



The Mission of Plant It Wild

"To foster greater awareness and appreciation of the fragile natural environment of our region.



Through direct efforts, we work to preserve, protect and promote the natural beauty of the area and its plant Communities."

Plant It Wild is an independent, non-profit, native plant organization with 501(c)(3) status based in Benzie and Manistee Counties, in northwest Michigan.



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2023

Program Calendar





Plant It Wild 2023 Calendar

We are excited to offer the 2023 Programs in-person and on Zoom. The new in-person location is the Mills Community House at 891 Michigan Avenue (US 31), Benzonia, MI.

To join on Zoom, e-mail plantitwild2day@gmail.com to register for each program. A Zoom invitation will be sent to you prior to the Program.

Field Trips are only in-person. For trips lead by GTRLC Steward, Paula Dreeszen, please go to www.gtrlc.org/recreation-events/events/ to register. Attendance is limited.

Field Trips, Arcadia Dunes
Leader Paula Dreeszen, GTRLC Steward
May 3, 17, and 31, 10am to 12pm
Spring Wildflowers at Pete's Woods

Program
May 17, Wednesday, 7pm
"Having the Talk" Conversing about Natives, Non-natives, and Invasives
Struggling to talk to friends and neighbors about invasive or non-invasive plants and explaining why native plants matter? Carolyn Thayer, Landscape Designer and owner of Designs in Bloom has information to help you.

Native Plant Event!
June 2, Friday, 11am to 3pm
Join Black Cap Farm, the Manistee Conservation District, and Plant It Wild to browse educational booths, register for raffles, and shop for native plants.
Location: Black Cap Farm, 5265 Crescent Beach Rd., Onkama.

Field Trip
Leader Paula Dreeszen, GTRLC Steward
June 14, 10am to 12pm
Dune Wildflowers at Arcadia Dunes Baldy
Look for Endangered Pitcher's Thistle, and search for orchids.

Program
June 21, Wednesday, 7pm
"Plants for Shade Take a Cue from Nature"
Join Alysia Babcock, Garden Guru, Conservation Steward, Master Naturalist and Advanced Master Gardener as she explains how nature preserves things to see throughout the year and how it can help design your shade garden.

Field Trip & Information Booth
July 9, Sunday, 3pm to 4:30pm
Sacred Grounds at the Presbyterian Church
Tour the church grounds where National Wildlife Federation Sacred Grounds funding has assisted native plant installations. Educational information from ISN, County Forester, AuSable Institute, Plant It Wild, and more will be on hand.
Location: 701 Westminster Rd, Traverse City

Program
July 19, Wednesday, 7pm
"Garden for Wildlife—Attracting Birds, Butterflies and Other Backyard Wildlife"
This presentation by David Mizejewski, Naturalist, National Wildlife Federation will "teach you how to create a wildlife habitat garden."
Co-sponsor: Four Season Nursery



Field Trip
July 20, Thursday, 10am to 12pm
A Traverse City Native Yard
Cheryl Gross shares her 11 landscaped native beds coexisting in a suburban neighborhood.
Location: 4628 Westbrook Dr, Traverse City

Field Trip
August 3, Wednesday, 9am to 12pm
Interlochen Arts Academy Horticulture Gardens Tour (meet at Lyon Road Pavilion)
Dr. Emily Umberger, the IAA Director of Sustainability will guide us around the pollinator garden, rain garden and shoreline protection garden.

Program And Field Trip
August 16, Wednesday, 7pm
"Landscape Design Tips for Native Gardens"
Join the Executive Director of the Botanic Garden at Historic Barns Park, Matthew Ross as he shares tips and techniques to elevate your native garden.



August 17, Thursday, 10am to 12pm
Tour the Botanic Gardens at Historic Barns Park at 1490 Red Dr, Traverse City

Field Trip
August 23, 10am to 12pm
Leader Paula Dreeszen, GTRLC Steward
Marsh Wildflowers at Arcadia Marsh
A marsh ecosystem and plant community are exceptionally valuable as they filter water and team with life. (Universally Accessible trail)
Location: GTRLC's Arcadia Marsh property on M-22 in Arcadia

Field Trip (lead by ISN)
September 20, Wednesday, 10am to 12pm
Invasive ID Hike at RR Point Natural Area

Program
September 20, Wednesday, 7pm
Climate Change and Trees
Trees are valuable in carbon sequestration, habitat services, and sense of place. Today they are under extreme pressure from invasive diseases and climate change. Maddy Baroli from the ATREP project and Ellie Johnson, County Forester discuss.