

Weekly Wild Wednesday

March 19th, 2025

What a Week of "Wandering!"



We took a quick jaunt to the Oregon Coast and found **MANY** Native plants in their early Spring glory!



Click photos for details!
The mowed groundcovers were really gorgeous Lawn Alternatives. And we LOVED the Forest Fungi!

Speaking of local ecotype, Bill shared that the Clustered Mountain Mint we shared last week is not native to our Iowa Loess Hills! Glancing at the first map, we were wrong! Always check **BONAP** for YOUR LOCAL details, or a really knowledgeable local Native Flora expert! Thanks, Bill!

Clustered mountain mint (*Pycnanthemum muticum*), also known as short-toothed mountain mint or blunt mountain mint, is native to the eastern half of North America, roughly from Maine to Florida, with the largest range occurring in the eastern United States, including the mid-Atlantic, southeastern, and southern states. @



SHORT TOOTHED MOUNTAIN MINT (*Pycnanthemum muticum*)





Back at home, Dawn sent these photos of the Resident Hawk and the Spring Signs from our Prairie Smoke plants! Those Prairie Smoke came from last year's Native Plant Sale! You can meet the 2025 Spring Plant Sale Plants at Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center during Danielle's presentation of "Meet the Plants"--



MEET THE PLANTS OF THE SPRING NATIVE PLANT SALE
 Saturday, April 12
 1 PM ~ Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center

Native Plants WILD ONES[®] Loess Hills

And Marcie's "Rollout of the Spring Grants!"

Far Left, Theresa shared the initial layout of the new Pollinator Wall that will be installed at the Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center!



← Coral shared her Winter Sowing Success with these emerging sprouts!

Look closely, or zoom in to see these babies! Finger's Crossed-- these should be some of the plants featured at our FALL Local Ecotype Plant Sale!

I've got sprouts! Hairy golden aster. Also cutleaf iron plant and blue flax.

MMS 5:35 PM

Yippeeeee!!!!

Coral!!!



We ran out to check our OWN Winter Sown gallon jugs at the 'Wild Mess in Progress'

But... they are still a bit UNDER THE WEATHER. Ha!

Wishing you a week filled with "Wandering for Wonder!"

