

# Weekly Wild Wednesday

April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025

What a Week of "Wondrous Wandering!"



If you have NOT heard of the LoHi Trek, you are in for a treat!

Kelly's story is linked to this 'Created by Kelly' gorgeous trail map, and you can delve as deeply as you would like into the many links throughout the "This is Iowa" article!

← Click for link!



Golden Hills RC&D Co-Sponsored the 2025 hike, and there is a link to All Things LoHi on this photo as well!

Click for a detailed set of links on this website!→

Lance took all those photos AND helped with every aspect of this fabulous 5 day adventure! The food was AMAZING!! If this is something you would like to do, sign up the FIRST minute it is available to the public, as it sells out FAST!!



[Click photo above for the 2025 synopsis!](#)

There were so MANY fun activities and entertainment throughout the hiking days as well, we worked on our own individually designed bandanas with Anna, we were entertained by an Improvisational group called Big Canvas Comedy, and we had a birding hike and evening hosted by Nic from The Nature Conservancy!

Yes, THAT Nic, from the Sandhill Crane Experience several weeks ago!!





**LoHi Continued—We hardly EVER see a REAL Prairie Dandelion, they are incredibly rare in the Loess Hills. We saw FOUR altogether, and THREE happened to be in consecutive order that we called “The Sequential Life of a Prairie Dandelion!”**  
**From full bloom, to pollinated (We hope) to seed head!**  
**What a lucky—and exciting—experience!**



**Click photos for more information on these rare plants! This is NOT your YARD Dandelion— Unless you are incredibly lucky!**



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**Even a fungus can look genuinely amazing- if you take the time to look closely!**  
**This Juniper Rust was pointed out by Lance on one of our hikes!**  
**It looked like some kind of sea creature to us!**

**Right, we saw many Prairie Violets (we think)**  
**Click photo for a Prairie Violet next to a Bird’s Foot Violet!**

**Neither of these are the Common Violet we encourage as a ground cover in the shady spaces of our Urban yards and gardens!**



← **On our Urban hike, we saw these—Downtown in Council Bluffs! Click photos for links!**



# GREEN THUMB PLANT SALE

## Saturday May 10, 2025

### 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Redeemer Lutheran Church  
3204 S Lakeport (follow our signs)

### SIOUX CITY GARDEN CLUB

It is the season of Plant Sales! Sioux City Garden Club is hosting a local sale here in Siouxland with details above for location and times!

If you are in the Orange City area, there is a Master Gardener Plant Sale for Sioux County with details to the right! Zoom in!

And the Native Plant Sale the following weekend will host a coffee vendor named Cherry Coffee Co. Also visiting plant sale vendor Siouxland Prairie Farms! We are so excited about the upcoming Loess Hills Wild Ones Native Plant Sale!

**Sioux County Master Gardener Newsletter**

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY  
Extension and Outreach

**May 2025**

**ADDRESS:**  
ISU Extension and Outreach  
Sioux County  
400 Central Ave. NW, Ste 700  
Orange City, IA 51041

**OFFICE HOURS:**  
Monday-Thursday  
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### Sioux plant sale gets ready

Being a volunteer operation, many aspects of the annual Sioux Master Gardener plant sale are still a mystery. The third annual sale will be like others, unfolding as volunteers and the community get involved.

These are the things we are certain of:

- The sale will be held 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 10 at the Extension office, 400 Central Ave. NW, Orange City.
- At this point there will be well over 30 varieties of tomato plants, about 10 kinds of peppers, five cucumber varieties and an assortment of other vegetables and flowers. We will have a lot of snap dragons, some lysianthus, a few gazanias, some divided perennials and more.
- We will be accepting more plant donations the week of the sale. These can be left at the Extension office. These can include seedlings or unused portions of purchased packs of plants. We also accept divided perennials.
- Master Gardeners will be on hand to greet visitors, talk about gardening, sell plants and answer questions.
- "And the best part," says John Buntama, county Master Gardener coordinator, "is we will find a good home for all the unsold plants." Last year those went to flood victims, local agencies who deal with people in need and food pantries.
- "This fun event gets better every year," Buntama said.

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## LHWO Member Native Plant Sale

Friday, May 16  
4 - 7 pm  
2801 S. Cecelia St.,  
Sioux City

Join Here

Grants at 5:30 PM

## Native Plant Sale

Saturday, May 17  
9am - Noon  
2801 S. Cecelia St.,  
Sioux City

Public Welcome!

*Wishing you a week filled with "Wondrous Wandering!"*

