

Weekly Wild Wednesday

April 19th, 2023

What a Week of "Rewards of Planting Natives!!"

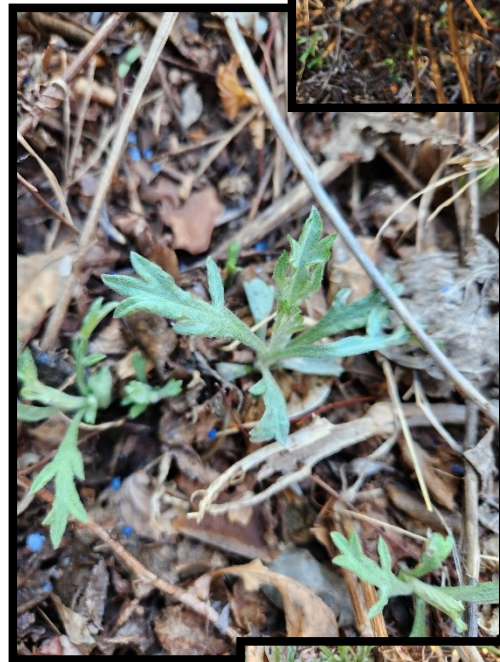


Our yards are Spring-ing (ha!) to life from our plantings in the past years! Yippeeaaaaa! Seeing the LIFE emerging in plant life and those who depend on those plants is TRULY rewarding!

Cheri and Tom's "The Old Fence Gardens" gained the respect of this Eastern Towhee! Find what you need, gorgeous bird!

Dawn says he might be a resident this Summer!

← Click photo to learn more about the habitat YOU can provide to attract and support this darling bird!



First time seeing this bird in our yard. It's an Eastern Towhee. He's probably just migrating through.

No he might stay and nest. We have them all summer. You have enough scrubby trees and habitat. Watch and listen for "drink your teeee" great photo!

The Wild White Prairie Sage we planted at the 'Wild Mess in Progress' last year came up last week, and in just ONE week the exact same spot looked like THIS! Wow! We think it likes it's new home, and we will have some to share for sure this year! Click photo for more information! →



And this Red Admiral Id'd by Bill decided to thank us by hanging around for quite some time zipping around our emerging plants!

Bill says it overwintered somewhere, what a miracle it can survive the harsh conditions!

Yet another reason to create a Wild environment in YOUR yard!

← Click! photo for Iowa State's Research Site on this and other flutterby's!




Heath Aster
Symphotrichum ericoides

Attracts: an abundant number of Butterflies, Moths, Native Bees

Host to: Pearl Crescent butterfly

Heath Aster is very easy to grow in medium to dry soils. It is rhizomatous and will self-seed readily, so some may consider it aggressive. It will spread 1+ feet per year. Also called White Heath Aster.



Delicate lacy flowers

Photo: Prairie Moon Nursery

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Meet the Plants & Rollout of the Grants
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If you are looking for specific plant information or are working on your layouts or additions to YOUR gardens, here's the YouTube program about the Spring Plants that will be available at our sale!

← Click photo for video! Thanks to ALL who helped make this program so much FUN!

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Looking for financial help in getting Native plants into your spaces?

We can help!

Click photo to go to our Web Site, and scroll down until you find this bright blue area to click on the grant of YOUR choice!

\$500 will go to 5 deserving Non-Profit Organizations,

And a FREE flat of plants to 5 or our Members!

ALL of the proceeds from our *Volunteer Garden Artisan Works* and the *Native Plant Sales* go **RIGHT BACK** into Native Gardens in our area!

Yippee!!!! Thanks, Grant Committee!

Marcie helped us out with some advice about our sprouting seeds from last week's Wild Wednesday!

We are keeping an eye on our tiny seedlings, uncovering them during the hot weather and then putting their lids back on when a frost is predicted overnight!

We can hardly wait to see what they do THIS week!



So I'm gonna need some input as to what to do with these sprouts!!

MMS 9:00 AM

Marcie Ponder

Leave them in the container until 2 inches or tall. Make sure they stay well-watered. The top half of the container can be removed when threat of frost has passed.



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Photo by
Diana Kuklinski

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Prairie Nursery has a **FABULOUS** and vast amount of Native Plant Selections, and endless information about all things **WILD!**

They are sharing 3% of their proceeds thru April 22nd, so if you are planning to shop with them, place your order in the next 3 days!

Thanks, Prairie Nursery!!

← Click photo to shop!

Bird Friendly Sioux City Designation

The Loess Hills Audubon Society is working towards obtaining the designation of **Bird Friendly City** for the City of Sioux City. We have partnered with the Northwest Iowa Group of the Sierra Club, the Woodbury County Conservation Board, Loess Hills Wild Ones, and the Nature Conservancy in Iowa in our efforts to obtain this status for our community. Loess Hills Audubon Society members have met with City Parks and Recreation and the City Environmental Services staff to discuss ways to obtain this status.



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To obtain this designation, it is necessary for us

We learned a lot about starting a **Bird Friendly Sioux City** designation from Loess Hills Audubon Society! Click photo above to learn more about this awesome opportunity!

Thanks, Marla, Kari, Dotty and Bill for sharing this with us!

Saturday, May 6: Wildflower Walk, 10:00 a.m., Fowler Forest Preserve, Celebrate Iowa Wildflower Month by joining us for a walk through this woodland to view the diversity of spring wildflowers. Wear sturdy walking shoes. The trail is easy and well-maintained, and we will slowly walk up the hill, admiring the blooms along the way. Dawn Snyder, local plant expert, will lead this walk. Fowler Forest is located 1/2 mile west of Smithland on Hwy 141. Sponsored by Woodbury County Conservation, Loess Hills Wild Ones, and Iowa Prairie Network. More info: [712-258-0838](tel:712-258-0838).--

Mark your Calendars and Join Us for a **Wildflower Hike in Fowler Forest!**

Last year the timing was perfect, and we got so many ideas for our home gardens on this walk. Finger's Crossed for this year!

Follow up with a **Burn Demonstration** at a nearby privately owned prairie!

Thanks Dawn and Bill!!



Ruth, can you advertise a small prairie burn demonstration after the May 12th Fowler woods hike at John & Sharon Polifka's? They are not far from Fowlers near Mapleton. I will forward a photo from last year at their burn. Bill

Wishing you a week filled with "Yards Spring-ing to life!"



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