

# Weekly Wild Wednesday

December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025

What a Week of "Winter Wanderings!"

**FIRST ALERT**  
KTIV WEATHER

SIoux CITY, IA

Snow to clear by the afternoon, dangerous cold weather tonight

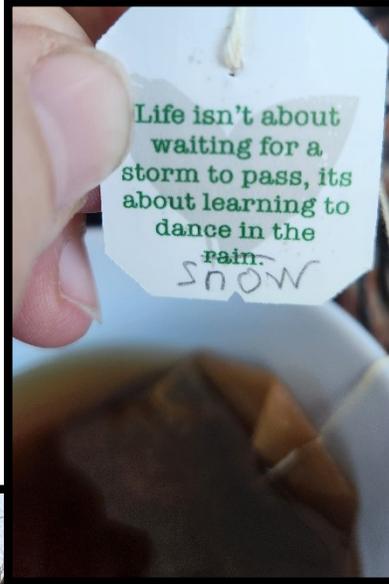
Sat 12/13 AM  
Snow, PM 9° | -11° 100%  
Clouds

Day: Snow this morning will give way to cloudy conditions this afternoon. High 9F. Winds NW at 5 to 15 mph. Chance of snow 100%. 1 to 3 inches of snow expected.

Evening: Bitterly cold especially in northern Siouxland. Clear to partly cloudy. Low around -11F. Winds NW shifting ton SE at 5 to 15 mph.

← When the weather prediction is this--

← And your Good Earth Tea Bag Says THIS (Sort of)



← It is time to bundle up--



And do some variation of THIS! →



← Or THIS!



Good (or crazy) friends like Nelle and Dawn will come and join you!



They are coming thru the red gate below-ish the arrow far left photo! Yipppeeeeeeeee!!!!



To get gear for these adventures--

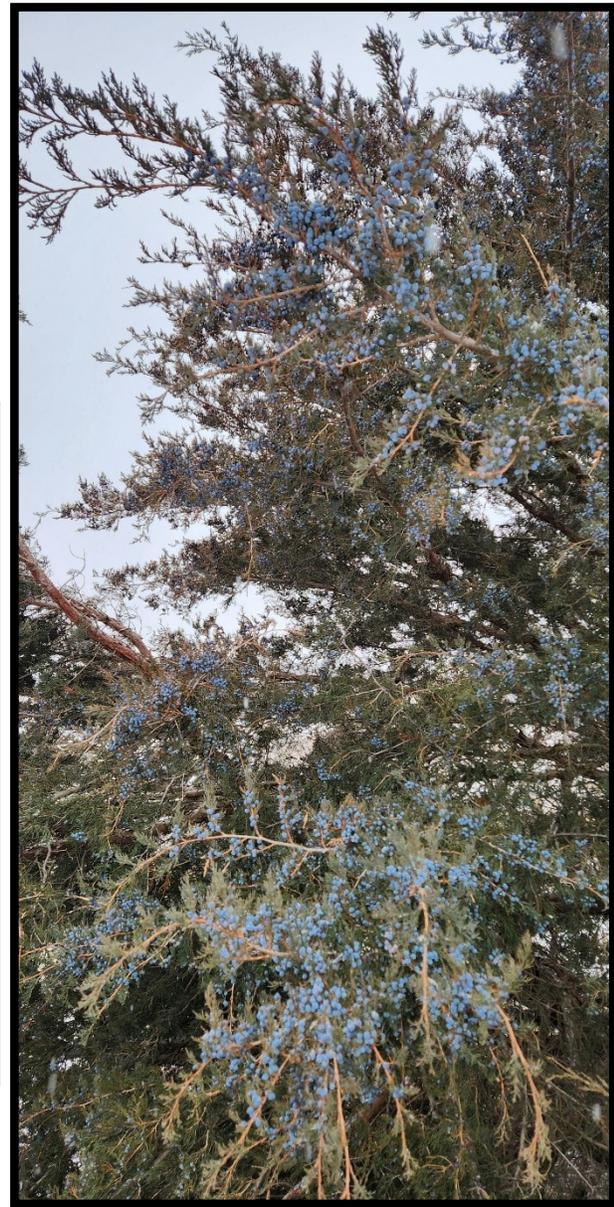
You can rent snowshoes at Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center and snowshoe on their fabulous trails! Check out their guided snowshoeing also, sometimes with Cone Park, Cocoa, and Coffee as part of their adventure! This coming weekend, check for the rescheduled Winter Fun Day and Artist Open House Event! We think it's the 20<sup>th</sup>, from 10-3, but check ahead!

You can rent Cross Country Skis- and use the groomed trails- at Adam's Nature Preserve! (5\$/day) What an amazing place to visit-- even hiking in plain snow boots!!

Dawn's coat exactly matches the Eastern Red Cedar berries! Native-- but aggressive *Juniperus virginiana*. →

Cedar Waxwings are gobbling these berries up right now at the- 'Wild Mess in Progress'!

Everywhere we looked we saw SEEDS in the SNOW!!! So exciting!! We did a bit of natural Winter Sowing on prepared beds BEFORE the latest big snow, and we can hardly wait to do some Winter Sowing in gallon jugs!! To learn more about Winter Sowing and take your OWN jug home correctly prepared, filled with soil, and seeded with Native Seeds from our own Loess Hills Wild Ones Bulk Seeds-- MARK YOUR CALENDAR for January 10<sup>th</sup>! (Weather date 17<sup>th</sup>) and JOIN US for a HANDS-ON Workshop!!



This was our **FIRST** Holiday Card of the Season, and it was **SO** welcomed!! We set it out in the fresh snow for a moment to appreciate the true colors!

Can you identify all the Native plants in Dianne's gorgeous Holiday card?

We were stumped for a while on one in particular!

**THANK YOU,  
DIANNE and BILL!!**



← So funny---This is what the track looks like behind you when you are Cross Country Skiing and a really cool seed pod-- or Native plant in seed--- catches your eye!!

You just have to leave the track and trudge on over to get a photo—or two—or five!!

So many Native plants are Winter Sowing themselves right now in the fresh snow!



← Native Plants are LITERALLY- 'Winter Life Support'!

So MANY tiny creatures are eating those Native seeds! Zoom in to see the tracks—or seeds!!

Their tiny tracks are so cute in the deep snow!



← This Canada Rye Grass looked gorgeous in the sunburst!



Grasses, Goldenrod, and Germander!!



Find what you Need!!

*Wishing you a week filled with "Winter Wandering and Happy Holidays!"*

