



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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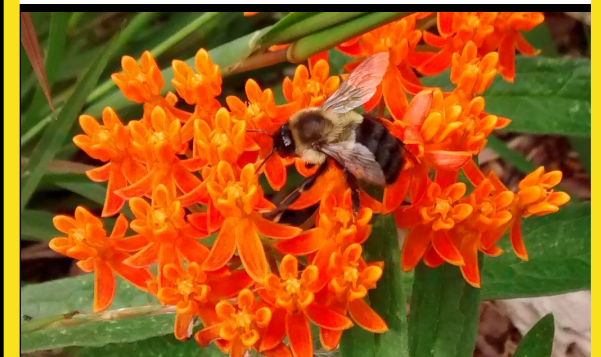
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2024

Program Calendar





Plant It Wild 2024 Calendar

We are excited to offer our 2024 Programs in person and on Zoom. The 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 in-person only. For trips lead by GTRLC Steward, Paula Dreeszen, please go to www.gtrlc.org/recreation-events/events/ to register. Attendance is limited.

Three Field Trips to Pete's Woods
Leader Paula Dreeszen, GTRLC Steward
April 24, May 8, May 22, 10am to 12pm
Spring Wildflowers at Pete's Woods

Program
May 15, Wednesday, 7pm
Michigan's Invasive Species Regulatory Pathways

Katie Grzesiak, Terrestrial Invasive Species Coordinator for MI DNR, explains the procedures for adding invasive species to the Prohibited and Restricted lists. It is more complicated (and interesting!) than you might expect; join us to learn how the Michigan process works.

Native Plant Event!
June 7, Friday, 11am to 3pm

Join Black Cap Farm, the Manistee Conservation District, and Plant It Wild and others to browse educational booths, register for raffles, and shop for native plants.

Location: Black Cap Farm, 5265 Crescent Beach Rd., Onkama.

Green Elk Rapids' Nature Fest 2024
June 8, Saturday, 11am to 2pm

PIW is one of 50 regional organizations representing environmental protection, outdoor education, recreation ideas, and more. A family friendly day including music, workshops, crafts, food and storytelling.

Location: Veterans' Memorial Park in Elk Rapids

Program
June 12, Wednesday, 7pm
Aesthetics of Biodiversity in the Built World

Join Rebecca Marquardt, Landscape Architect and owner of Revery landscape design studio. She will share designs using native plants in residential environments to create sites that protect, improve and regenerate the ecosystem services.



Field Trip, Old Baldy
Leader Paula Dreeszen, GTRLC Steward
June 20, Thursday, 10am to 12pm
Dune Wildflowers at Arcadia Dunes Baldy
Look for endangered Pitcher's Thistle, and search for orchids.

Joint Program with MGANM
July 17, Wednesday, 6pm
Tour of Mills Community House Gardens by Benzie Master Gardeners, followed at 7 by a ***Screening of Hometown Habitat: Stories of Bringing Nature Home***, a documentary by Catherine Zimmerman. A discussion led by Sue Hudnut (MGANM) and Cheryl Gross (PIW) will follow the video.

Field Trip
July 26, Thursday, 10am to 12pm
A Trip Through the Bog
Liana May leads the walk including white fringed bog orchids and much more. Wear your boots! Location information is available upon registration at plantitwild2day@gmail.com.

Program
August 21, Wednesday, 7pm
Grow with what you got: exploring the natural communities and flora of northwest Michigan
Presenter Sean Callahan is the Grass River Natural Area's Conservation Director. Gardening with native plants provides us with a great variety of species options. Not all native plants are conducive to the conditions present in your garden. How do you know what's best to plant, and what should thrive? Join us to explore several of our local ecosystems. By the end, you'll have the skills to better decide what natives are the best for your garden!



Field Trip, Arcadia Marsh
Leader Paula Dreeszen, GTRLC Steward
August 22, Thursday, 10am to 12pm
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, Grass River Natural Area
Leader Sean Callahan, Conservationist
September 4, Wednesday, 10am to 12pm
Apply knowledge from Sean's August 21st Program as we explore the Grass River Natural Area with him. Register at plantitwild2day@gmail.com.

Program
September 18, Wednesday, 7pm
Soil: The Biological Universe under our Toes
Adam Brown is a champion for the harmonious integration of agriculture and environmental conservation. He will help us understand the main ecological functions of soil and how microbiology drives the system.

Go Wild...Go Native