

# Weekly Wild Wednesday

September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025

*What a Week of "Missions and Monarchs!"*

**Saturday, September 27**

**1:00 - 5:00 PM**  
**Prairie Hills Farm**

## **Seeds & Snacks Prairie Seed Harvest**

Bring clippers, gloves, drinking water. Refreshments afterwards.

Seed will be collected for seed share library & local sources.

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← Our NEXT event is SURE to be a crowd pleaser!

Come to Prairie Hills Farm September 27<sup>th</sup> from 1-5 to harvest seeds! If you have never done this before, this is the perfect opportunity to learn all about collecting and preserving Native Seeds!

15384 N. Ridge Road,  
Westfield Iowa!

Click below for ALL the upcoming events!

Also, see the 'call for help' planting at Sertoma Park below!

Noah Elder will be planting a native plant garden for his Eagle Scout Project. If you would like to help with this garden, please meet him at Sertoma Park (west end) on Saturday September 27th at 9:00!

- [Seeds and Snacks- Seed Harvest at Prairie Hills](#)  
Sep 27th, 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
- [Native Seed Harvest at WITCC](#)  
Sep 30th, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
- [Native Seed Harvest at Hilltop Gardens](#)  
Oct 11th, 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
- [Free Webinar: "Next Steps for Nature" with Doug Tallamy](#)  
Hosted by Wild Ones National  
Oct 16th, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
- [Adopt-a-Street Clean-Up: Lincoln Way](#)  
Oct 19th, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm



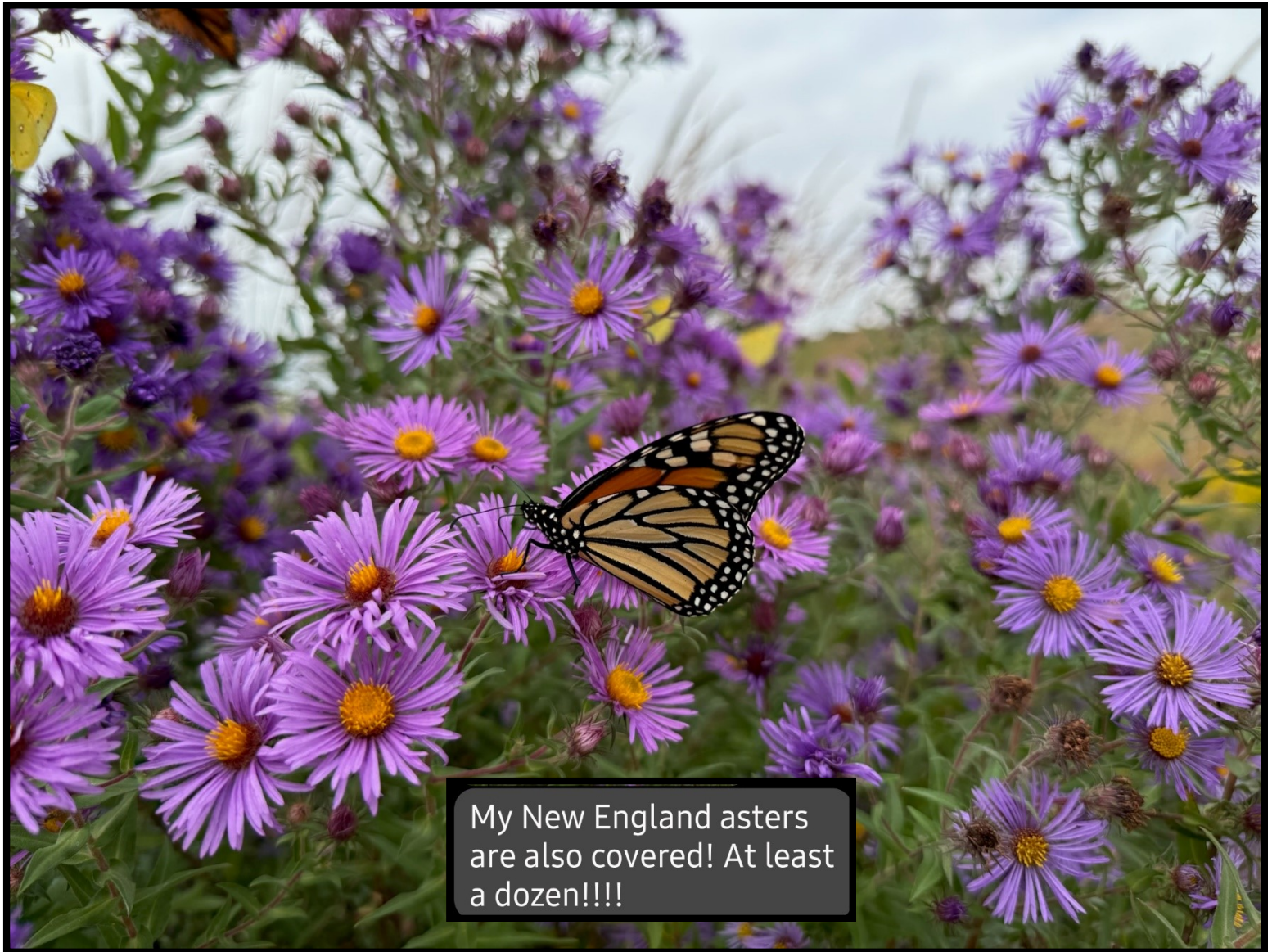


Hundreds of monarchs today! I have never seen so many here! It made me cry. 😭

← Cheri sent this text which made many of us go out and look at OUR plants! She sent video but we are tech challenged. Danielle sent the gorgeous photo and text below! Wooooooooowwwww!!!

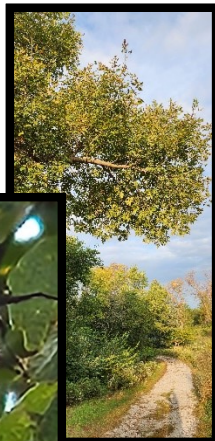
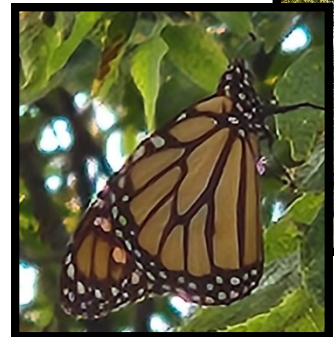
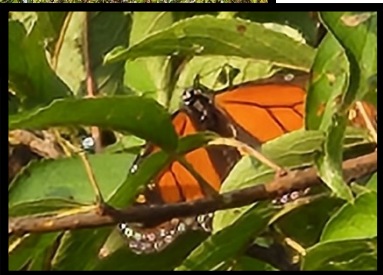
She and Tom 'Planted It, and They Came!'

'Wild Mess in Progress' counted 37 individual monarchs on Pitcher Sage and Canada Goldenrod! There might have been more, but they were flitting around so fast we gave up counting and just ENJOYED!!



My New England asters are also covered! At least a dozen!!!!

Look carefully at the brown leaves on YOUR trees! They might just be brown leaves. OR they might be roosting THESE! At the Wild Mess!





← Tom and Cheri have them roosting in their Kentucky Coffee Tree!

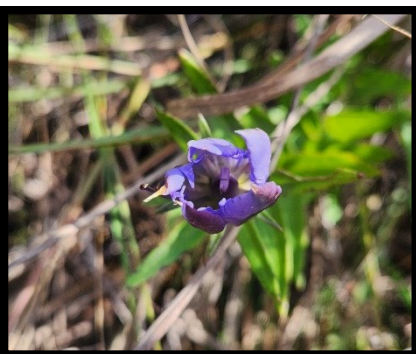


We spotted quite a few in the Kentucky Coffee before sunrise today... using a flashlight. They weren't grouped together on a single branch but rather scattered throughout the tree.



Heath Aster is starting to bloom!

RARE Downy Gentian below!!



← Who is this guy?

Anyone know?

Thanks, Cheri, for the '**Mystery Moth!**'

This is a different looking hummingbird moth than I've seen before.

*Wishing you a week filled with "Missions and Monarchs!"*

