

# Weekly Wild Wednesday

May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023

*What a Week of "Flutter-Bys and Flashy Fliers!"*

This week, we were playing in the plants at 'The Flower House' when a grower of cut flowers stopped by and shared that she had a hillside of similar plants to the one we were tending in an area she was developing. She generously offered to let us rescue those plants, and we immediately took her up on that offer! We took as many of the Pussy Toes as we could that day, and transplanted them into flats for future homes!

This is the area where we rescued the tiny plants! →

We will keep on rescuing! If YOU know of an area where native plants are bound for demolition, please let

us know, and we will do what we can to find them new homes! So far, we transplanted 6 flats!

This tiny plant is host to the American Lady butterfly.

American Lady

Painted Lady

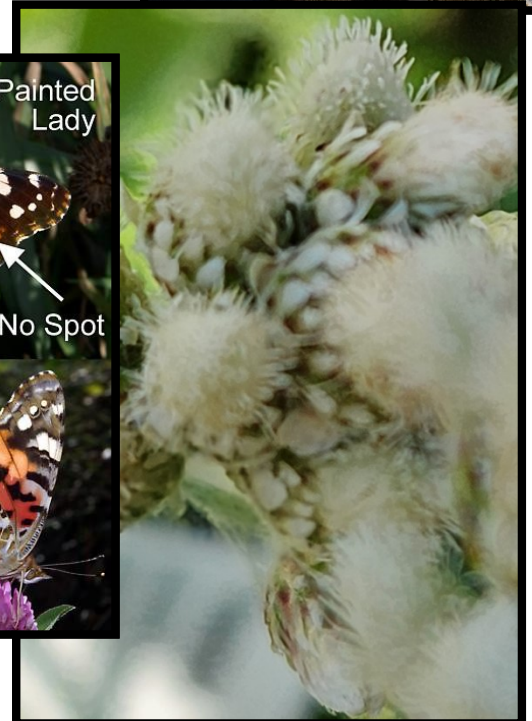
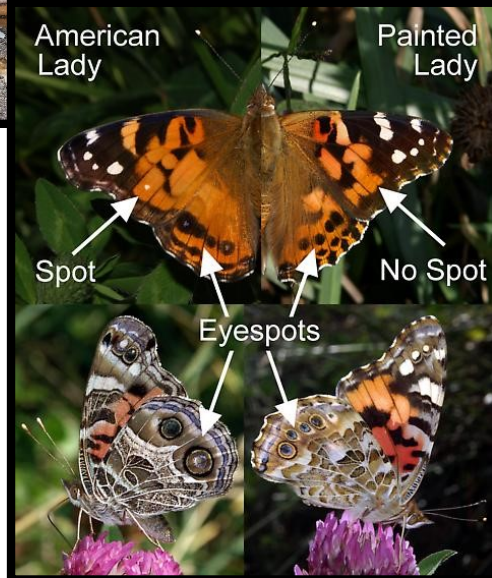
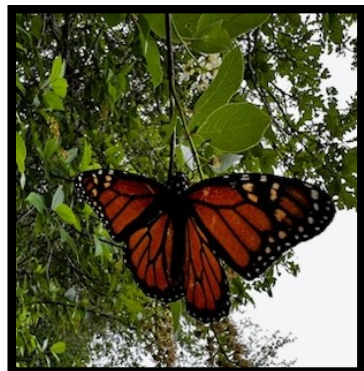
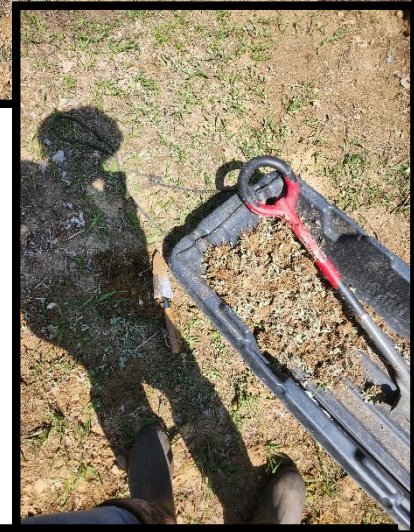
Spot

No Spot

Eyespots

Speaking of flutter-bys, Cheri spotted a Monarch in her yard, and then Dawn and I saw two on a hike! ←Dawn snapped that photo!

Time to keep your eyes open for activity on your milkweeds! We also saw a LOT of swallowtail activity this week!







# Native Plant Sale

Open to the Public

**MAY 20 - 21**

9AM - NOON

2801 S. Cecelia St.  
Sioux City

May 19th -  
Members Only  
from 3 - 7PM



**Native Plant Sale!**

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**May 20-21st 9-Noon**

**2801 S. Cecelia Sioux City, Iowa**

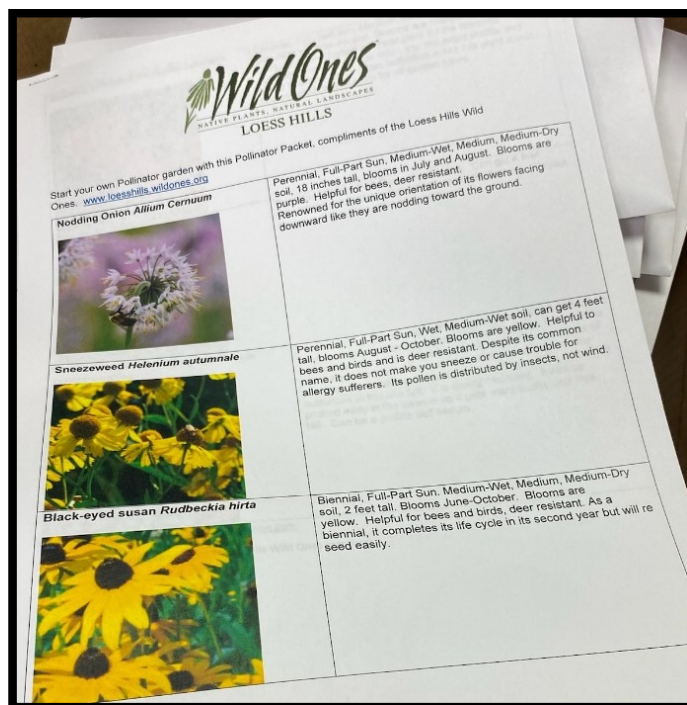
← This coming weekend is the Loess Hills Wild Ones Plant Sale!

**The Native Plant Sale is  
May 19-21st**

Due to an  
overwhelming demand  
for Native Plants from  
our supplier, we have  
had to make changes  
to our original list of  
plants that will be at  
the sale. And we think  
an overwhelming  
demand for native  
plants is a GREAT  
problem to have!

Click photo for the  
**AWESOME** updated  
list—with photos-- from  
Marcie! →

Click link below and  
**Join Us to come Friday!**



And what's blooming in YOUR  
space this week? On our Meander  
Yard Tour, we saw Starry  
Solomon Seal-



Wild Geranium →

← And Blue-Eyed Grass.

Dawn shared that Blue Eyed Grass  
is actually an Iris, not a grass at  
all!



Click on  
any  
photo!





Tom is trying out the cardboard method of starting a new garden area! We can hardly wait to see how this works for him! We are on year 3 of trying this method at several sites, and this year had to pick up the odd piece of non composted cardboard, a label here and there, and some tape we had missed while preparing the cardboard. We LOVE this method, but it takes patience!

← Click photos for a printable link!

You can do this in Fall and let it overwinter naturally, OR you can do it in Spring and keep it watered for later planting if Nature does not water it for you all Summer!

So quick and easy!

For great ideas from Longwood Gardens,  
Click the photo below!



Tom and Cheri also shared the “Instant Meadow” garden idea! They had a mix of prairie seeds Bill calls ‘Granola’ that they sowed in a flat of 2x2 pots. Locally harvested LHWO seeds! Now they are transplanting those micro prairie plugs into their already prepared dead grass areas!

Find what you need, little prairies!

And Marcie shared her success with Winter Sowing in milk jugs—so far! Wooooooowwww!!

→



GrowItBuildIt shared this awesome guide to Native Plants with Curb Appeal!

← Click for a great read!



105 winter sown containers  
72 have germinated  
33 have not germinated (mostly annuals)  
69% successful germination SO FAR (I'm not giving up on them)

35 native species  
Tomatoes  
Herbs

I'll have some to share, I'm sure!





*Wishing you a week filled with "Flutter-Bys and Flashy Fliers!"*

