



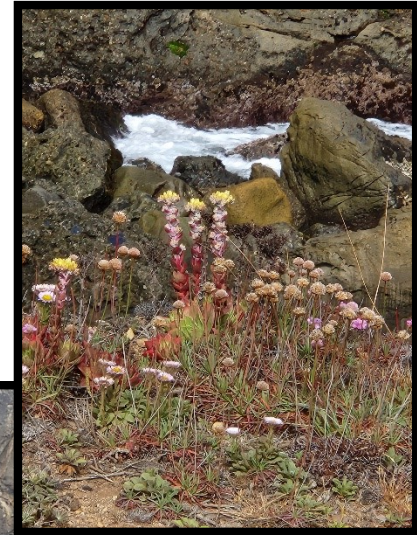
Weekly Wild Wednesday

July 5th, 2023

What a Week of "Super Showy and Subtle"




On a trip to the Bay Area in California, we were lucky enough to catch the tail end of the Super Bloom in the Coastal area! What an amazing show!


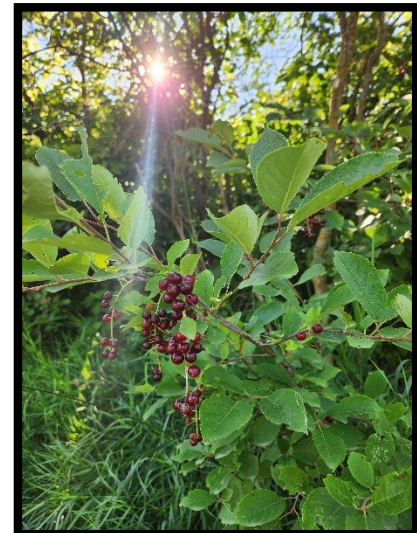


There were well over 100 Native species per square meter in this area!
We have no idea what any of these are, we simply enjoyed the show!

Thanks, Nature!

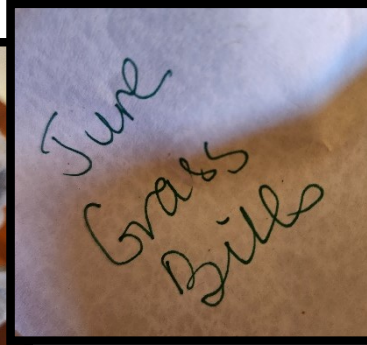


Back at home, we enjoyed our own Prairie Subtle Bloom! The plants and flowers are gorgeous and showy in a very delicate way!
This Choke Cherry →

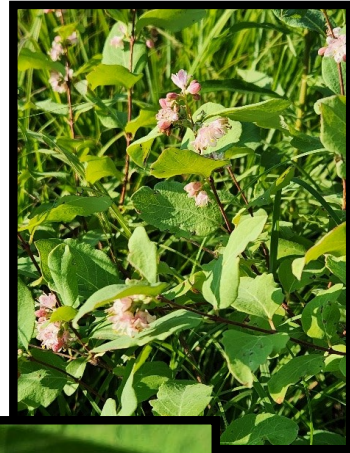


stopped us in our tracks on a Meander Tour!
Go Slowly, Look Closely, and take a LOT of close up photos to see your own Super Bloom!
← This blooming Side Oats Grama is an example of the stunning subtle beauty in a close up phone photo!

← This June Grass surrounded by Lead Plant and Cone Flower was ready to harvest on our Prairie Hills Hike! Bill and Dotty generously shared this seed with Loess Hills Wild Ones for an experimental planting!



We also saw



Snow Berry in bloom! →



American germander, a species of Germanders

Also known as:

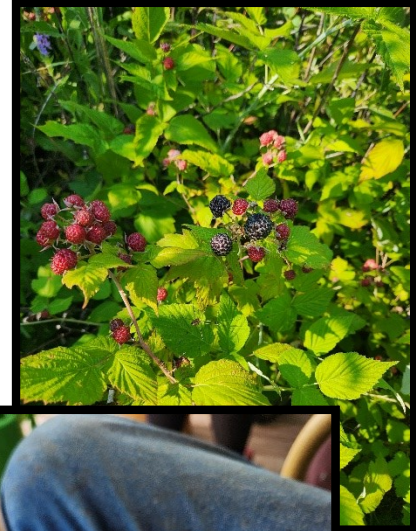
- Wood sage
- American wood sage
- Canada germander
- Hairy germander

Botanical name: *Teucrium canadense*



← This American Germander at the Edge of the Woods caught our eye!

We immensely enjoyed Dawn's freshly harvested Wild Black Raspberries →



With a touch of whipped cream (HA!) after our hikes!

Thanks, Dotty and Bill for another wonderful Prairie Hills Adventure!

←Photo by Dawn



Marcie wished us a *Happy Independence Day* with her garden, which will be on the Garden Walk Tour!

She inspired this Early Edition!

We can hardly wait to see this garden in person, up close July 15th--along with Jenny's & Tom and Cheri's!

Thanks to all the hosts of the July 15th Garden Walks!

Details below!

Loess Hills Wild Ones Garden Walks in Morningside Area of Sioux City

Saturday, July 15

9AM - Noon

Tour 3 private gardens in Sioux City's Morningside Area.

Come and go--open house format!

Jenny Jorgensen: [4158 Sherwood Terrace, Sioux City, IA 51106](#)

Marcie Ponder: [3301 Walden Ave., Sioux City, IA 51106](#)

Tom & Cheri Stewart: [2801 S. Cecelia St., Sioux City, IA 51106](#) (Awarded Sioux City Yard of the Year in 2022)

Shop for Native Plants (\$4.00 each) and Garden Art at Tom & Cheri's garden.

Refreshments & restrooms available at Stewart's home.

Plant sale proceeds go to Loess Hills Wild Ones grants and projects to increase native plantings in the region.

Public Welcome!

And Chris Helzer did a fabulous recap of the North American Prairie Conference in this blogpost!

What a *Must Attend* Next Year Event!

Thanks, Chris, for this wonderful post!

These leaves (right) always stop us in our tracks--and some day we hope to see the *Leaf Cutter* Bee in action! What a perfectly eye catching pattern they leaf (HA!) behind during only a few weeks in Summer!

As always, click *almost any* photo for a link to more information about plants, articles, blogposts, and details!



A great spangled fritillary nectars on pale purple coneflower in a planted prairie. This is just one of countless species using and benefitting from this recently-established habitat.



Butterfly milkweed (*Asclepias tuberosa*) and pale purple coneflower (*Echinacea pallida*) in Jon's prairie reconstruction.

Thanks again to everyone involved with the organization of this year's North American Prairie Conference. I'm anxious to see who hosts the next one



Wishing you a week filled with "Super Showy and Subtle!"

