

Weekly Wild Wednesday

March 20th, 2024

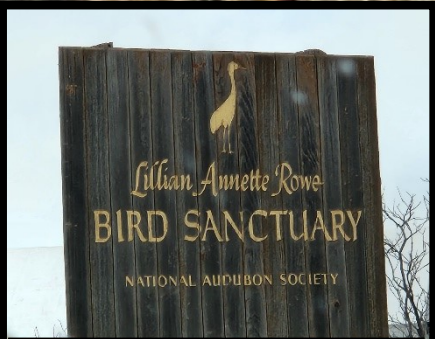
What a Week of "Sandhill Sunrises!"

It is Spring Migration in the Sandhills of Nebraska for MANY birds, but the star of the Sandhills are the Sandhill Cranes!

Wooooowwww!!

At sunrise it is very quiet—and then—it is NOT!

There were 36,000 cranes counted in the first weekend of Spring Sandhill Fever!



Yanney Park was on the trail map from the **Hike Bike Bridge Trail!**



Click [HERE](#) for the **LIVE CRANE CAMERA** if you cannot head to Kearney yourself!

← We saw a **River Otter!** It put on a 'Cute Otter' Show!



So many plants are UP—In spite of the extreme temperatures we have been experiencing in the last month!

Take a walk around your gardens or your natural areas and look for all these plants!

We found all of these at the *Wild Mess in Progress!* Click photos!

← Ground Plum!



Wild White Prairie Sage! →

We will have PLENTY of sage to share—first Come first Take-- at the May 17th 3-6PM Members Only part of the Plant Sale! [Join HERE!](#) Open to the Public May 18th 9-12 (or until the plants are GONE!)

← Cardinal Flower!

Prairie Smoke! →



Blue Flag Iris in the Pond Raft!

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← Grey Headed Cone Flowers!



You Are Invited! Please Come! Open to EVERYONE and FREE! Thanks, Dawn for this gorgeous flier!

MEET THE PLANTS & ROLLOUT THE GRANTS



SATURDAY, APRIL 13 AT 1:00 PM
DOROTHY PECAUT NATURE CENTER



PINTS POLLINATORS & PLANTS

March 24
12 to 5 pm



Plant Swap • Kids Activities • Seed Bombs • Crafts

← Click for link to this event in Jefferson NE!



Saturday, March 23, 2024, 8:00 AM to 4:20 PM.

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About
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Presentations

<p>8:30-9:30 a.m. - "Can Solar Energy Fuel Pollinator Conservation?" presented by Matt Cheuk, Iowa State University</p> <p>9:30-9:50 a.m. - "Prairie Strips Within Fields Can Increase the Biodiversity of Ground-Dwelling Insects" presented by Andres Vargas, Iowa State University</p> <p>9:50-10:10 a.m. - "Anthropod Encounters in Prairie Seed Pods" presented by Laura Waller, Elliptical Prairie Center, University of Northern Iowa</p> <p>10:10-10:30 a.m. - "Some Like It Hot, Tiger Beetles in Yellowstone" presented by Leon Higley, University of Nebraska-Lincoln</p> <p>10:30-11:00 a.m. - "Use Anem's Loopy, They Can Teach Us A Lot" presented by Jim Demastes, University of Northern Iowa</p> <p>11:00-11:20 a.m. - "Ullers - First Time Discoveries" presented by Tom Schilke, Prairie Rapids Audubon</p> <p>11:20 a.m.-12:00 p.m. - "The Bumble Bee Atlas: Helping Scientists Track Bumble Bees Across The Midwest" presented by Catherine Pugesek, Xerces Society</p> <p>12:00-12:20 p.m. - "Understanding Identity: Can Wasps Use Mimesis To Recognize Themselves?" presented by Alex Kurtz, Iowa State University and "The Brilliance Of Bumble Bees Using Teamwork To Acclimate In A Changing World" presented by Tamara Tyson-Danason, Iowa State University</p>	<p>1:00-1:40 p.m. - "Of Maggots and Men: The Role of Insects in Animal Decomposition" presented by Amanda Roe, College of Saint Mary</p> <p>1:40-2:00 p.m. - "Entomological Tour Of A Death Scene" presented by Leon Higley, University of Nebraska-Lincoln</p> <p>2:00-2:20 p.m. - "Forensic Entomology Activities" with Amanda Roe and Leon Higley</p> <p>2:20-2:40 p.m. - "National Moth Week: How We Started A Global Community Science Project" presented by Elena Tartaglia, Rutgers University</p> <p>2:40-3:30 p.m. - "True Bugs - The Unseen Pollinators" presented by Angella Moorehouse, Illinois Nature Preserves Commission</p> <p>3:30-3:50 p.m. - "Do Insects Host Undiscovered Specialists?" presented by Christian Weirich, University of Iowa</p> <p>3:50-4:10 p.m. - "A Cactus, a Beetle, and Death" presented by Martin Rice</p>
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Registration
Pre-registration and prepayment are required by March 15. Registration must be completed online here: www.reimangardens.com/insects
Payments can be made by credit card or check using the online registration or in person at Reiman Gardens with cash or check.

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Click on photo and scroll down for ALL the details on the March 23rd Day of Insects at the Reiman Gardens in Ames, Iowa!



Wishing you a week filled with "Spring Sunrises and Surprises!!"

