

Weekly Wild Wednesday

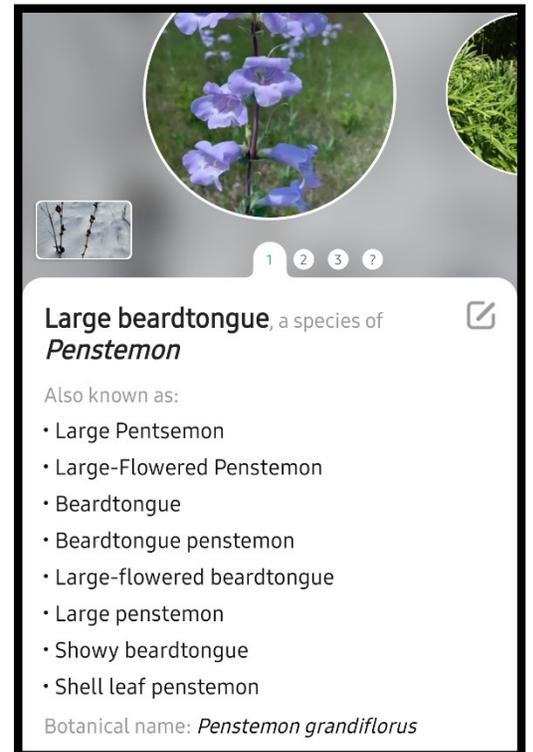
January 11th, 2023
What a Week of "Snowy Seeds!!!"

Outdoors Winter Wonderland showed us many seed heads sending their seeds downward with every snowfall! We are seeding in much the same way, with a few twists! Many people asked "Where did you get the Showy Beadtongue Penstemon seeds?"

Some were from Dianne from the Seed Exchange, and others were from a local hike on private property where we saw this! →

We asked the owner's permission to harvest a few of the pods, probably about 8% of the seeds we saw in this area. We left the rest-- so that Nature will make more plants and provide MORE seeds next year! It's really important not to overharvest!

We have Wild turkeys that love to eat and scratch--So we put the direct Winter Seeding seeds under a metal frame from a Dollar type Store, which is staked into the ground with landscaping staples! This does NOT work very well in frozen ground—Growing Pains! Luckily many areas were prepared BEFORE the ground froze solidly—Sprouting Success, we hope!



← The others are an experimental Citizen Science Winter Sowing, and this week we are using the plastic buckets we were gifted to repurpose! Next week, the Milk Cartons Marcie is gifting will be [Winter Sown!](#)

We put regular, plain potting soil in the buckets about 2/3 full, and *thoroughly moistened* the soil.

Then we sprinkled the seeds on top.

We barely sprinkled some soil over the seeds, not covering all of them, as they need light to germinate.

We filled them with snow, and set them outside in the SHADE! They are also in a spot where the wind will not blow them away!



Then we went on a Meander Tour ! The sign in the Pocket Prairie at the East Entrance of Stone State Park looks GORGEOUS in the snowy setting! WoooooooWWW! Thanks, Friends of Stone Park!



Just a few steps down Long Bow Trail in Stone Park beyond the Equestrian Parking area we saw signs of the Pileated Woodpecker that Tyler saw by the Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center Workshed this week! We did not see the woodpecker, drats....

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← We saw these White? Purple? Prairie Clover Seed heads bowing in the snow! (Help!)

More American Bittersweet with a snowflake cap!!

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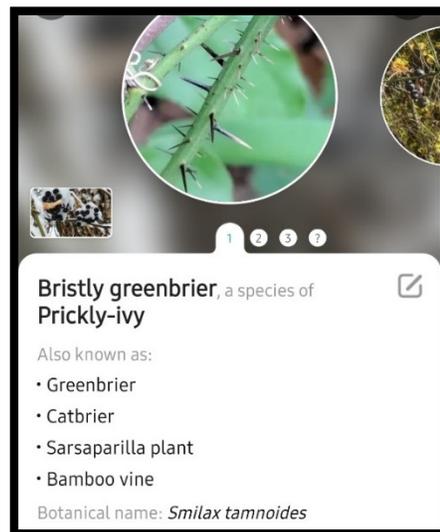


←Some Canada Wild Rye with a Snow-Fur coat!

Catbrier Purrrrrfectly beautiful in white! Sticking out a claw or two! →



←A waterfall of Side Oats Grama!



Wishing you a week filled with "Snowy Seeds!"



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