

# Weekly Wild Wednesday

November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022

What a Week of "Natives gone TOO Wild!"

## Save These Dates:

Sunday November 13<sup>th</sup>

Annual Meeting & *Wild Seed Share*  
At Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center

1:30PM Members Only! [Join HERE](#)  
for FIRST CHOICE of *Wild Seeds*!!

2PM ALL Are Welcome!

← You MIGHT even get some  
seed hand processed by Lilly!!

← She shook that Butterfly  
Milkweed bag full of seed pods and  
fluff HARD, and then cut a tiny  
corner in the bag and the seed--  
separated from the fluff and  
pods--poured right into her  
container!

If you have Wild seed to share, feel free  
to bring it on Sunday pre-packaged or in  
bulk, but it is NOT necessary to bring  
seed--We have plenty to share! Thanks,  
Dawn, for the Nodding Onion and  
Rattlesnake Master from the Nature  
Center Gardens! Thanks [Sioux City  
Garden Club](#), for the Grant for that  
garden!

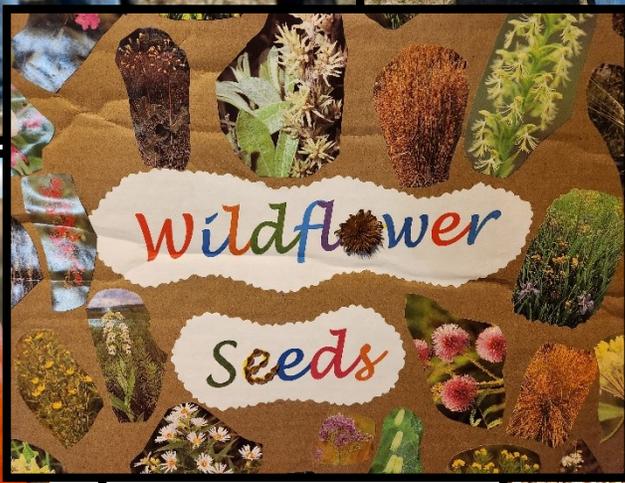
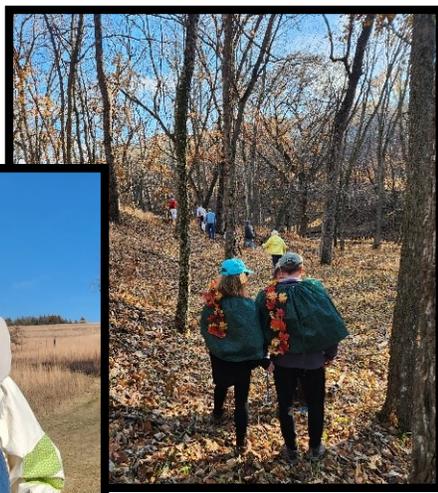
Heartfelt thanks to everyone who has helped-- or is helping!!



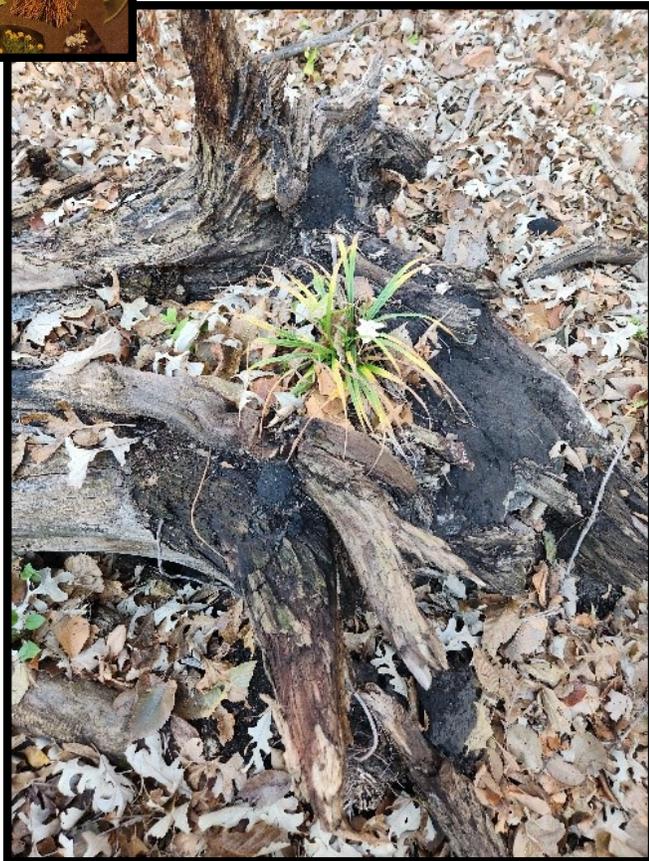
← When Natives grow  
TOO wild--What do we  
do? Got Grapevine (or  
Virginia creeper) that is  
eating up your porch?  
Call up friends to help  
with a future...drum roll  
**Make and Take  
Wreath Seeds-&-All  
Party!**

Fun, Food, Festivities!  
Saturday December 3<sup>rd</sup>  
2-4PM at the Dorothy  
Pecaut Nature Center





Thanks Dotty and Bill  
for your *Frightfully Freaky*  
*Friday Halloween Party!*



Who says you can't have a little WILD at YOUR party!

Top left: Wildflower Seed Packet of the Tallgrass Prairie!  
Map included! Middle was The Pocket Prairie, complete  
with animals tucked into EVERY pocket! And LITERALLY a  
POCKET FULL OF PRAIRIE PLANTS!!! DARLING! And  
right--all the insects you can imagine, plus pollinators too!  
Wow!  
We think *The Pocket Prairie* stole the show!

On our hike, we found a GREAT idea for the Stumpery at  
The Wild Mess in Progress! (page 2 on the link)

We were planning on Native ferns, but Nature suggested  
that we add a Sedge! We have extras growing randomly  
that will get a new home!

Thanks, Nature!



Photo by MN Department of Agriculture

Unfortunately it can be hard to tell these species apart. However, with a little patience and a decent field guide, differences become apparent. The best diagnostic feature I have found is that American bittersweet carries its flowers and fruit on the terminal ends of the stems whereas Oriental bittersweet carries them in the axils of the leaves.

All in all, American bittersweet is a lovely native vine. Its beauty in our eyes has, like so many other plant species, created some serious survival issues. Coupled with the the threat of its highly aggressive Asian cousin, the future of this wonderful species remains uncertain. That being said, this doesn't have to remain a trend. The good news is that it does quite well as a garden species and many nurseries are beginning to carry the native over the invasive. If you live in eastern North

This year is no exception on our confusion of Wild vs Invasive Bittersweet! So here's a review! ←Click photo for link!

The American Bittersweet is simply stunning right now!

Below, our new rain gauge, created by Cheri, finally got a drink! Small, but welcomed!!



If you cannot leave the leaves exactly where they fall, why not try to keep them on your property? Cheri put it so poetically in her text and photo from *The Old Fence!* At *The Flower House*, we are moving the leaves carefully from the front lawns to become a blanket underneath the Elderberry and Ninebark! At *The Wild Mess*, we are so lucky to be able to let them go-----



What was once a carpet on the lawn is now a blanket for the garden.

-----wherever they may choose!

Whatever your style, know that→



LEAVES ARE NOT LITTER!

*Wishing you a week filled with "Natives Gone Wild!"*

