

Weekly Wild Wednesday

April 26th, 2023

What a Week of "Rain, Sleet, Snow, and SUN!"



RAIN GARDENS 101

JULIE PERREAULT

This one hour video will teach you the beginning information and how to continue your education on Rain Gardens!

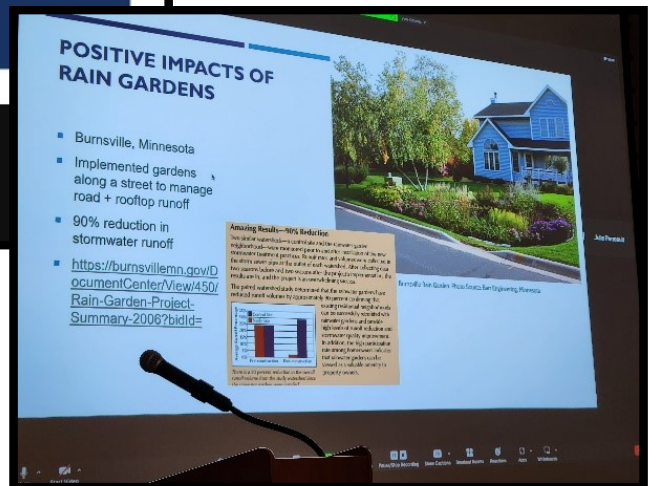
They are not what we thought they were! Such a great option to help clean the water that goes into your streams, rivers, lakes, and eventually oceans! You can do YOUR part to help keep our waterways clean!

Click photos for video link!



Julie Perreault: Rain Gardens 101

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We got rain, sleet, snow, and finally SUN! Enough rain that it filled most of our ponds and bird baths! Woowooow!!



And that brought out many buds on the trees in our area, one of which is this gorgeous Bur Oak tree!

This is truly Spring beauty!



Click photos!

Sioux City— Celebrate Iowa Wildflower Month by joining us for a walk through this woodland to view the diversity of spring wildflowers, on Saturday, May 6th at [10:00 a.m.](#) at Fowler Forest Preserve. Wear sturdy walking shoes and plan to hike on trails through the woodlands in search of these early bloomers. 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 the Iowa Native Plant Society. More info: [712-258-0838](tel:712-258-0838).

The program is open to all ages and is free of charge. Please wear sturdy walking shoes and dress for the weather. Fowler Forest Preserve is located one half mile west of Smithland on Highway 141.

This event is part of Iowa's Wildflower Month and is sponsored by Woodbury County Conservation, Loess Hills Wild Ones, and the Iowa Native Plant Society. For more information on other events and hikes pertaining to wildflowers visit <http://www.iowanativeplants.org>.

For more information about this program contact the nature center at [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!!



Clean up at [Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center](#) Gardens revealed this Prairie Smoke that Dawn photographed! The Native and Butterfly gardens look amazing thanks to all those dedicated volunteers! Click for Prairie Smoke Info! →



Tom sowed a mix of Native seeds we call "Granola" (thanks to a word coined by Dotty and Bill) and produced this gorgeous mix of Spring Sprouts! We can hardly wait to see what they are! And if you wish to separate your sprouts into single plants, here's an excellent guide!

← Click photo left for details! Tom and Cheri are going to guide us step by step through this process next week! We can hardly wait! Stay tuned!

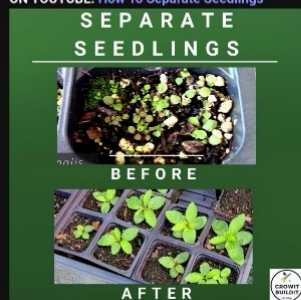
If you have winter sowed this year, you likely are dealing with a 'problem'...seed trays bursting with seedlings. Now, you may be scratching your head wondering what to do now.

Today, we have a timely resource to share with you that will help you in this task. We'll show you some techniques you can use to separate various seedlings, both mature and small. There is an detailed article guide, as well as a video showing exactly how we do it. Hope this will be useful to you in the coming weeks.

ON THE BLOG: [How To Separate Seedlings](#)



ON YOUTUBE: [How To Separate Seedlings](#)



LAST CHANCE! Deadline May 1st!!

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!

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

And a FREE flat of plants to 10 of 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!

Check out this great podcast from Joe Gardener! We are looking into the book for our Lending Library! Click for podcast!



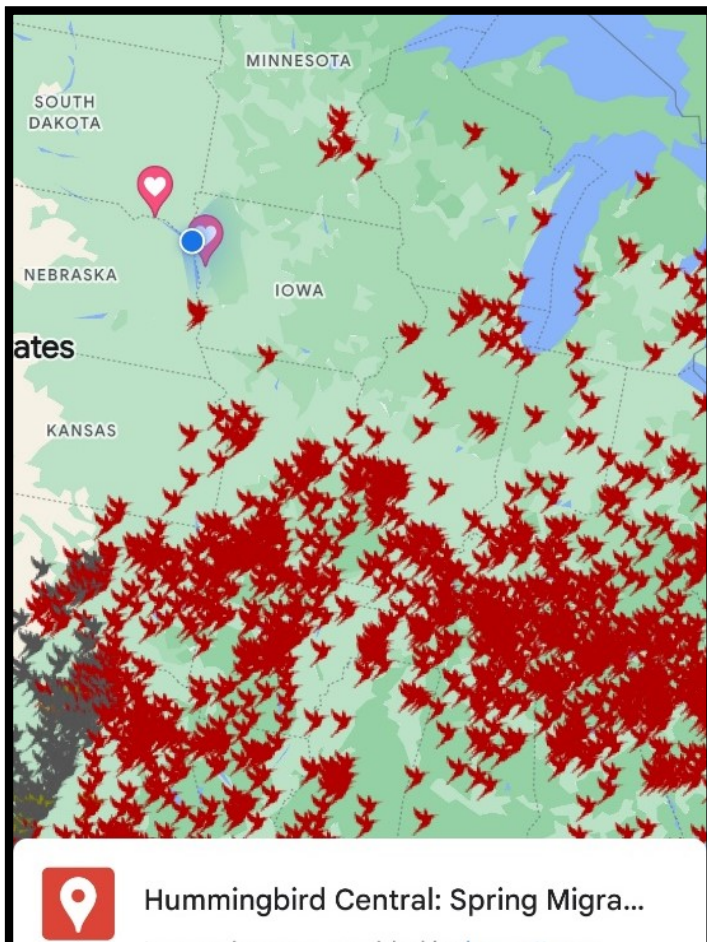


308-Wildscape: The Sensory Wonders of Nature, with Nancy Lawson

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(Photo Credit: Nancy Lawson)



← Get ready for the hummingbirds!

They are on their way!

[Check out these plants you can add to your garden to naturally feed the hummingbirds in the future!](#)

Thanks, Audubon for this awesome list of options!

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