



Early Buttercup (ranunculus fascicularis)

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SEEDLINGS

Kalamazoo Area WILD ONES *Native Plants, Natural Landscapes*

What more substantial service to conservation than to
practice it on one's own land?--Aldo Leopold

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A Word From Our Editor...

Dear *|FNAME|*,

It's spring, and change is in the air—and in the ground. And in SEEDLINGS. It will continue to have all the informative content you've come to expect, but the format is different and, we hope, more beautiful and much handier.

We also have a new associate editor, Kim Patrie. The two of us will be working together, and over time you'll notice more changes: some new features and columns, perhaps more new faces, together with links to our web pages and to other sources of information and delight.

We hope you like this new format, but it's an experiment and we definitely want your feedback. Please let us know your reactions, positive or negative! Simply reply to this email.

One other way you can help us out. If you would click on the "Update Your Preferences" link at the bottom of this email and make any necessary corrections or updates to your information, we'd be very grateful.

Our thanks to Jeff Weiss for helping to set up Mailchimp and for his longtime devotion to sending out SEEDLINGS to our lengthy mailing lists.

We hope you enjoy this April edition of SEEDLINGS. We know you'll enjoy the April woodland flowers and the golden-green budding of trees.

Peace,
Tom Small

Nate Fuller: How to Prevent Spread of New Invasives *Wednesday, April 25*

For our last indoor program this spring, on April 25, Nate Fuller, the Conservation and Stewardship Director for the Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy, will share the latest news of what invasives are coming our way and how to prevent their spread. He'll also catch us up on the latest developments...[READ MORE](#)



Black Swallow-wort, toxic to monarch caterpillars.

Sue Hodapp: Spring Ephemerals Field Trip *Saturday, May 5*

Sue Hodapp, Master Gardener and Conservation Steward, leads us on a two-hour nature walk down the Kal-Haven Trail. Participants may view spring

ephemerals and wildlife right from the trail's edge. We're likely to see trillium, blue cohosh...[READ MORE](#)



Possible sightings for the May field trip: Bellwort, left, and False Rue Anemone (with wild leeks!)

Wild Ones Native-Plant Sale *Saturday, May 19*



We will have ferns available this year at the annual plant sale.

Get all of your locally grown, pesticide free, nursery quality native trees, shrubs, wildflowers, grasses, and ferns at one convenient location in Kalamazoo. For the first time, ferns will be featured at the sale. Native plant experts will be at the sale to help you select your plants.

Preorders are encouraged, but plants can be selected at the sale. All preorders will be sold at discounted prices and will be filled in the order that they are received. Some plants will sell out, so get your order in early.

We will have our **“Buyers Discount”** again with PFC. Anyone with a day-of receipt from the PFC will receive a 10% discount at the plant sale, and conversely, anyone with a day-of receipt from the plant sale will receive a 10% discount at the PFC.

**Proceeds from the sale will help Kalamazoo Wild Ones
to expand our activities and programs.**

See our list of growers and sponsors [Here](#). **Plant order forms** can be printed from [Our Webpage](#).

Please Note: Change of Date for Fall Plant Exchange

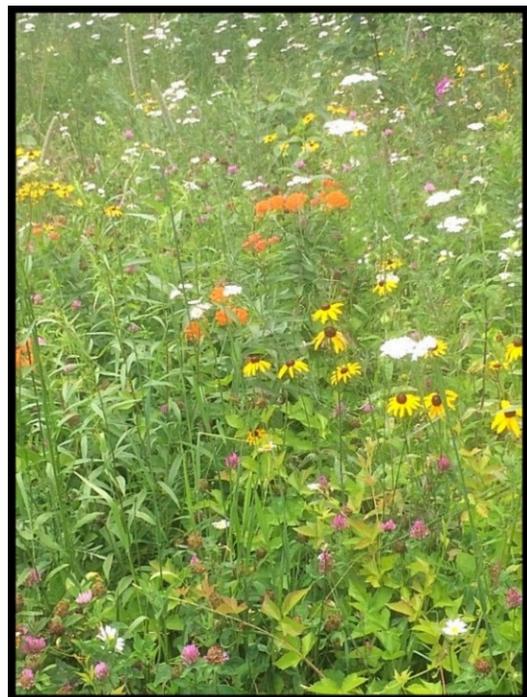
Due to a scheduling conflict, we've had to change the date for the Fall Plant Exchange to the same weekend as last year. We'll see you on **Sunday, August 26, from 1 to 5 p.m.**, at Tom and Ruth's house and gardens, 2502 Waite Ave., Kalamazoo.

Please note and make the change in your calendars.

It's Time To Think About A Site Visit

By Dave Wendling

It's spring and it's time to start thinking about a site visit. If you are a Wild Ones member and need some advice on native gardening, need to know what is growing in your yard, need to know how to control invasive plants, or need resources, we are here to help.



Whether you are a new member or an established member, we will arrange for a more experienced native gardener to visit your property as a consultant to help you decide on how to use native plants in your landscape. We don't ask for money; our reward is seeing you succeed in creating beauty and native habitat in your yard.

If you have already had a site visit and need more help with your landscape, you can contact me about our mentorship program.

To sign up for a site visit, contact Dave Wendling at 269-366-8857 or dave.wendling47@gmail.com. Please provide your name, phone number, and email address.



Tree . . . he watching you. You look at tree, he listen to you. He got no finger, he can't speak. But that leaf . . . he pumping, growing, growing in the night. While you sleeping you dream something.

Tree and grass same thing.

--*Bill Neidjie, Senior Elder, Gagadju people, Australia*

Plants are other beings with whom we can interact and

communicate, and their stories and talents, from the trivial to the essential, are vital to our continued interactions with them.

--Wendy Makoons Geniusz, from *Preface to Plants Have So Much to Give Us, All We Have To Do Is Ask: Anishinaabe Botanical Teachings*, by Mary Siisip Geniusz (U. of Minnesota Press, 2015)

Community Events of Interest to Wild Ones

April 21, 1 to 7 p.m. - Earth Day in Bronson Park

Earth Day is a wonderful opportunity to join in recognizing and protecting our beautiful planet. The theme is “**Protect Our Water.**” The event will include **live music · food & drinks · vendors · fun activities for families and kids · speakers · educational exhibits & displays.** Wild Ones will have a table. Earth Day 2018 is organized by the Kalamazoo Earth Day Committee, supported by Kalamazoo Nature Center, the City of Kalamazoo, and Western Michigan University Climate Change Working Group.

April 21, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Michigan Botanical Club, SW Chapter, Field Trip - Kalamazoo Nature Center, Delano Farm

“Don’t Bark Up the Wrong Tree: Tree Identification from the Bark to the Bud,” with Tom Nehil and Todd Barkman.

April 22, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Kal-Haven Trail Earth Day Cleanup Meet at the 10th St. Trailhead.

Spend a little time in nature on Earth Day by joining with friends from the Congregation of Moses in helping to maintain the Kal-Haven pedestrian and cycling trail. Lunch provided, free of charge, for participants and their families. Rain or shine! RSVP and information at congregationofmoses.org/earthday

April 22, 5 p.m. - "The Age of Consequences"—documentary film Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1515 Helen St., Portage

Citizens Climate Lobby is sponsoring the special Earth Day showing of this documentary about climate change and its global political consequences. “GRIPPING” *Alternet*. “EYE-OPENING” *The Hollywood Reporter*. “COMPELLING AND FRIGHTENING” *The New York Times*.

June 3, 1 to 5 p.m. - Wild Ones 26th Annual Spring Plant Exchange Ruth and Tom’s house, 2502 Waite Ave., Kalamazoo

An exchange--no plants for sale. Limited to plants *native to Michigan*. Lots of information about the value of native plants to pollinators and native wildlife. Assistance in choosing plants appropriate for your property.

Your first time? No plants to exchange? Then bring some healthy snacks to share, take some plants home, and *get started*. Rain or shine, we proceed.

June 6 - Michigan Federation of Garden Clubs Annual Conference, Radisson Hotel, Kalamazoo

Three Wild Ones will be presenters at the conference: Heather Catania, Ilse Gebhard, and Tom Small.

SEEDLINGS is edited by Tom Small and appears five times a year, with a few additional brief supplements. The next regular issue, for **May-June, 2018**, will come early in May. **Deadline for submission is Friday, April 27**. Please send submissions to Tom at yard2prairy@gmail.com

To share comments and suggestions, simply reply to this email. We look forward to hearing from you!

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