



# Missouri Native Plant Society Hawthorn Chapter Newsletter

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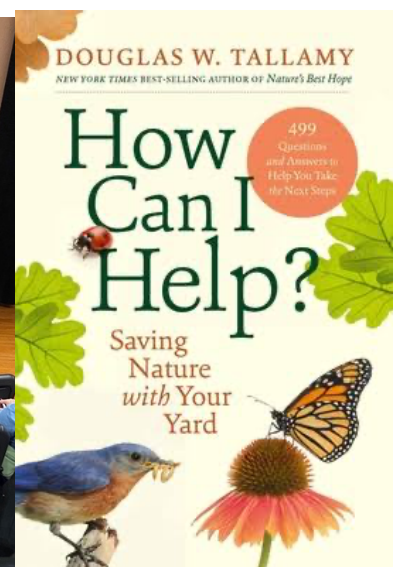
This is the 39<sup>th</sup> year Hawthorn has supplied a newsletter to chapter members. All are archived since 2008 on our site:

<http://columbianativeplants.org>

## A Note from President Elena:

I want to thank all our Hawthorn members for submitting their votes in support of the donations to the [Missouri Prairie Foundation](#) and [Grow Native!](#), as well as the donation to the [Greenbelt Land Trust of Mid-Missouri](#). Contributions help our partner organizations do the wonderful work they do!

The Hawthorn Chapter was well represented at the [Mizzou Botanic Garden's](#) 2024 Jacquelyn K. Jones Lecture on Thursday October 24 in the Bond Life Sciences Building where entomologist and author Douglas Tallamy spoke about his nonprofit [The Homegrown National Park](#). He encouraged everyone to plant native plants and explained the plan for the restoration of 20 million acres of privately owned land to native plants supporting biodiversity, this all starts in our own yards. Tallamy spoke again on Friday October 25 about "Saving Nature with Your Yard" at a program cosponsored by the City of Columbia Office of Sustainability in the Rock Quarry Park facility. If you were unable to attend, you can get an autographed copy of his last book *Nature's Best Hope: A New Approach to Conservation That Starts In Your Yard* from our chapter librarian. Please be on the lookout for Douglas Tallamy's next book scheduled to release in spring 2025, *How Can I Help? - 499 Questions and Answers to Help You Take the Next Steps*.



# Hawthorn Activities Calendar

**Our regular meeting time is the second Monday of the month at 6:00pm when we meet via Zoom and 6:30pm when we meet in person.**

## **Leave The Leaves!**

Before you begin fall cleanup this year, please consider reading more from our friends at [the Xerces Society](#) in support of Invertebrate Conservation.

“One of the most valuable things you can do to support pollinators and other invertebrates is to provide them with the shelter they need to survive the winter. Thankfully, that’s pretty easy; all you need to do is do less yard work.”



**Social lunches are third Thursdays each month at 11:30am.**

**November 11 Monday:** No Hawthorn business meeting. Enjoy the fall weather.

**November 12 Tuesday:** 6-7:30pm City of Columbia’s *America Recycles Day: The Problem with Plastics*

**November 21 Thursday:** 11:30am Hawthorn Lunch at First Watch, 421 N. Stadium Blvd, Columbia.

**November 21 Thursday:** Following our Lunch, Hawthorn Chapter will mosey at the new Alspaugh Park to search for native plants and invasive species. The 201-acre park is located at the intersection of Vandiver Drive and Mexico Gravel Road (4216 Mexico Gravel Road). Hinkson Creek meanders through the park so the park has low wet areas and high bluffs. The park includes two old cemeteries, there is a possibility that some of the land was never plowed or disturbed.

**December 5 Thursday:** 10am - 2pm Wreath making workshop at Lincoln University

**December 9 Monday:** Hawthorn Zoom Meeting with lecture by Nadia: *Native Plants Through the Seasons* & Officer Elections for President, Secretary, and Nominating Committee

**December 19 Thursday:** 11:30am Hawthorn Lunch at First Watch, 421 N. Stadium Blvd, Columbia

## Plant Sale 2025 Calendar

Grow Native! Plant Sale dates in Columbia for 2025:

**April 12 Saturday:** MU Bradford Farms

**May 17 Saturday:** Columbia Bass Pro

**September 6 Saturday:** Columbia Bass Pro

Hawthorn Chapter also hosts a booth one day of the Earth Day event in Columbia, MO in April 2025, date TBD



## Learning and Sharing Through Volunteering

### Lea and Fellow Volunteers

**Friday, Nov. 8th** 12-2 PM Hominy Creek Trail: Tackling invasive honeysuckle and possibly other non-native plants.

**Fri. Nov. 8th** 3:30-5 PM Bonnie View Nature Sanctuary, 3300 W. Rollins Road. Meet at the Pavilion.

**Tues. Nov. 12th** 9-11 AM Columbia Early Learning Center North (CELN), 2191 East Smiley Lane.

**Friday, Nov. 15th** 1-3 PM Hominy Creek Trail: Meet at the east end of Green Valley Drive

**Tues. Nov. 19th** 9-11 AM Columbia Early Learning Center North (CELN), 2191 East Smiley Lane.

**Friday, Nov. 22nd** 1-3 PM Hominy Creek Trail

If you have questions or would like to join these activities, please contact Lea to be added to her email list to see extensive volunteer opportunities. [Leaslist@gmail.com](mailto:Leaslist@gmail.com) or text 573-864-7647

## News from our partners:

### Wild Ones' Native Seed Collecting and Planting Event

The Wild Ones' invitation states, "Brenda and Cheryl have been cutting honeysuckle at Bonnie View and would like to cover the open areas with native seeds. Meet on Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 3:30 to 5:00 at Bonnie View Picnic shelter. We'll walk to the area in BV with a good variety of natives for seed collecting and then back to the loop area for disbursement. It'll be about an hour to collect and another partial hour to disburse. People need to bring their own gloves, bags for collecting and hand clippers. Bonnie View is located at 3300 W. Rollins Rd.

Contact Cheryl: [chardy1605@icloud.com](mailto:chardy1605@icloud.com)

### Missouri Prairie Foundation / Grow Native! Webinar:

Wed Nov 20, 4pm, MPF Zoom Grow Native! Master Class: Advanced Green Infrastructure and Stormwater Management. It is free to members, but you must register on their website to get the link. [Grow Native! Master Class: Advanced Green Infrastructure and Stormwater Management - Missouri Prairie Foundation](#)

## Paul Nelson's T-Shirt Design

The Missouri Native Plant Society Shirts are available for purchase to help our organization fund educational & planting grants. Colors: Kelly green, purple, sport gray, sapphire, and crimson red. Sizes: small, medium, large, and extra-large.

Short sleeve t-shirts: \$25.00

Long sleeve t-shirts: \$30.00

Sweatshirts: \$35.00

\$5.00 discount to all members.

Please contact Carol Leigh at [hlcrkfiber@aol.com](mailto:hlcrkfiber@aol.com) to order, deliver payment and pickup shirts & books.



A limited number of signed copies of Doug Tallamy's last book are available for purchase from our Chapter Librarian - Carol Leigh.



# Learning and Sharing



## Missouri Asters:

Missouri has 24 species of New World Asters. Many are still blooming in November. Please be on the lookout around you. Missouri Department of Conservation published a helpful field guide [here](#).

[WildflowerID.info](#) has published a handy pdf of the various stages of growth, blooms, and leaf structures, all organized by ecoregion. Please remember to look for species native to your ecotype before introducing into your garden.

A Symphyotrichum (Aster) ID chart from wildflowerID.info - each species has several images to help ID them. Asters are a very difficult group to identify. The leaves and bracts are often very helpful! For more images and help, see our main site <http://wildflowerID.info>

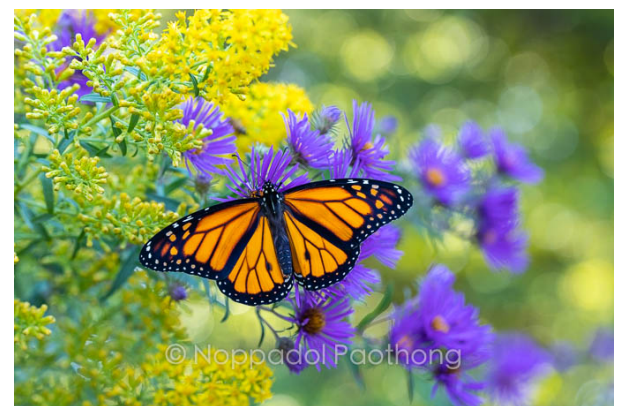
Flower	Bract	Leaf	Stem	Habit	Range

## Photo Exhibit - *Wild Missouri - The ART of Conservation*

The [State Historical Society of Missouri](#) is currently exhibiting the illustrations of Charles Schwartz and nature photography by Noppadol Paothong.

“The exhibition demonstrates how the Missouri Department of Conservation has played a significant role in fostering environmental stewardship through the arts.”

The exhibit is open to the public now through March 29, 2025, at the [SHSMO Art Gallery](#) located in the Center for Missouri Studies, 605 Elm St., Columbia.



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## HOMEGROWN National Park Keystone Plant Guides



Many members were inspired to learn more after Dr. Doug Tallamy's lectures at MU and wanted to share more resources with our Chapter. Please explore your local ecoregion via the Homegrown National Park map found [here](#).

### Container Gardening with Native Plants

The National Wildlife Federation has partnered with Dr. Doug Tallamy's research team to compile a Native Plant Finder specific to your location & which keystone species of plants have the highest ecological services of which you can find [here](#).

Grow Native! also has an excellent Native Plant Database found [here](#).

## IN REMEMBRANCE

### Martha Louise Donnell

It is with sadness we share the news of losing Martha Louise Donnell. Denny and Martha were active members of our Hawthorn Chapter & Denny served several terms as Chapter President. - member Paula



# Note of Appreciation

### **Adopt-A-Spot note from member Cindy:**

"A huge thank you to all the folks who have helped with the Hawthorn Adopt-A-Spot! We have weeded, trimmed bushes, started taming the prairie cordgrass invasion, removed huge amounts of invasive honeysuckle and Bradford pears. We have received the highest rating from Columbia for this area this year. There are still plants that are blooming: New England Aster *Symphotrichum novae-angliae*, Tall Coreopsis *Coreopsis tripteris*, and Blue Sage *Salvia azurea*. The care for the native plants has ended for the season but members are welcome to harvest seeds as there are plenty. I have heard about folks stopping by just to see the natives!

We are still responsible for trash that blows away from the recycling bins, so if you are in the area, please be a good citizen and help keep the area clean. We will start plant workdays in the spring. Thank you!" - Cindy