

Weekly Wild Wednesday

August 14th, 2024
What a Week of "Wild Walks!"



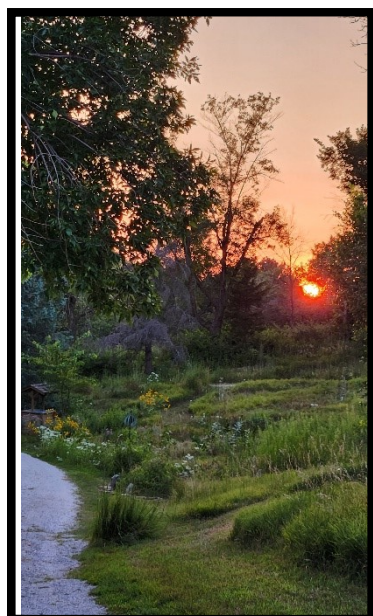
Danielle and Lilly shared their Metzger Gardens with the Hinton area on a PERFECT weather day! They showcased some of the new Tabling brochures and inspirational books!



← Dawn snapped this photo of guests admiring the Red Bud trees while "Spring" the Garden Goddess shows off Summer Early Sunflower at "The Wild Mess in Progress" during the Sioux City Garden Club tour!

The Loess Hills Wild Ones Open Garden walk had over 100 visitors!

We were SO excited to see everyone playing in the Wild Flowers! So many compliments!



Star Performers during these events were Obedient Plant and Wild Grape! →

← We took time to relax and enjoy the sunset the night before the walk!

Visitor Katie snapped this shot of a Sideoats Grama in full bloom! →



Thanks, Katie!



Coral brought ever more successful Winter Sowing containers for an up-potting event! She also shared some of her personal up-potted plants as well!

Thanks, Coral!!



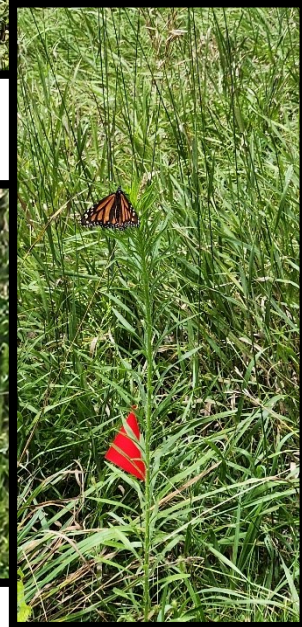
Why You Should Consider Leaving That Dead Tree In Your Yard Alone



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BY LILLY PALTSEV / JULY 29, 2024 7:45 AM EST

That dead tree in your backyard may be an eyesore, but believe it or not, it is an essential part of our ecosystem. By leaving it alone, you can promote healthy biodiversity and support the well-being of countless creatures. A single dead tree can attract good insects into your yard, enrich your soil, and provide vital resources for



Editing plants for an event is inevitable, but we tried hard to pay attention to Nature at the same time. For example, we were headed to an unwanted patch of Horse Tail that was hiding some other 'more valuable' Native plants when we saw a Goldfinch eating seeds, and a Monarch nectaring! Needless to say, it stayed...

We left one of the many trees felled in the storm and turned it into a Natural Sculpture we labelled "Back Flip" Can you see it? We cut stems high—boots photo--and left a lot of hollow stems for bees!

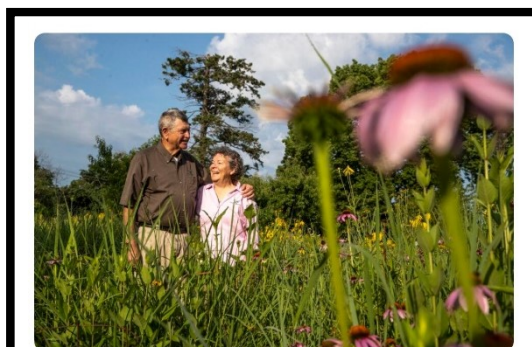
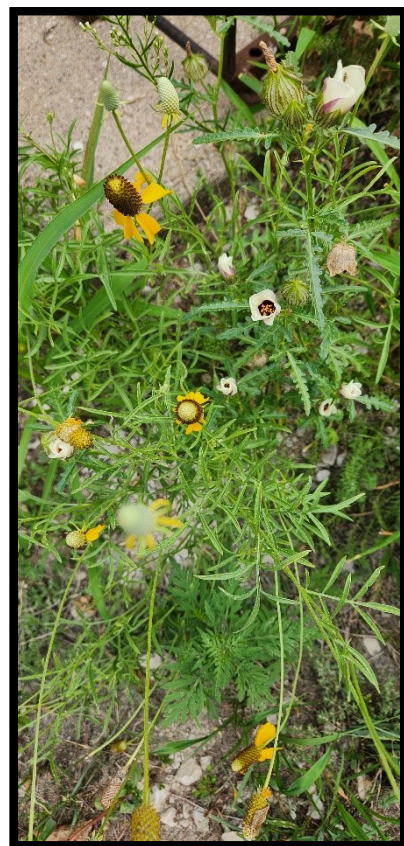
← Dawn shared her nodding onions at the walk, and also her Nodding Onion World at home! Stunning!



The Baby Buffalo are growing so fast at Broken Kettle Grasslands, and the Native Prairie looks AMAZING!!

Gorgeous views!

← The Flower of an Hour is growing well, and it really looks beautiful in the Long Headed Cone Flower patch! We hope it is here to stay!



Rich and Marion Patterson stand for a portrait July at their home near Cedar Rapids. The Pattersons have turned their yard into prairies, complete with wildflowers. (Geoff Stellfox/The Gazette)

CEDAR RAPIDS — When Rich and Marion Patterson bought their home near Cedar Rapids in 2010, a lone magnolia decorated the manicured front lawn. Today, their home sitting on 2 acres is surrounded by restored prairie, planted in sections over the years including the latest in 2020.

← This article is really inspirational, and we look forward to seeing it on a road trip through this area!

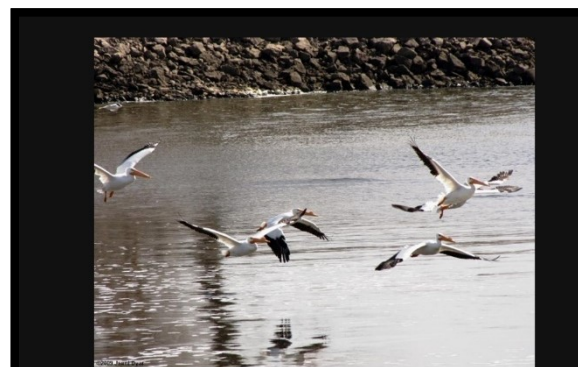


Photo by Jenni Dyar

The Pelican Festival at Hawkeye Wildlife Area is August 18th!!

If you are in that area, give this a chunk of your time!

Click photo for link! →

- WHEN: [August 18, 2024](#) from [11am](#) to [4pm](#)
- WHERE: Hawkeye Wildlife Area across from the DNR headquarters office at 2564 Amana Rd. NW, Swisher, IA
- WHAT: Pelican Viewing assisted by binoculars and spotting scopes made available by local birding volunteers + several exhibitors + educational wildlife programming.

Wishing you a week filled with "Wild Walks!"

