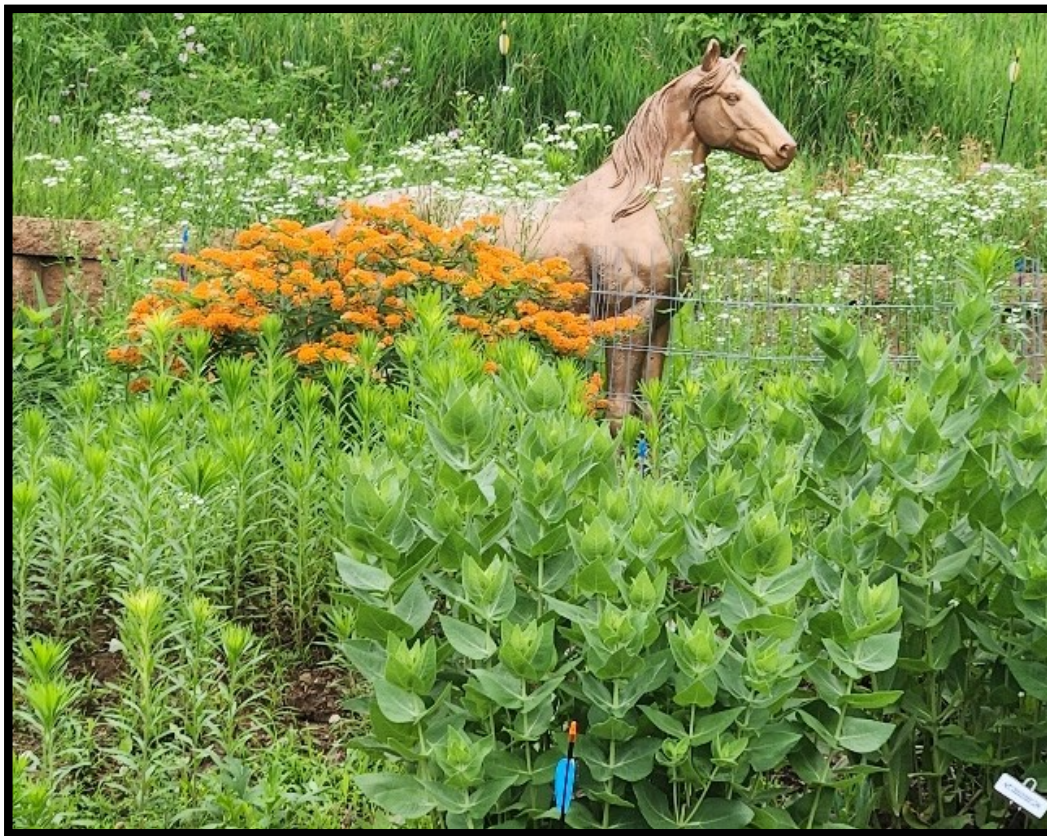


# Weekly Wild Wednesday

July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024

What a Week of "Wild Wonder!"



At 'The Wild Mess in Progress', we came to a screeching halt in the driveway as we noticed the "Blanket" of Daisy Fleabane and Butterfly Milkweed on Copper the Garden Pony! So darling!

Below left, that gorgeous bumblebee was on a walk in 'The Once and Future Prairie' that Dawn, Nelle, and I took!

We think the green milkweed was the busiest buzz on the property!



The luxury garden tool 'treat' is a success! They are functional as well as pretty! Thanks, Coral, for the Boneset Wintersowing Seeds!

And speaking of seeds, the Columbine Seed is **READY** at 'The Flower House'! Help Yourself!

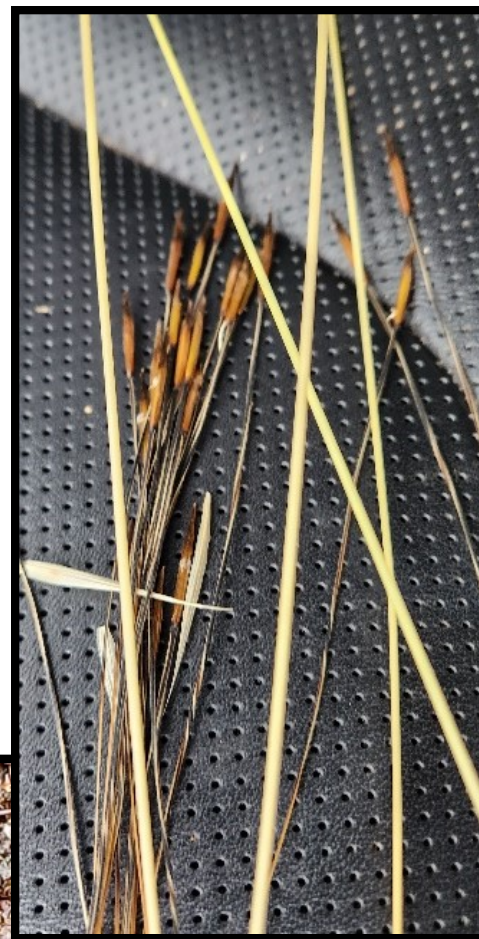


More Ripe Seeds! We saw this patch of Porcupine Grass with lush seeds hanging over a hard surface road! So we stopped to grab a handful! OOPS!!

Make SURE you have tough gloves on-- before harvesting this seed!

It is not named Porcupine Grass in jest!

The seed spears separated themselves immediately from the stems as soon as we dropped them on the truck seat.



We filled a recycled flat with new potting soil for a Citizen Science Experiment on trying to grow this grass!



We speared each seed into a pot and watered.



Dianne says you *don't* need to water this grass seed!

Within minutes, this amazing grass started to curl up and DRILL itself into the soil!

WOW!!!



Nature is astounding!!



# BIRD FRIENDLY IOWA

## Bird Friendly Sioux City Designation

The Loess Hills Audubon Society is working towards obtaining the designation of **Bird Friendly City** for the **City of Sioux City**. We have partnered with the **Northwest Iowa Group of the Sierra Club**, the **Woodbury County Conservation Board**, **Loess Hills Wild Ones**, and the **Nature Conservancy in Iowa** in our

We can hardly wait to hear exactly what we need to do for our partnership part of this designation. It fits right into our 'Grow Wild With Us' program!

We are committed to making Siouxland "Bird Friendly!" (And Butterfly friendly...And Bee Friendly...And Wild Friendly!!)

Keep us posted, Marla!

And CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Dawn and Ruth,

The City of Sioux City is now designated as a Bird Friendly City (Iowa), part of the Bird City Network! Thank you for your partnership, support and help in reaching this goal. As of Tuesday, we have been added to the Bird City Programs page (<https://birdcity.org/iowa>). Events and accomplishments will be added to this page as an ongoing project. We expect to hear soon from Bird Friendly Iowa staff to set up a presentation ceremony, where we will receive street signs and a flag as part of our designation. We will keep you updated on the details as they develop.

Thank you,

Marla Kerr

Loess Hills Audubon Society President

We are SO excited about the Designation of Bird Friendly Sioux City obtained by the hard work of Marla and the local Loess Hills Audubon!

### What Is?

## "Grow Wild With Us!"

A budding program of "Loess Hills Wild Ones" strives to "Grow No Harm"-- locally, in Siouxland.

"Grow Wild!" believes that if each person takes action in their own personal space to grow something that provides a benefit to Nature, it will make a huge difference in the Siouxland area.

"Grow Wild!" would like to encourage at least 70% Native plantings in new gardens, and suggests adding Native Plants and Foods to existing gardens.

"Grow Wild!" Partnership Program strives to supplement and interconnect likeminded organizations. This can be accomplished by identifying needs, filling gaps, and supporting each organizations' existing Programs.

"Grow Wild!" Partnership Program will do everything it can to connect neighbors, neighborhoods, and communities to their environments by creating and renewing outdoor spaces that support food for People and the Wild.

*Wishing you a week filled with "Wild Wonder!"*

