

# Weekly Wild Wednesday

March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024

What a Week of "Pasque Passion!"



The Pasque Flowers are blooming South of us at the Loess Hills Overlook! Yippeeeeeeeeeee!

← Nelle and Dawn were on the ridge and texted photos while Buddy hunted happily too! →

We were filled with excitement to see the VERY FIRST Spring blooms!



In bud or in bloom, these are gorgeous!

We loved the sequence of bud to full bloom on this plant! →



11 blooms on this plant!



← Prairie Willow Too!

Thanks, Dawn!

We totally missed that this trip!



Lots of prairie willow up here



Be VERY careful!! Every footstep—even ON the path—could crush future beauty and murder a Pasque Flower!



← Listen—and look UP, too! Spring Migrating birds!



Also keep an eye out for seeds still hanging on from many diverse Fall flowers! Gorgeous!

← Click for info on Thimble Flower!



## Pasque Flower

*Anemone patens*

- Soil: Dry - Loess Hills Native
- Sun: Full
- Bloom time: early Spring (April, May)
- Height: 6 inches
- Garden uses and companion plants:
  - Rock gardens, dry prairie gardens - mix with low growing flowers and grasses, Prairie Smoke, Blue-eyed Grass, June Grass

← Danielle is working hard on the “*Annual Introduction of the Plants and Rollout of the Grants*” for Loess Hills Wild Ones Spring Plant Sale! Mark your calendars for the April 13<sup>th</sup> Presentation at Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center at 1PM! Spring Plant Sale May 17<sup>th</sup> Members Only—and May 18<sup>th</sup>, Open to the Public--details coming soon!  
The Plant Sale Committee ordered Pasque Flowers!  
Fingers Crossed that they grow for us!

## The Iowa Native Plant Society's (INPS's) First Annual Pasque Flower Hunt

Please join the INPS for the First Annual Pasque Flower Hunt on March 16 at [10:00-12:00](#). Meet leader, Tom Rosburg at the Loess Hills Scenic Overlook in Monona County, which sits atop a ridge. What we will find depends on how early the weather warms the soil where the pasque flowers grow but we think that their appearance will be early this year. If there is time and interest, the pasque flower hunt will be followed by an exploration of Preparation Canyon for woodland spring ephemerals.

Note that you could also join the INHF workday in the Loess Hills near Onawa which begins at [1pm](#). See separate calendar entry.

[10am](#) at the Loess Hills Scenic Overlook Trail

[https://www.iowadnr.gov/portals/idnr/uploads/forests/maps/overlooktrail\\_map.pdf](https://www.iowadnr.gov/portals/idnr/uploads/forests/maps/overlooktrail_map.pdf)

Lat/Long for the parking lot  
[41.905532, -95.945278](#)



If you want to take a **GUIDED** hike with an expert, Click **RIGHT** for the link for INPS First Annual Pasque Flower Hunt! Dr. Tom Rosburg is a fabulous educator! →



**PRAIRIE NURSERY**



**OH DEER!**

With spring right around the corner, your neighborhood deer will soon be exploring gardens on a quest for fresh tender shoots – nature's finest delicacy. While it's true that hungry deer will eat almost any plant, there are many natives they tend to steer clear of. In areas with high-density deer populations these not-so-tasty natives can help minimize attention and damage from our deer friends.

Shop from our list of **130 PLANTS** that deer don't like:

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← Here's a set of plants for Deer Resistance—Even if you decide to purchase them elsewhere—or grow your own from seed! Click for link!

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*Wishing you a week filled with "Pasque Passion!"*

