

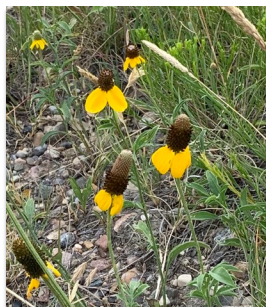
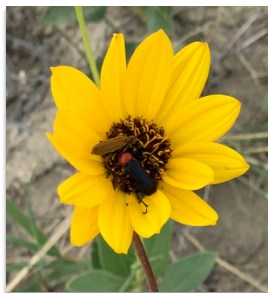
Pollinator and Edible Gardening for Families

Wild Green Garden
Consulting



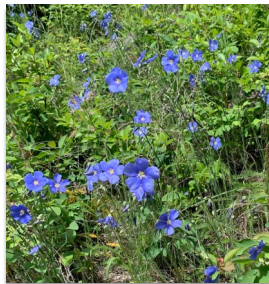
Wild in Nature

- Flowers you may spot on the prairies, such as near **Writing-On-Stone** provincial park:
- Beautiful Sunflower, Yellow Coneflower, Purple Prairie Clover – all pictured below
- Many more... Locoweed, Cactus, Sage, Mallow



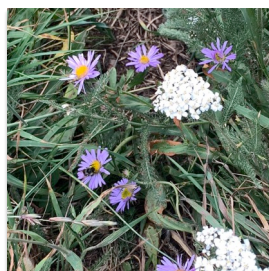
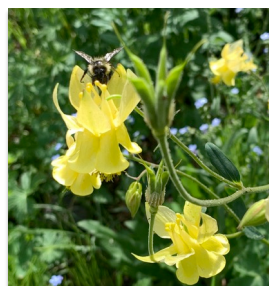
Wild in Nature

- Plants you may discover in the mountains, for example in **Jasper and William A. Switzer** parks:
- Gaillardia / Blanketflower, Wild Flax, Blueberries and Cranberries – as below
- Also Potentilla, Harebells, Goldenrod, Labrador Tea



Wild in Nature

- Pollinator plants you will see when exploring **Kananaskis Country**:
- Columbine, Asters and Yarrow, Black Currants – as below
- And...Fleabanes, Nodding Onion, Geranium, Strawberries, Thistles, Bunchberry



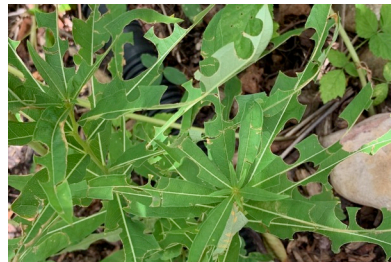
Wild in Your Yard

- Excellent native pollinator plants you can grow:
- Giant Hyssop, Gaillardia, Flax
- Bearberry is a wonderful ground cover
- Fireweed can be a bit aggressive; leaf cutter bees cut out circles; they also like roses



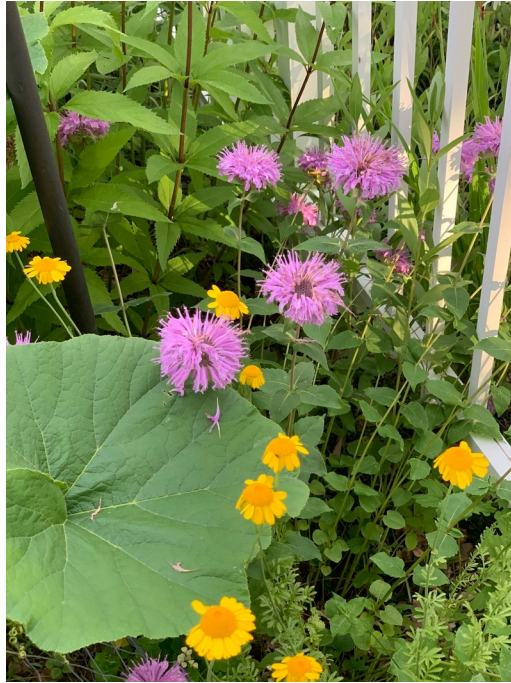
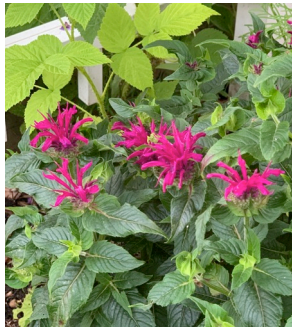
Pollinator Box

- Leafcutter Bee uses circles of plant material to line and seal cells with eggs



Wild in Your Yard

- Beebalm / Monarda / Bergamot
- Many garden varieties available in nurseries



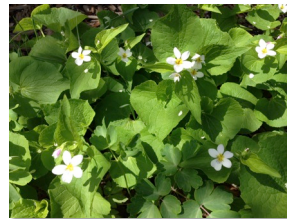
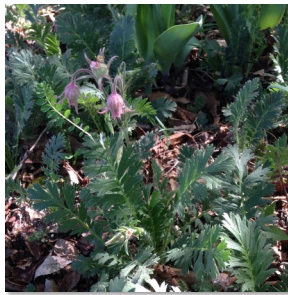
Wild in Your Yard

- Aster likes sun or shade
- Blooms late July to early September
- Moves around
- Popped up in my yard next to Garden Hyssop (purple spikes) and a purple Cranesbill



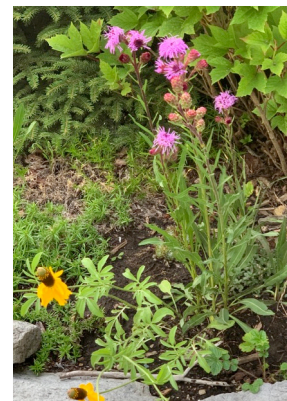
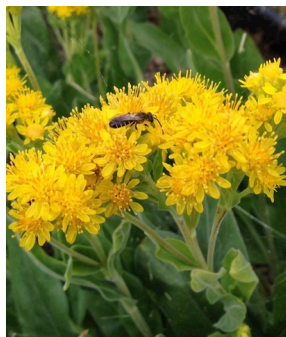
Wild in Your Yard

- Ground covers under trees and shrubs
- Three-flowered Avenas, Wild Strawberries, Canada Violet
- Pussytoes, Golden Aster, Bearberry (Kinnikinnik), Early Blue Violet
- Non-natives: Arctic phlox, Creeping Thyme



Wild in Your Yard

- Other lovely pollinator plants you can grow:
- Lupins, Stiff Goldenrod, Meadow Blazingstar



Wild in Your Yard

- Bumble Bees may use a wooden box – bird box, bumble bee box
- Also nest in crevices or holes in the ground



Herbs

- **Oregano** (with Speedwell here)
- Thrives and flowers in dry, sunny locations
- Dill - flowers
- Cilantro – flowers



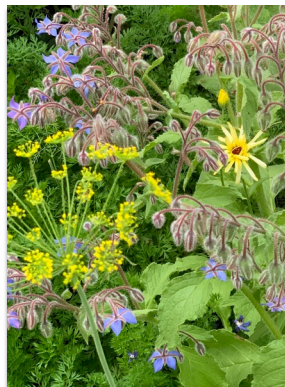
Herbs

- **Lovage**
- Perennial, 6 feet tall with flowers
- Foliage has strong celery flavour, can be used in soups, dehydrated
- Hollow flower stalk makes a drinking straw - mint mojito with rhubarb syrup and borage flowers in ice cubes



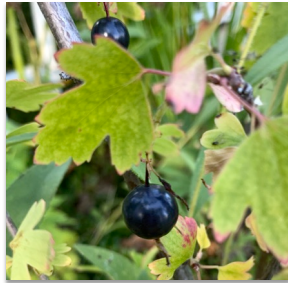
Annual Flowers

- From seed or seedlings: Zinnia, Cosmos, Nasturtium, Sunflower, Borage, Calendula, Lemon Gem Marigold
- Continued flowering, and all do well in containers
- Edible – nasturtium, borage, calendula, gem marigold



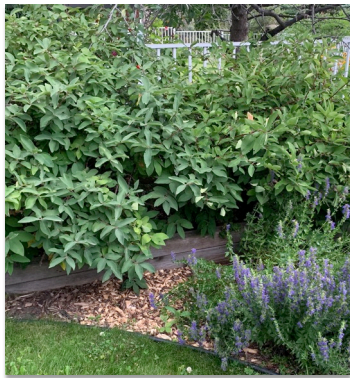
Edibles - Fruit

- Strawberries, Sour Cherries, Plums – need lots of sun
- Raspberries, Haskaps – ok with part sun, some shade



Edibles - Fruit

- Haskaps – birds love it, great for kids to harvest
- Mount Royal plum – self-pollinating, Zone 4



Edibles - Veggies

- Cucumbers – protection from wind, lots of sun, water
- Garlic for difficult spots – this year with Giant Hyssop that self-seeded
- Cherry Tomatoes in self-watering container



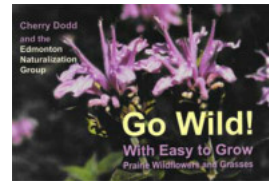
Edibles - Veggies

- Easter Egg Radishes – row cover to keep out root maggots
- Arugula and Lettuce – keep cutting
- Zucchini – needs sun, protection from wind



Native Plant Sources

- Edmonton Native Plant Society has plants, seeds and a listing of other groups
- Arnica Wildflowers –
Callingwood Farmer's Market



Native Plant Sale

By
 **Arnica Wildflowers** 

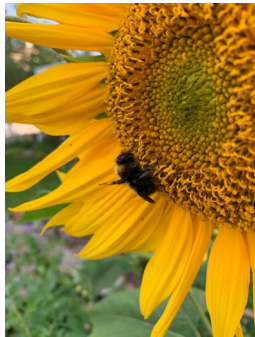
Date: Sundays...10:00 am - 3:00, *table # 2 from the entrance*
Location: **Callingwood Farmer's Market** (6655 178 St. NW, Edmonton)

Edmonton perennial native plants

Locally grown from untreated seeds will include: blue-eyed grass, Canada violet, Canada anemone, cow parsnip, common tall sunflower, early blue violet, false dragonhead, flat-topped aster, gaillardia, giant hyssop, golden aster, heart-leaved Alexanders, low goldenrod, meadow arnica, meadow blazingstar, , nodding onion, Philadelphia fleabane, prairie sage, prairie crocus, pussytoes, rhombic-leaved sunflower, Richardson's alumroot, smooth fleabane, smooth aster, stiff goldenrod, three-flowered avens, **sweet grass**, wild bergamot (native bee balm) woodland strawberry, yarrow, yellow evening primrose, and many more....

Plus "Go Wild" Book, An excellent Guide for growing Edmonton Native Plants

Thank You



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