

Weekly Wild Wednesday

July 9th, 2025

What a Week of "Tame Spaces and Wild Places!"



We took a trip to the Great Smoky Mountains, and it inspired thoughts as to LARGE and SMALL spaces! It's so easy to think that Nature is "Out There" and forget that Nature is EVERYWHERE! Each of us can appreciate and support Nature in EVERY space! YOUR space matters to someone! And so do the medium sized-- and MASSIVE Nature Areas! Urban, Suburban, Rural, and WILD BEYOND WORDS! EVERY space matters! Look closely at YOUR nature! Every Native plant has a story!

← This Sumac mattered to this Firefly!

The tiny pond (right) is the world to this frog!

This VERY BUSY CITY LAKE still has herons!

Below left, Cheri's Great St. John's Wort is so important to this green bee!

← The City Lake Junaluska also had many species of turtles!
Below, Marc's branch shows off a Click Beetle!



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An online resource devoted to North Am...
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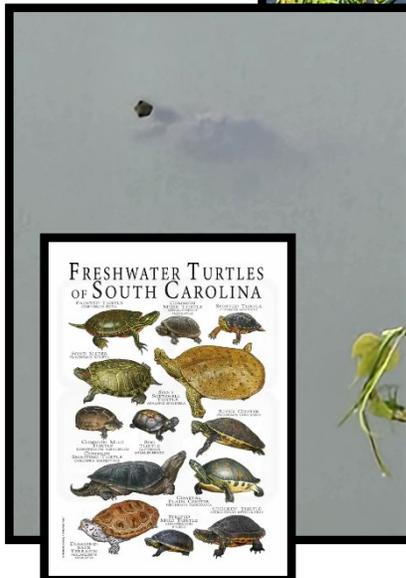
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Maybe this!

Does anyone know what this cute little neon green bee is?
(On Great St John's Wort)

GIANT or tiny,

Every Single Bit of Nature matters to something!



Saturday, July 12
10am - 1pm

**Marc &
Tracy's
Home
901 46th St.,
Sioux City**

**Bees &
Blooms
Garden
Walk**

**Free, open
to the public,
open yard
style.
Come & go
as you
please.**

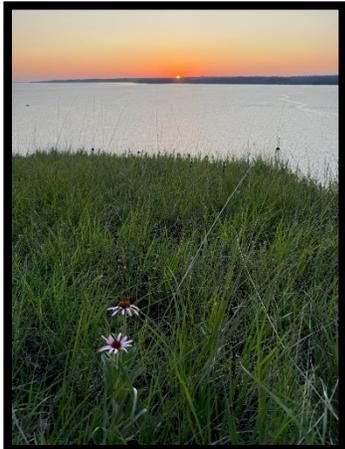
<https://loesshills.wildones.org/>



Speaking of Marc, he and Tracy are opening their gardens for a walk THIS SATURDAY July 12th from 10-1!
Please Join Us in this NEW Garden Walk!
Thank you to Marc and Tracy!

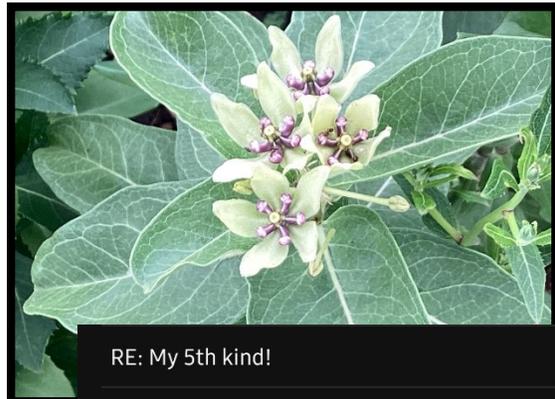
← Danielle shared this photo of Pale Purple Cone Flowers admiring the sunset!

Our Loess Hills Audubon partner Bird Friendly Iowa worked on—and received—their renewal for this designation! Click for link! →



Western Kingbird
By: Doug Harr

Sioux City's renewal quickly approved as a Bird Friendly Iowa Community



RE: My 5th kind!

WOOOOOOOWWWW!! That is gorgeous—and amazing!!! You are an inspiration!!

Above, Koy shared the great news of a 5th kind of milkweed success!

Grow, Koy!

Kari Sandage and I completed the application for renewing the City's status as a Bird Friendly City in May 2025. Our application was accepted, and we continue as a Bird Friendly (IA) City, part of the Bird City Network.



SPOTLIGHT: Nature Everywhere Conference Recap

This month's newsletter covers a recap of the Children & Nature Network's Nature Everywhere Conference from May 2025, including the keynote address by award-winning author Diane Wilson, author of "The Seed Keeper".

"As we say in Dakota, 'Mitakuye owas'in' – 'we are all related.' When we care for the earth, when we raise healthy children, returning to these old ways will help us transcend the trauma of the past and create a new, hopeful vision for the future," said Diane Wilson.

Wilson, along with the nearly 100 other conference speakers and presenters, helped create an inspirational and hopeful vision for the future of the children and nature movement. That hope spread throughout the over 600 attendees. Below we share recordings and session presentations.



Resilience in Action at the 2025 Nature Everywhere Conference

"Dr. Hanaa Hamdi looked out at a sea of over 600 faces. The buzz from early-morning greetings and fresh cups of coffee had faded to a charged stillness. Surveying the room, the systems scientist and Children & Nature Network board chair opened the first day of the 2025 Nature Everywhere Conference with words

The concept of Nature Everywhere is catching like Prescribed Fire! (Ha!)

← Click for the recap of the Nature Everywhere Conference!



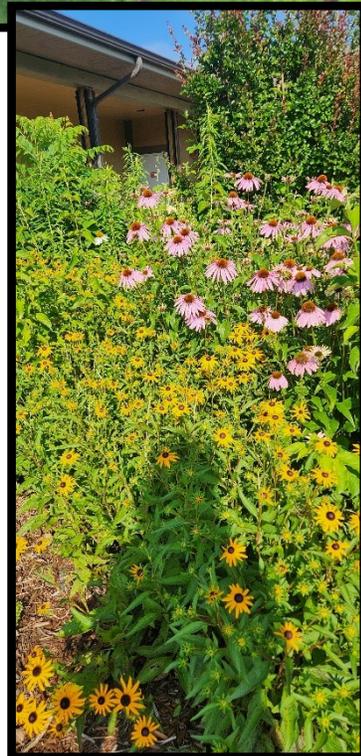
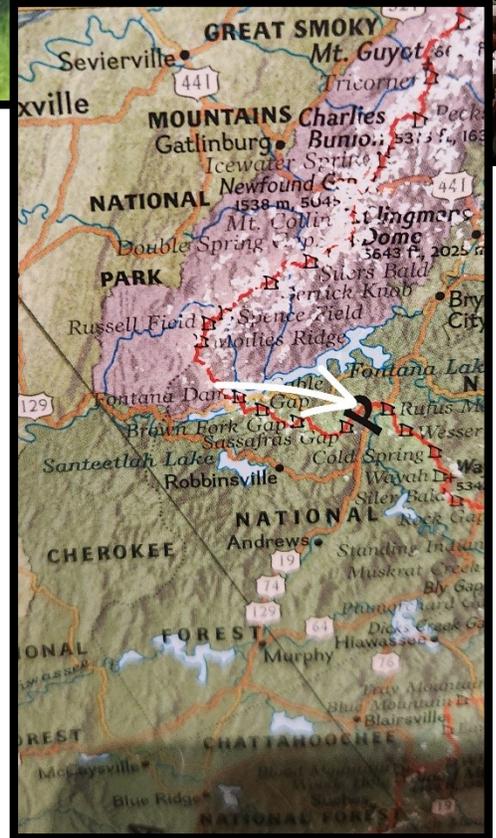
Nelle checking out the sign. And I put some in your spot behind the sprouting shed!



Dawn—literally- shared some Porcupine Grass with us! In photos and seed!

A few more photos of our exact Wandering Wild—and tame—areas! Check out your OWN Wild and tame areas, and send us YOUR photos!!

We love them!!



Upcoming Events

- **Bees & Blooms Garden Walk**
Jul 12th, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
- **Agape Community Garden Walk**
Jul 19th, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
- **Morningside Garden Walk & Plant Sale**
Jul 26th, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
- **Sara's Garden Walk**
Aug 1st, 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
- **Metzger's Garden Walk**
Aug 16th, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

[View All Events](#)

Above, click to check out our current upcoming events!

Check Back Often!

We add new ones every week!

Wishing you a week filled with "Tame Spaces and Wild Places"

