

Weekly Wild Wednesday

October 16th, 2024

What a Week of "Nothin' but SEEDS!"

It's SEED HARVEST TIME—Continuously!
We LOVE this time of year!
Our seed harvesting kit includes:
Our favorite clippers—several kinds—and markers.

Several different sizes of paper bags and envelopes-- all enclosed in a waterproof bag.

A bucket for the labelled seed packets and bags.

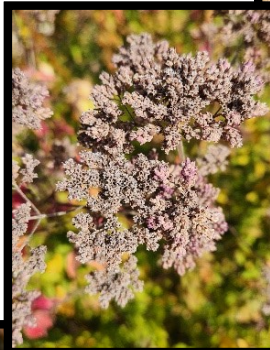
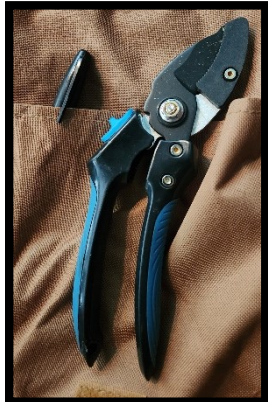
And of course snacks!

← Blue Lobelia seed heads take a LONG bag—like the ones for tall bottles at your grocery store!

Note that we NEVER harvest whole seed heads in the wild—we only tap the seed heads into our bag and take a few seeds at a time, leaving the rest to make more plants, help migrating birds, and do their job as wild critter food!

← These seed heads are ones in our yards that we planted from 2 inch pots! We also left several of these intact, even in our yards! We label the plants with their SOURCE as well, so we can identify local eco type vs plants from various nurseries and sales!

LHWO=Loess Hills Wild Ones!



Speaking of seeds--

Come Join us and harvest your OWN seeds for sharing with others. Or keep these seeds-- For your OWN projects!!

Saturday October 19th 1-3!

Thank you, Mark, for sharing your Prairie Bounty with us!!

There will be helpers at the harvest, just in case you have not harvested seed and/or need help with plant identification and sowing information!



For Loess Hills Wild Ones
Members and Guests

Flathers - Wetmore Prairie

1610 Lee Ave.,
Correctionville, Iowa

Join LHWO members by special invitation at this special reconstructed prairie to collect prairie grass and wildflower seeds. Bring your own bags and envelopes. Seeds collected can be used in your own gardens or shared at the seed share during the LHWO Annual meeting in November.

SEED HARVEST

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19 ~ 1:00 - 3:00PM

WILD ONES[®]
Loess Hills

Dear Ruth, Dawn and Loess Hills Wild Ones Members and Board Members,

We would like to personally invite you and the Loess Hills Wild Ones to join us in celebrating our designation of Sioux City as a Bird Friendly Iowa City! We appreciate your support and your ongoing efforts to encourage native habitat in Sioux City and surrounding areas.

An award ceremony is planned for Friday, October 25 from [10:00-11:00 am](#) at the Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center. Bird Friendly Iowa Representative Doug Harr will be presenting this award to our City. Sioux City Councilman Matthew O'Kane will be joining us for the presentation ceremony.

As part of this celebration, we would like to recognize our partners and invite you to host a table with information on their organizations to share with the public. We will also have refreshments available for attendees.

We hope that you can join us at this celebration!

Marla Kerr
Loess Hills Audubon Society President

Mark Your Calendars and join us for the...drum roll...

NEW BIRD FRIENDLY IOWA CITY AWARDS CEREMONY!!

[10:00-10:10 am](#)- Treats and Organizing

[10:10-10:20 am](#) - Marla Kerr - Present information on the efforts to obtain the designation of Bird Friendly Iowa City by the Loess Hills Audubon Society and our partners.

[10:20-10:25 am](#) - Councilman Matthew O'Kane - speaking on benefit of the City of Sioux City

[10:25-10:30 am](#) - Doug Harr, Bird Friendly Iowa representative - Award Presentation

[10:30-10:40 am](#) - Kari Sandage on DPNC, SOAR, Raptor Release and Overview of Raptors

[10:40-10:45 am](#) - gather outside

[10:45 am](#) - Raptor Release by SOAR

Please Join Us at South Ravine Park at the Parking Lot at Lincoln Way and Lewis Blvd!

Saturday October 26th from 10AM-Noon!



← Lunch and Garden Seed Harvest at 2801 S. Cecelia to follow! Thanks Cheri!

I would like to invite the road clean up crew back to the old house for lunch. I'll provide sloppy joes. People can byob and a side dish. Also they are welcome to collect any seed they want from our garden. BYO containers.

Wild Ones
NATIVE PLANTS. NATURAL LANDSCAPES
LOESS HILLS

Loess Hills Wild Ones

Annual Meeting,
Elections, Potluck,
& Seed Share

Saturday,
November 9
11 AM - 1 PM
Sioux City Public
Museum
607 4th Street
New Location

Sneaky's Chicken & beverages will be provided.
BRING A SIDE DISH TO SHARE.
Bring seeds to share
(please label type and source)
Send photos of your gardens for our slide show to loesshillswildones@gmail.com by Nov. 1st.

**LHWO 2025
Slate of Candidates**

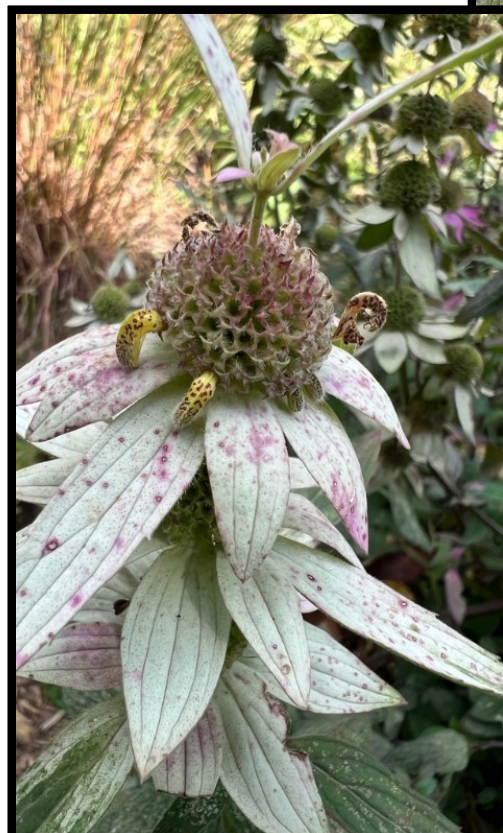
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Elisa Zappacosta
- Co-Vice Presidents:**
Cheri Stewart
Tom Stewart
- Treasurer:**
Marcie Ponder
- Secretary:**
Danielle Metzger
- Members-at-Large:**
Ruth Rose
Dawn Snyder
Dotty Zales
- Board Emeritus:**
Dianne Blankenship

Membership Vote on November 9 at Sioux City Public Museum

Drum Roll!!!!
← **Announcing our Slate for 2025-2026!**

We are SO excited about the upcoming YEARS!!

We will have FOOD from Sneaky's Chicken, a potluck for side dishes, seeds to SHARE, and a recap in photos of our year!! If YOU have photos to share, please send them to loesshills.wildones.org by Nov. 1st!!



Wishing you a week filled with "Nothin' but SEEDS!"

