

# Weekly Wild Wednesday

January 29th, 2025  
What a Week of "Artistic Nature!"

What a week of wonder! Whether you are indoors creating natural art with dear friends, or outdoors looking at all Nature has to offer, this is a time to EMBRACE Winter's Wonder World!

We are so lucky to have Cheri guiding us through so many fabulous artistic ideas preparing for our 2 weekend adventure representing Loess Hills Wild Ones next November at the O'Connor House!

← This GORGEOUS gilded and sparkly Milkweed Pod is the perfect project for this time of year! Fuzzy Slippers Friendly!!

Outdoors, you can photo—  
or just enjoy—your Winter World like this gardener shared! Click for link! →



Take a hike or bike ride over at Bacon Creek Park and you are sure to see some birds—Or- at the very least- the Bird Friendly Iowa sign that is newly posted at the park entrance! Click photo for link!

← Grow Bird City!!



A little bird (Ha!) told us there is also a sign at Prairie Park but we have not visited there since we heard the news!



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January 21, 2025

Ruth Rose & Cheri Stewart  
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Dear Ruth and Cheri,

Thank you for your generous donation to the Loess Hills Audubon Society's Silent Fundraiser Auction. The auction on January 11, 2025, was remarkably successful and exceeded our expectations.

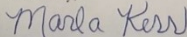
The funds raised from this event will support our efforts to promote the joy of birding, protect birds and other wildlife and advocate to enhance wild areas in our community.

One of our current projects is developing birding backpacks consisting of binoculars and a bird identification book. These are currently available at the Sioux City Public Library, the Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center and the Adams Homestead and Nature Preserve for families to borrow and enjoy nature. We want to extend this program to other locations.

The City of Sioux City has obtained the designation of *Bird Friendly City* from Bird Friendly Iowa. This is a statewide program of bird-habitat conservation and educational outreach. It was created through a partnership of Iowa conservation organizations to recognize communities throughout the state that provide a focus on protecting birds. Additional benefits would include raising interest in birds and other wildlife and increasing tourism to the area. We hope to expand these efforts.

Thank you again for your donation and support of the Loess Hills Audubon Society.

Sincerely,



Marla Kerr  
Loess Hills Audubon Society President

**Marla sent us a lovely thank you for the basket Loess Hills Wild Ones donated to the fundraiser for Audubon!**

**Loess Hills Wild Ones are partners with the Bird Friendly work --along with other likeminded organizations in Siouxland!**

**Thank you, Marla, for the thank you, haha!**

**It was a pleasure to help out!**

**As you can tell from the last few weeks newsletters and events, we do a LOT of Winter Sowing here in Iowa!**

**But not ALL of it is in the gallon jugs or various other Winter Sowing Friendly containers!**

**Over the next couple of weeks, we are DIRECT Winter Sowing seeds right where they will (hopefully) find their forever homes! In bare, prepared ground, you too can create a Micro Meadow—or a whole new prairie!!**

**These seeds → were collected and processed throughout the seasons for this year's projects!**

**Find what you need, little seeds! We look forward to seeing you over the next several years sprout into a Native Pocket Prairie!**

**We try to sow these right before a snowfall!**





# Native Plant Day- March 1, 2025

## Native Plant Day

Plants, Design, Prairie, and Conservation

### Free & Open to All!

Register for any or all sessions.

- 10 AM– Native Plants – Troy and Sarah Davelaar, Siouxland Prairie Farm
- 11 AM– Residential Landscaping with Native Plants – Danielle Metzger, Wild Ones Loess Hills
- 1 PM– Creating or Rehabilitating a Prairie – Dr. Bill and Dotty Zales and Bev Rutter, Prairie Flower
- 2 PM– Integrating Prairie Strips on Farmlands – Tim Youngquist, ISU Agricultural Specialist

Lunch will be on your own at 12 PM. A list of local restaurants will be provided.

Register by February 27, 2025.

Register at: <https://go.iastate.edu/NATIVEDAY2025>  
or call (712) 737-4230

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March 1, 2025

Sioux County

Extension Office

400 Central Ave. NW

Orange City

\*\*Lower Level, East Entrance



We are planning to be there!

Click [HERE](#) to go straight to registration, or click either photo for more details!

John and Iowa State University Extension Services are hosting this incredible Native Plant Day opportunity to spend as short or as long as you like with Native Plant topics!

Dip your toe in—or immerse yourself in these topics!

OUR OWN Danielle is presenting at this fabulous event!

We can hardly wait!

← Click to register for one hour—or the whole event!

### Native plants benefit everything, everyone

Native plants mastered drought, heavy rain, diseases, hot and cold weather and more centuries ago. These low maintenance wonders benefit the soil, attract pollinators, stop erosion and bring joy to people and animals who have contact with them.

Master Gardeners from ISU Extension and Outreach, Region 1, are sponsoring a Native Day on Saturday, March 1, to provide a range of information for everyone from town residents to farmers. People can register for one or all four sessions. Attendance is free.

10 a.m. - Native plants - A look at the characteristics of plants native to Iowa and northwest Iowa in particular. Presented by Troy and Sarah Davelaar, Siouxland Prairie Farm.

11 a.m. - Residential landscaping with native plants. Danielle Metzger, Wild Ones - Loess Hills chapter, will talk about designs that especially enhance attracting pollinators and the benefits of doing that.

Noon - Lunch break on own. Local restaurant list will be available.

1 p.m. - Creating or rehabilitating a prairie. Dr. Bill and Dotty Zales, Westfield, and Bev Rutter, Prairie Flower, Spencer, will discuss their experiences in prairie creation and maintenance.

2 p.m. - ISU is a leader in research on integrating prairie strips on farmland for conservation and other purposes. Tim Youngquist, ISU agricultural specialist, will speak on the many benefits and how to create strips.

*Wishing you a week filled with "Artistic Nature!"*

