

# Weekly Wild Wednesday

March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025

What a Week of "Indoors and Outdoors!"

What a WOW attendance—in person—of the presentation by Jamie Byers titled "Pollinator Friendly Plants and Habitat"- What a great program! We will have the video link posted on our You-Tube channel SOON!



**"THE MORE YOU KNOW, THE LESS YOU MOW"**

- ❖ This is a quote from a former Iowa Honey Queen.
- ❖ I also want to carry that message further – "The more you know, the more you like "WEEDS"
- ❖ It seems, a majority of Americans want a "golf course green" looking landscape. How much diversity is in that type of yard? Basically, zero habitat for bees!! It is a monoculture – **no** diversity!!
- ❖ So, the first type of plants that I am going to mention that are bee friendly, are WEEDS!!



The Perennial Plant of the Year is a Native Plant! Yippee!!!!!!

We ordered some seed from Prairie Moon!

← Click for link!



Speaking of seeds, Coral answered the call for seeds needed for the Seed Library at the Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center!

She brought the seeds to Native Plant Day in Orange City, we brought them back to the Wild Mess in Progress and packaged them, and Marcie made labels-- which several



people helped stick on the newly packaged seeds! Marcie re-stocked the library-- so pop over to pick up your seeds!



**It takes a village to stock a Seed Library!**

**It is NOT too late to Winter Sow these seeds!**

The 2025 Perennial Plant of the Year is **Pycnanthemum muticum**, also known as clustered mountain mint.



### Features

- A native plant to the eastern United States and Texas
- Has small white to light pink flowers that bloom from July to September
- Has aromatic foliage that deters deer and rabbits
- Grows in dense clumps that suppress weeds
- Spreads through underground rhizomes
- Can be aggressive in moist conditions

Benefits A must-have for pollinator gardens, A tough and adaptable perennial, and Has no serious disease issues.



This fabulous Winter Sowing chart is SO cute! We loved it!  
 Print it, or Click the chart for details-- and links-- to other sites!

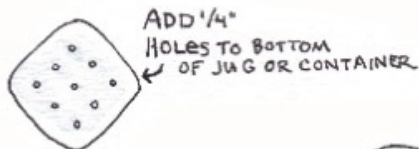
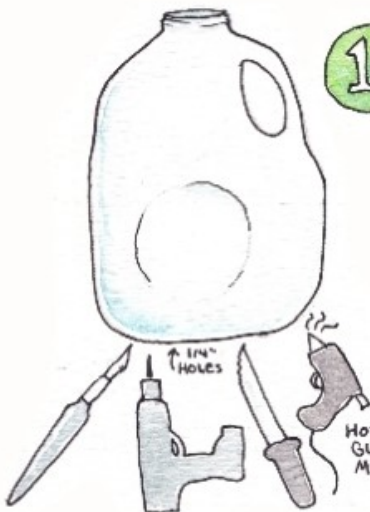
Although it says 'share your extra plants with Front Range Wild Ones'--  
 We recommend that you share your extra Winter Sown plants with anyone-- at any time!

Bring your local extras to our Siouxland Spring Native Plant Sale May 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>!

# WINTER SOWING

• Vegetable seeds  
 • Native plant seeds  
 GOOD FOR STRATIFICATION

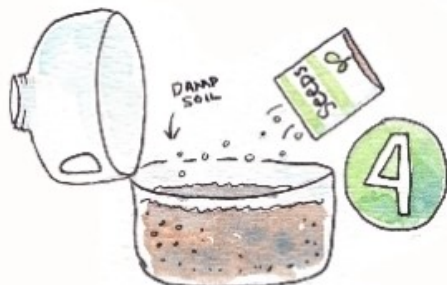
**1** RECYCLE JUGS OR CONTAINERS  
 CLEAN, REMOVE CAP  
 KEEP CAP FOR LABELS!



**2** SLICE JUG IN HALF ↓



**3**



ADD SEEDS, DON'T OVERSOW!  
 PLANT AT DEPTH LISTED ON  
 SEED PACKET

**5**

MINI GREENHOUSE  
 PUT IN FULL SUN  
 OUTSIDE



KEEP SOIL MOIST



**6**

OPEN IN SPRING TO HARDEN OFF SEEDLINGS FOR SEVERAL DAYS TO A WEEK. THEN GENTLY SEPARATE + TRANSPLANT IN GARDEN



TRANSPLANT SEEDLINGS INTO INDIVIDUAL POTS, OR STRAIGHT INTO THE GARDEN. \*

\* SHARE YOUR EXTRA PLANTS AT A FRONT RANGE WILD ONES PLANT SWAP!  
 LEARN MORE AT:  
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**MEET THE PLANTS & ROLLOUT THE GRANTS**  
Meet the Plants featured on Spring Plant Sale



**SATURDAY, APRIL 12 AT 1:00 PM**  
DOROTHY PECAUT NATURE CENTER



**Mark Your Calendars!**

**Saturday April 12<sup>th</sup> at 1PM!**

**This is a MUST SEE presentation that will also include types of plants for different types of soil, sunlight or shade, and a Roll-Out of the Spring Grants for individuals and non-profit organizations!**

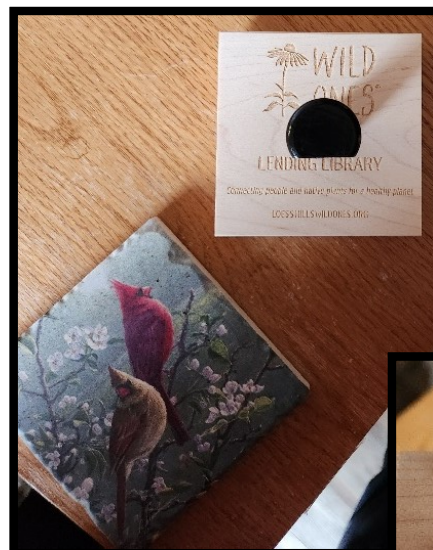
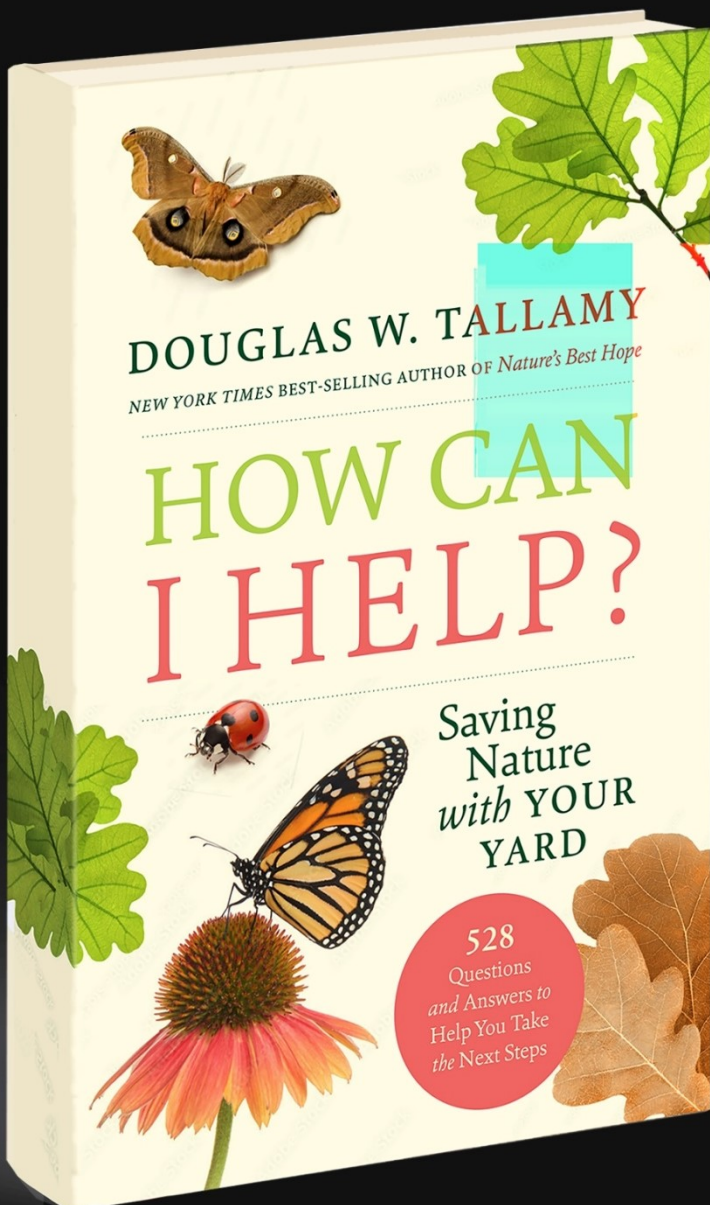
**Our Own Danielle will be presenting!**

**Doug Tallamy has a NEW BOOK available for pre-purchase anywhere books are sold! We pre-ordered one for the Lending Library and we could not be more excited about this Q&A book!**

**Doug PERSONALLY told us he was writing this book in 2021, and we shot a POEM right back at him!!**

**[Here's the link to that 2021 "READ THE BOOK" POEM!](#)**

**Doug was VERY complimentary!!**



**Marcie ordered a Wild Ones Lending Library stamp- like the one she designed and had manufactured for the Seed Library! We are so grateful and excited to have this Book Stamp!!**



*Wishing you a week filled with "Indoors - and even more OUTDOORS"*

