plants

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Wishing you a week filled with "Seed-Sonal Sharing!"

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