

Weekly Wild Wednesday

January 17th, 2024
What a Week of "Nature's Nourishing!"



Sunset and Sun Dogs!
Click photo for link!



Milkweed Pods, Bottle Brush Grass, Switch Grass, Wild Bergamot, SO MANY seed heads above even our DEEPEST drifts! Many lawns around town are white and barren, while the Native Plants continue to Seed the Future and Feed the BIRDS by poking through the SNOOOOOWWWW! A GREAT example of Nature doing the RIGHT thing the RIGHT way!



Click
photos for
plant
details!

P.S. Those
ARE my
trekking
poles in
the snow!



These wild bergamot are
normally at least 2 feet
taller than me!



Wind Chill Warning until Tue 12:00pm

Today, 08:29AM - Tue 8 PM

Dangerous wind chills continue for the next few days



Winter Storm Warning
until 3:00pm



Blizzard Warning
today 3:00pm - Sun 12:00am



Wind Chill Warning
today 6:00pm - Tue 12:00pm

-18°

SUNNY

FEELS LIKE -42°

updated now



← Dotty and Bill had birds clinging to the seed heads and eating seeds in Prairie Hills even during the **BLIZZARD!**

And Jenny **ALSO** has a Cooper's Hawk coming to her yard! **YAAAAAYYYY** Native and Nature Gardens!

Click for info!



Below, this photo

clearly shows—Well, the giant piles of snow, haha--

But **MORE** importantly, the difference between **MOWED** lawn and path areas (arrow), which are doing very little to support the Wild right now, and the seed heads of **MANY** of the Native Plants that are shedding seeds (arrows) and providing food and future plants!

It takes a real snowstorm to appreciate the Winter Beauty and the support these plants provide year around!

Do **NOT** clean up and cut back your gardens in the Fall, and take a look at **YOUR** gift to wildlife next Winter!

Ruth,
Here is our visiting Coopers Hawk....from maybe 2 weeks ago. Closest to the house it has been. Those lights are around our patio.

Jenny Jorgensen



Jenny



8 Garden Trends That Will Be Everywhere in 2024

Here's what's going to be hot this year in yards across the country, according to gardening experts.

By [Leanne Potts](#) | Published on January 10, 2024



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We were SO happy to see that the **THE #1 Garden Trend of 2024** will be **Eco-Conscious Gardens!!**
Yipppeeeeeee!!

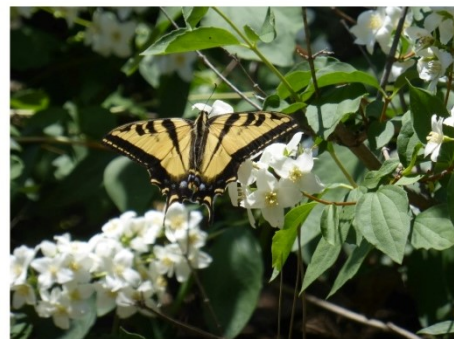
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1. Eco-Conscious Gardens

[Pollinator gardens](#) have been popular for several years as a way to make outdoor spaces eco-friendly as well as decorative. Now, people are expanding the idea of making yards and gardens more beneficial by adding edible plants, reducing lawns, and using sustainable gardening practices.

And then PLAN your Goals for the year! There are some starter tips in this article! Click for link! →

Native Plant Goals for the New Year



Native Gardener's Corner—Member's Tips, Tricks, and Techniques

This article, compiled by guest author Dan Songster, offers [OCCNPS](#) chapter members and local experts a chance to

**Date
Change!**

WINTER SEED SOWING



**SATURDAY,
JANUARY 27TH**

**DOROTHY PECAUT
NATURE CENTER**

1 - 3 PM

Bring 1-2 empty milk jugs.
We will provide the
instructions, soil, and seeds.
Free!



The **BLIZZARD** postponed our Winter Sowing Workshop-Drats!

HOWEVER, Guess What?

Saturday January 27th is also—

National Seed Swap Day!

Yipppeeeee!!!

We will have **PLENTY of SEEDS to SHARE**, whether you bring some to **SWAP** or **NOT!**

Wishing you a week filled with "Natural Nourishment!"

