

Weekly Wild Wednesday

April 9th, 2025

What a Week of "Springing Spring!"

Spring is Springing!



Look at the huge pocket of blooming bloodroot ensnarled in the green briar!



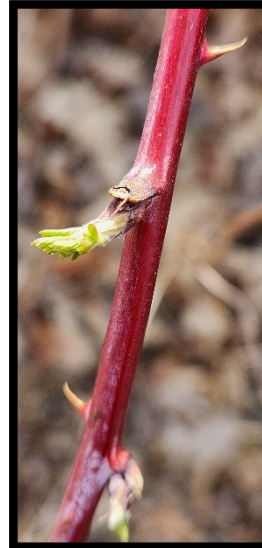
In Stone Park

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The pond at the Wild Mess in Progress continues to bring abundant wildlife, right to the window!

We saw more signs than ever on our walks and garden meander tours this week! So exciting! Nights are still dipping into the 20's-- but these hardy Native plants scoff at the cold!

← Dawn found Bloodroot in Stone State Park!



We found raspberries budding-Watch out for those thorns!

Below, At the Wild Mess in Progress, we have Prairie Smoke in full bloom!



Prairie Smoke
Geum triflorum

Click on any photo!



← Sporophytes? Bill?



Far left, the mosses are also doing their Spring Thing! They look gorgeous in the morning sunlight with frosty tops!

← And lest you think we have forgotten about the Pasque Flowers, think again! We counted 29, then 68, and on the latest hunt 113 on the SAME RIDGE on three sequential days!

Yippee!!!

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



**Meet the Plants and
Rollout of the
Grants!!**

**THIS Saturday April
12th 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!



By **KTIV Staff**

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SIOUX CITY (KTIV) - Spring has been here, but now it is time to take advantage of plant life.

On Saturday, April 12 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. come meet the plants. Loess Hills Wild Ones will share details about native plants at Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center, at 4500 Sioux River Dr.

Start planning your garden and learn about future grants that will be coming soon. These grants will be available for individuals and local organizations.

Danielle and Dawn did a GREAT job on Around Siouxland!

← Click for link!



**Above, thank you
Jen, for the
Leadership Gift!
We love it!**



LOVE NATIVE PLANTS? WANT PLANTS? APPLY FOR A GRANT!

Native Plant Grants
Due April 30

APPLY AT:
[HTTPS://LOESSHILLS.WILDONES.ORG/](https://loesshills.wildones.org/)



The plant plugs Wild Ones gave me last year for the grant are starting to grow again! I was skeptical at first if they'd make it! Thanks again.



**I have sprouts in
my Winter Sowing
containers!**

**One of our Grant
Recipients from last year,
Tucker, sent us a welcome
update on his new baby
plants! Grow, Tucker!**

**Marcie, Lisa and her
sisters, and many of our
other Winter Sowing
participants are starting to see sprouts in their
containers!
Yippeeeee!
Soon we will be Up-Potting or Brownie Planting!**



Celebrating Seeds

By Chris Helzer on April 3, 2025

I've been seeing a lot of brand new plants germinating from seeds during the last couple weeks. Looking at all those cotyledons (first leaves) poking out of the ground makes me reflect on the massive amount of good fortune it takes for any seed to actually turn into a new prairie plant.



Prairie dandelion seeds (*Nothocalais cuspidata*).

Seed production is a high risk, high reward strategy for plants, and even that's a huge understatement. It takes a tremendous amount of energy for a plant to produce a flower - especially if you're trying to make one that's attractive to an animal pollinator. There's all the colorful petals or other structures, nectar (in many cases), and, of course the pollen itself. After pollination, even more energy can go into loading up the developing seeds with the nutrition and energy needed to give the embedded embryo a chance of success.

Chris always enthalls us with his posts and photos, but when his blog is also about either his Square Meter Prairie or SEEDS, we are extra-interested!

← Click for full blog post and GREAT photos!

Who knew that gardening in Iowa needed protection? We have heard nothing more about this proposal, but did see that it includes—so far-- Pollinator Plants!

Click photo for link! →

5 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise
6 requires:
7 1. "Gardenfood" means vegetables, herbs, fruits, flowers,
8 pollinator plants, leafy greens, and other edible plants.
9 2. "Local government" includes but is not limited to a
10 county, special district, township, or city as provided in
11 Title IX.

And Native Plant Month is in FULL SWING!!

Click for link! →

Senators vote to protect Iowans' 'basic human right' to garden

BY: CAMI KOONS - MARCH 24, 2025 6:11 PM



Dear All,

Agreed to early this morning by unanimous consent, SR 157 designating April 2025 as National Native Plant Month is approved!

martha stewart

5. Lauritzen Gardens



PHOTO: COURTESY OF LAURITZEN GARDENS

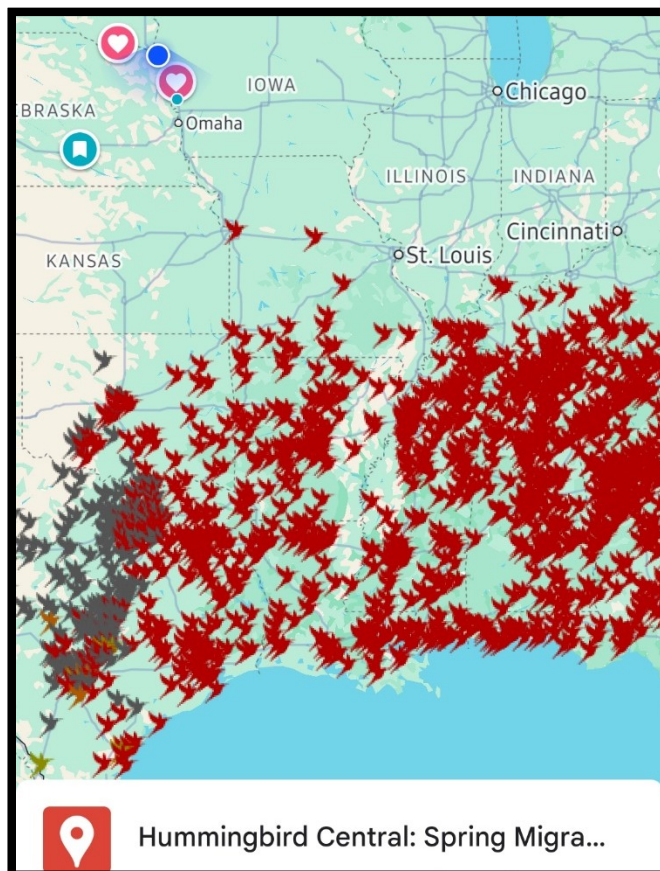
Omaha, Nebraska's Lauritzen Gardens boasts more than 20 themed gardens for visitors to enjoy. One of its main attractions is the Arboretum and Oberman Bird Sanctuary, a 4-acre site with seven regional plant communities, including prairie, savannah, oak hickory forest, maple linden

Martha picked Lauritzen Gardens, which include many Wild areas, in her Top 10 Best Botanical Gardens in the US!

← Click for link!

Time to Spring Clean all your hummingbird feeders, AND pick out your plants for Nature's Hummingbird Feeders---

Provided by Native Plants!



Danielle will have some suggestions this Saturday for plants that feed and encourage hummers!

Click photo for link to the current map! →

Wishing you a week filled with "Springing Spring"

