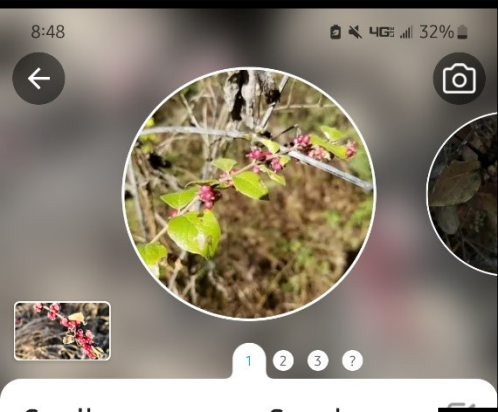


Weekly Wild Wednesday

January 3rd, 2024 (YES, FOUR!)

What a Week of "Winter Strolling and Winter Sowing"

Nebraska City is host of the Arbor Day Farm and Lied Lodge! What a gorgeous place to visit and take a hike! The pathways are really nice, wooden bridges and walkways, gravel paths, and wood chipped paths as well lead you through many Native plants and productive trees! Perfect for a warm Winter day!



Coralberry, a species of **Snowberry**

Also known as:

- Indian currant
- Coral berry
- Buckbrush

Botanical name: *Symphoricarpos orbiculatus*



These Coral Berry Bushes were along most of the Woodland areas, bright and beautiful against the hues of Winter. The frost added an extra sparkle!



If you're in the Nebraska City area, this is a perfect Winter Stroll Spot! Click photos for links!

At home, we took a stroll down Talbot Road and saw many frosty examples of the Winter in Seed!

Bundle Up on a chilly day and don't forget to zoom in on your photos—They might surprise you with their gorgeous details!

Thanks, Prairie!



Canada Winter Wild Rye and a Purple Coneflower were our two favorites!



We opened the locally sourced Yucca Seeds from Golden Hills RCD and planted them in many different experiments! Thanks, Lance!

We direct seeded them in a Loess soil area at the Wild Mess in Progress,

We sowed them in 'normal' potting soil,

And we sowed them in Aloe Cactus blend that we had left over from transplanting house cactus.

Finger's crossed!

These seeds will be in outdoor environments or unheated indoor environments and kept fairly dry-ish.



WINTER SOWING: Complete Guide to Sowing Seeds in Winter



WINTER SOWING (video): How To Winter Sow Seeds- A Complete Guide



In this article I'm going to give you an in-depth overview of the benefits, when you should winter sow, and a step by step guide how to do it. And I will share specific tips for each step of the process that I've learned over the years, so you can learn from my experience.

If you are a DIY person and you want to get started immediately on your Winter Sowing Projects--

← Click photos! This is the COMPLETE guide with every detail you might need for sowing any kind of Winter seed project!

If you want some Hands-On experience and to go home with your OWN Winter Sowing container, come join us at the--

Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center at 1PM on Saturday January 13th!

Bring a clean gallon jug—
But--we will have some available if you do not!

Present- Winter

Conservation Goals

Our little herd of 6 has grown to 11! The little ones born in October are not so little anymore. We continue to learn their eating preferences and their capabilities. We are hoping to be confident enough to have them do some real conservation work this coming summer. A huge thanks to [The Iron Guy](#) who built an amazing permanent hut for them in time for winter! Photos on his website site!

Seed Preparation

One of things we are always amazed by is how prairie plants reproduce naturally in the wild. In order for us to get plants to grow we have to clean, sort, stratify, mimic a hot humid summer, put the seed through two winters etc before we sow them. It is a process we enjoy. This photo is prairie coreopsis. There are several seeds in one head. Crushing the seed head and separating the excess chaff helps our germination success rate.



Future- Spring

Germination

Before we know it we will start this years batch of this native plants! Each year has been different, this year will be no exception. Thanks to a propane heater in our greenhouse, we hope to jump start this year's season. We start our seeds in open tray before transplanting them into their final plug or pot containers.



Farmers Markets

One of our business goals for 2024 is to make more appearances in different communities in the area. Make sure to follow our social media pages so you know when and where we will be!



John shared this local Native Plant Growers email about their past, current, and future plans and native plants!

Siouxland Prairie Farms is growing by the day and we are so excited to share their progress!

← Click photo for link to their website!

Gardenista shared this information about growing Native plants without using plastic, and trialing more sustainable methods!

Grow Hilltop Hanover Farms!

Click photo for link to their article! →



Above: "We're trying to find sustainable ways to grow native plants without using plastic," says Rauch. The team has been trialing more sustainable methods, like cardboard and this OMRI-listed paper mulch, which will break down over time.

Wishing you a week filled with "Strolling and Sowing"

