

# Weekly Wild Wednesday

January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025

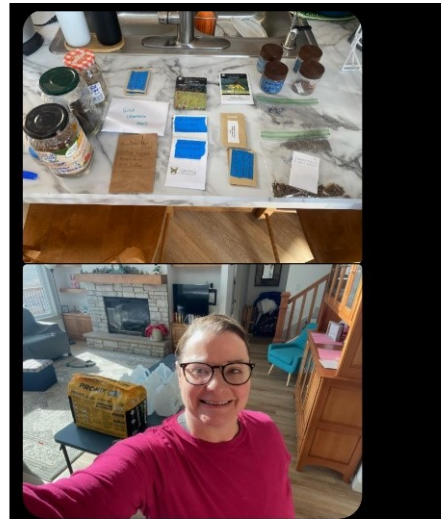
What a Week of "WINTRY Winter Sowing!"

← Ok that is COLD!!! Danielle is RIGHT!

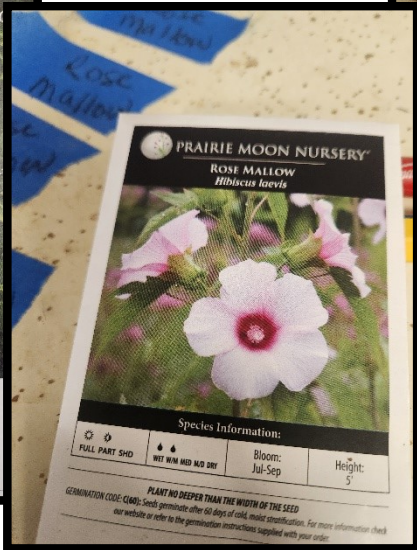
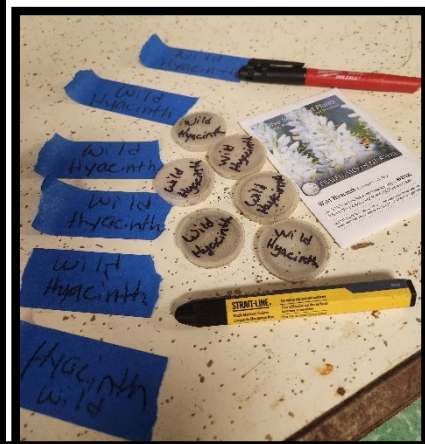
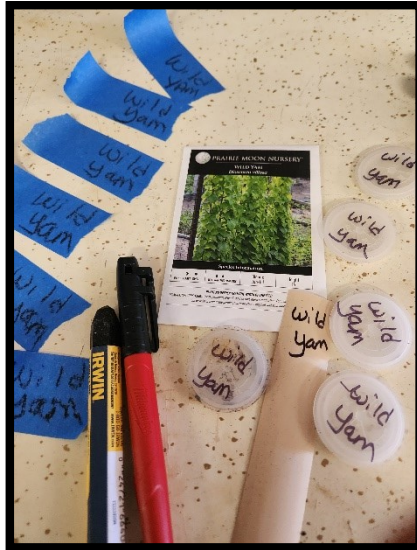
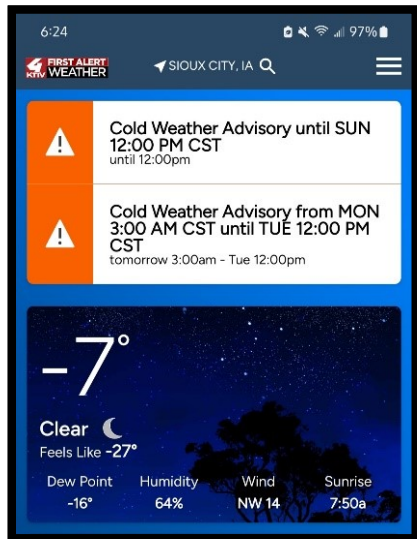
"When it's too cold to Winter Sow outside but you gotta get it done, it happens in the living room with the sun shining in!" →

← OR it happens in the Hobby Hut at the 'Wild Mess in Progress!'

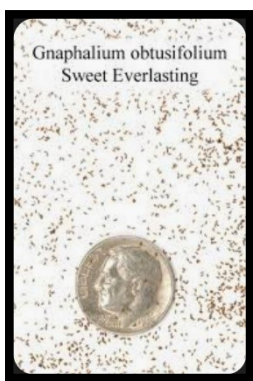
Either way, it is fun and rewarding to Winter Sow your plants in gallon jugs!



When it's too cold to winter sow outside but you gotta get it done!



Some of the seeds are REALLY tiny!




Find what you need, little Native seeds!!

[Prairie Moon Nursery!](#)


Fingers Crossed!





# GERMINATING DIFFICULT SEEDS

with  
**ROD TONDREAU**



Saturday, February 8

10AM

Dorothy Pecaut  
Nature Center

*Loess Hills Species*



Mark your Calendars for  
the upcoming program on  
Germinating Difficult  
Seeds!

**Saturday Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM!**

This is sure to be a hit with  
those of us who have had  
SOME success with our  
seedlings but wish we had  
a lot MORE sprouts!

**Grow some Wild with us!!**

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**BIRD CITY  
NETWORK**

Working locally across the Americas to make  
communities healthier for birds and people.

birdcity.org

The Network unites independent Bird City (and Bird Town, and Bird Friendly)  
Programs across the Americas - in the US, Mexico, Colombia, and Brazil.

**>> Happy New Year!**

This month we're popping in to invite you to our first webinar of the year -  
this one is all about celebrating birds through programs and events. Also a  
preview of our 2024 impact - WOW! Thanks for all you've done to make your  
communities better for birds and people!

If this message was forwarded to you, please [sign up here!](#)

**Your impact | 2024**

With over 200 communities taking bird-friendly action across the Network,  
we are making a difference for birds and their habitats - places we care for  
and share! Here's a snapshot at year-end of our collective impact.



You can register for the free event on the  
Bird City Network site here:  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/PK8KOsNRTTW6hSNauWt6gw#/registration>

Also, consider signing up for direct  
updates from Bird City  
Network <https://birdcity.org/> (look for the  
eNews sign up).

**2) SAVE THE DATE: April 17, 2025,**  
**Calkins Nature Area (Hardin CCB) for all**  
of you - our Bird Friendly Iowa  
communities and counties. We are inviting  
you all to explore how best to use the Bird  
Friendly Iowa program to your advantage.  
More information will follow but for now  
please mark your calendars!

If you have any questions, please reach  
out!

Marla shared a whole bunch of  
really awesome Bird City Network  
programs and information!

Thank you, Marla!

Click either photo for links or  
registration for Bird City Network  
information or programs!

Loess Hills Wild Ones are a partner  
through  
Loess Hills Audubon Society!



# 400-Defending a Native Garden From Misguided Laws

JANUARY 16, 2025 | GROW, PODCAST



Photo Courtesy of Beth and Craig Sinclair  
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← This is kind of a difficult topic, and most of us thought, “Well, OUR gardens are so neatly identified with borders and defined with signage, that we will NEVER get any kind of Weed Ordinance or notification! That is for MESSY gardeners who haven’t hosted Public events or kept their gardens neat and tidy!”

But...Last year we got a Weed Ordinance Notice at...”The Flower House!!” We were SHOCKED!

We did a LOT of contacting of various officials, and we HOPE that is behind us! We will keep you posted in the coming year!

Kelly Norris is a native Iowan doing so much for Natural gardens!

This podcast is GREAT! →

A Way to Garden.com

make and manage a natural garden, with kelly norris; 6 easiest orchids

## All Things Native Plant Gardening & DIY



Greetings,

The holidays are well past and we now find ourselves right in the middle of the winter season. Off-season for gardeners?? No, silly, of course not!! There are lots of things to be doing both inside and outside during these weeks to make for a more successful gardening experience this coming season.

Check over our list and see what things you may have already tackled and what things you could add to your winter to-do list.

Joe has birdhouse maintenance on the list. In addition to just maintenance, our 9 year old is learning to build bluebird houses this winter. I have shared that a bit on our [Patreon](#) page. It's a great learning opportunity for him this winter. Joe has detailed plans for you on the website. If it's not something you have done before, give it a try this winter. You'll love having them ready for the Spring season.

ON THE BLOG: [17 Winter Chores To Prep For Next Season](#)



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17 WINTER GARDENING CHORES

Gardening Tips

GROWIT BUILDIT PINTEREST: If you are not already, be sure to follow our Pinterest page. It is a handy way to search, save, and share our guides.

← We ALWAYS find inspiration and so many wonderful ideas from GrowItBuildIt and this one is NO exception!

We will wait for much warmer weather before we tackle many of these gardening chores--

However, quite a few are indoors, like tool care!

Thanks, GrowItBuildIt!!

← Click for article!

A Practical Guide to Caring for an Ecologically Vibrant Home Garden

Your Natural Garden

KELLY D. NORRIS





*Wishing you a week filled with "WARMER Winter Sowing!!!"*

