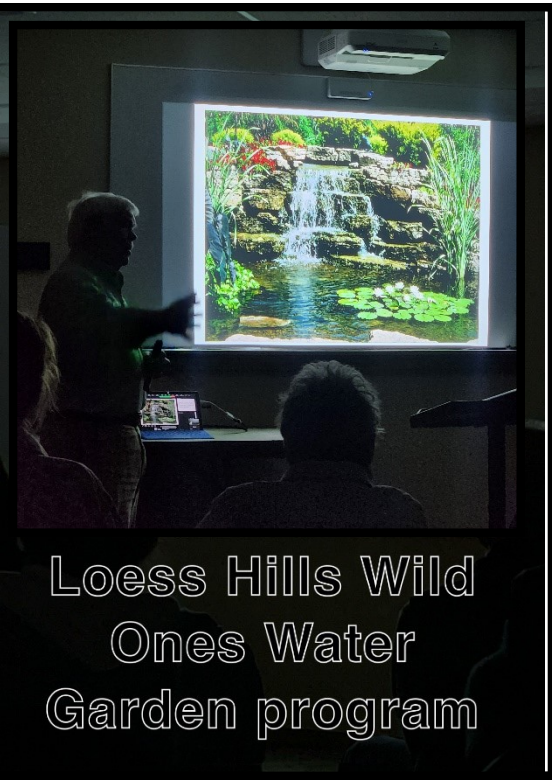


Weekly Wild Wednesday

February 28th, 2024

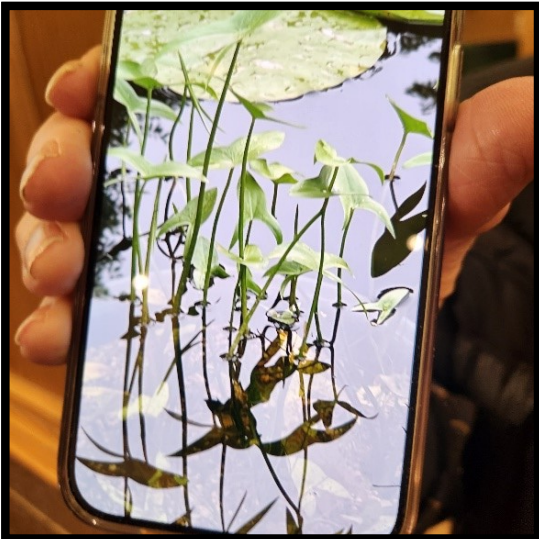
What a Week of "Deep Diving into Ponds!"



Loess Hills Wild
Ones Water
Garden program

We had SO much FUN at the live presentation of Water Gardens and Water Features from Jamie Beyer!

Click photo for link to 1ish hour YouTube Video! Thanks, Jamie!



Above, Mark shared a photo of Wild Arrowhead growing here in Iowa, what a fabulous plant!

Click any photo for links!

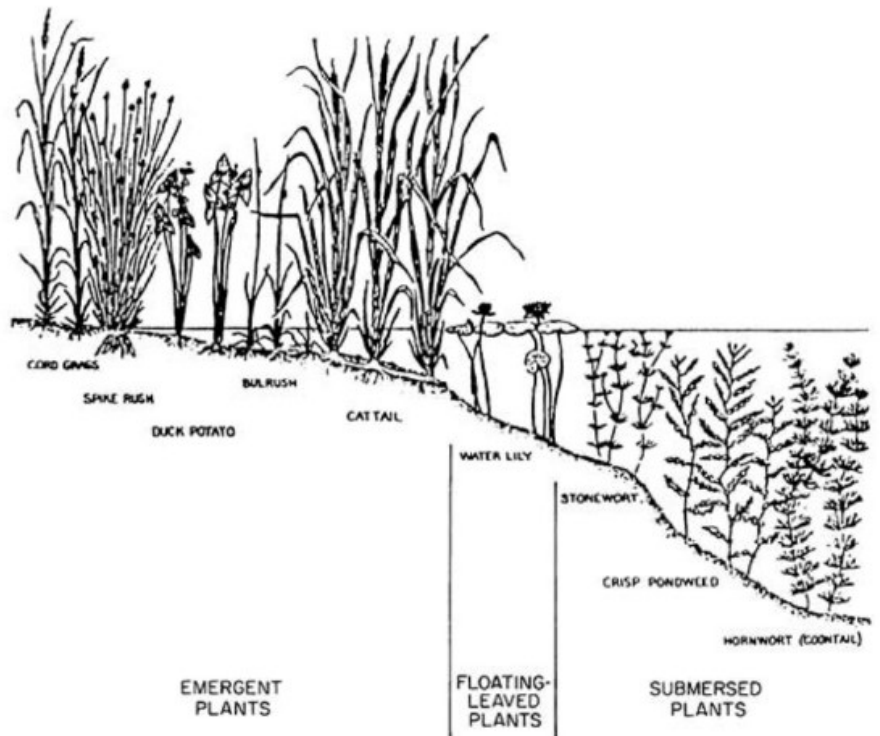
Get Excited About Water Features and Water Gardening

By Jamie Beyer, Lifetime Master Gardener



No Notes

Aquatic Plant Types



Many types of plants grow in a pond.

Rooted plants that stick above the water's surface (emergent), like cattails, are the easiest to see. There are also rooted plants that are completely under the water (submergent), as well as free-floating plants like duckweed.

There are SO many Native and Non-Native Pond Plants- but there was ONE VERY CLEAR MESSAGE from ALL sources!

Do NOT use a plant that is listed to be invasive! EVER!

Click for detailed suggestions of the Native plants you can use at home!



Click article photo below to dive even deeper into ponds and water features!




Using Water Features in Your Garden to Engage Wildlife and Nature

floating leaves. Avoid introducing milfoil (could be the invasive [Eurasian milfoil](#)), naiad (invasive [brittle naiad](#)), [curly-leaf pondweed](#) (invasive), cabomba (invasive submersed plant common in water gardens) and coontail (will colonize on its own).

Recommended	Not Recommended
Arrowhead (E)	*Phragmites(E)
Pickernelweed (E)	Cattails (E)
Spike Rush (E)	Lotus (E+F)
Sweet Flag (E)	*Naiad (S)
Waterlily (F)	*Milfoil (S)
Longleaf Pondweed (F+S)	*Curlyleaf Pondweed (S)
Largeleaf Pondweed (F+S)	*Cabomba (S)
Wild Celery (S)	Coontail (S)
Water Stargrass (S)	Elodea (S)

Growth form: Emergent (E), floating-leaved (F), submersed (S)

* Is itself an invasive species or closely related

Purchase aquatic plants from a local nursery or one in a climate zone similar to your pond's location. A [pond plant identification guide](#)  can help you identify the plants growing in your pond so you can properly manage them.

Thanks, Marcie for doing ALL of the research and contact work to make Loess Hills Wild Ones a responsible community member on Lincoln Way!

Look!



MMS
Dianne Blankenship

Awesome!

We adopted a street! Lincoln Way between S. Lewis Blvd. and Coral St.

When he asked the name of our organization, I told him. Then he replied, "Uh, can I ask what that is?" I laughed and explained.

←
We LOVE the new sign and the FUNNY interaction outlined in your text!

**IOWA MASTER NATURALISTS
Spring 2024 Course Application Form**

The Spring 2024 Iowa Master Naturalists (IMN) basic training course will be hosted by FW Kent Park in Johnson county. Off-site field trips are also scheduled. Most classes meet between 1:00PM-4:00PM on Saturdays beginning on March 16 and continuing through June 1. Classes meet in person, and in person participation is mandatory. Supplemental on-line material is also usually provided for the more academically inclined students. There will be weekly "homework" for all students. Some walking on unpaved ground is required for this course. Students must be 18 or older to register. The cost of the program is \$250.00 (due the first class). This fee covers all materials.

If you wish to apply, download this form, complete it and save it as either a pdf or word file and return it to info@iowamasternaturalists.org. Alternatively, you can mail your completed application to:

Elisabeth Swain
Executive Director, Iowa Mas
Naturalists
5464 Lackender Ave SW
Riverside IA 52327



← Iowa Master Naturalists are hosting their opportunity to become one, yourself!

Click photo for all the details!

←Far left, FREE Blue Bird House Plans from GrowIt BuildIt! A simple One Board Plan!

Click photo for link!

ON THE BLOG: A Simple One-Board Blue Bird House



Tuesday, March 19th at 5 pm CT in Oshkosh, WI

REGISTER TODAY

Wild Ones members in the Midwest receive early registration access to presentation "Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants" with celebrated ecologist, educator, and author Robin Wall Kimmerer.

This talk explores the stories and experiences that shaped the author of *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants*. Listeners are invited to consider what we might learn if we understood plants as our teachers, from both a scientific and an indigenous perspective.

This will be a paid event for both in-person and remote viewing. A limited number of seats are available at the live event hosted at Reeve Memorial Union, 748 Algoma Blvd, Oshkosh, WI, 54901. Pricing for the in-person presentation is \$25 for the general public and \$21 for Wild Ones members.

Virtual registrants will receive a link to watch Dr. Kimmerer's talk live. The recording will only be available for a limited time. Pricing for the online presentation is \$18 for the general public and \$14 for Wild Ones members.

← Siouxland Garden Symposium!
Click for link!

Above, National Wild Ones is hosting Robin Wall Kimmerer- author of *Braiding Sweetgrass!* LIVE or ZOOM!



Cool gardens with Native Plants

Stephanie Barelman will inspire us to include natives.

March 16, 2024
Sioux City, IA



<https://www.siouxlandgardenshow.org/>



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Wishing you a week filled with "Deep Diving into Ponds!"

