

Weekly Wild Wednesday

September 13th, 2023

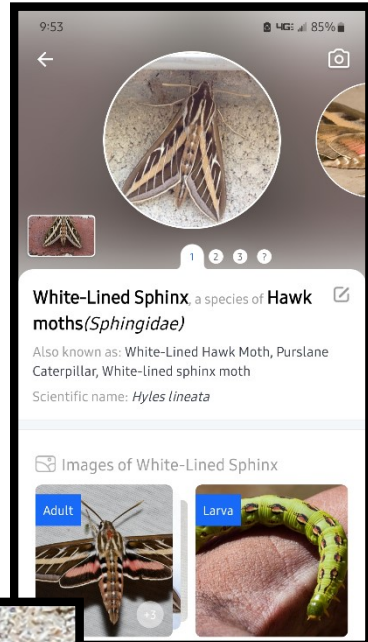
What a Week of "Trains and Treks"

La Vone and Dotty made us SO proud to be a part of their FOUR Native Gardens at the Railroad Museum with grants!

Admission was free during the Loess Hills Wild Ones Garden Tour!

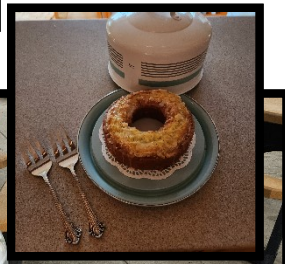
When we were setting up, and until we left for the day, this gorgeous Sphinx Hawk Moth kept us company!

We had at least 41 Members and over 100 attendees to see both the gardens and ride the Mini Train! So much FUN!



Members donated yummy treats! Lemonade too!

Thank you to everyone who contributed and participated!





At The Wild Mess in Progress, we are making excellent progress on designing and laying out the rescued burned cottonwood tree for the Native Fernery!

What a gorgeous design!

What ferns? We are doing a lot of research at the moment!

Suggestions are welcomed!

Friends and family have helped out so much with this design!

Buddy accompanied a sunrise Meander Tour to see the Sumac and Goldenrod just starting to be at their peak beauty!

We saw LOTS of seeds ready to harvest, so when the wind and sun dried out the prairie, we went on a Meander Harvest!

Below, Cutleaf Iron Plant had both blooms and ready to harvest seeds! All on the same plant!

Center, Linda donated three flats of Common Milkweed Pods which are drying and ripening nicely! Click photos!



Above, Partridge Pea seed POPS when you touch it! Be ready!!





The Partridge Pea were right by the Mini Floating Habitat, and we saw 10 frogs stacked on it! We think we're going to need a bigger raft! The plants on the Floating Garden are SO happy with their wet feet! Click for link to original construction! →



This darling Long Horned Bee was absolutely covered in pollen on the Giant Sunflower! So cute! ← Click for link!

The Aromatic Asters are JUST starting to bloom in all of the gardens we saw around town! So gorgeous!



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The Joe Gardener Show - Organic Gardening - Vegetable Gardening ...
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327-The Nuances of Native and Non-Native Ladybugs and Other Insects

1 hr 5 min



Promoting native insects via gardening is a worthwhile endeavor that is growing in popularity, but just because native insects are good to have in the garden, that doesn't also mean all non-native insects are bad to have around. My guest this week, environmental studies professor Kaitlin Stack Whitney, Ph.D., encourages gardeners to examine the reasons why some insects are favored while others with similar behaviors are given a bad rap.

Podcast Links for Show notes

And we wanted to make SURE you saw that the False Foxglove turns out to be *Agalinis aspera*!



So gorgeous, and just a few left blooming on our Meander Tour!

This podcast from the Joe Gardener Show helped us a LOT with the Ladybug—or not—question! Listen while checking out the ones in YOUR spaces!

← Click for link or do a search for Joe Gardener Episode 327!

	
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<h3><i>Agalinis aspera</i> (Rough False Foxglove)</h3>	
<h4>Plant Info</h4>	
Also known as:	Rough Gerardia
Genus:	Agalinis
Family:	Orobanchaceae (Broomrape)
Life cycle:	annual
Origin:	native
Habitat:	sun; dry, sandy prairies, open woods
Bloom season:	August - October
Plant height:	6 to 24 inches
Wetland Indicator Status :	GP: FACU MW: FACU NCNE: FACU

Detailed Information

Flower:  



Single, stalked flowers in the leaf axils of the upper stem and side branches. Flowers are pink to purple, ¾ to 1 inch long, tubular with 5 round lobes that have a fringe of short hairs along the edge. The 2 upper lobes are

slightly smaller than the lower 3 and are often barely spreading. The tube throat is pale pink to white with reddish spots; 4 pale-tipped stamens barely extend out of the tube. Outer surfaces are covered in short, fine hairs, the inner surfaces are hairless or nearly so.



The calyx has 5 triangular lobes that are shorter than the calyx tube, on a slender, nearly erect stalk that is longer than the calyx.

Leaves and stems:   



Leaves are linear, stalkless, erect to ascending, 1 to 1½ inches long and about 1mm wide, the toothless edges typically rolled under, the upper surface covered in short, stiff hairs, the lower surface hairless. Leaves are opposite on the main stem, may be alternate on branches, and there are often small leaf clusters in the axils. Stems are angled and rough from sparse, short, stiff hairs. Branches are ascending to nearly erect.

Wishing you a week filled with "Trains and Treks!"

