

NATIVE PLANT WINTER SEED SOWING

- Make sure seeds were properly stored after collection—check for mold.
- Start with clean plastic containers with lids (such as containers from large yogurt or sour cream, soup take-out, or disposable tupperware).
- Drill drainage holes in container bottoms and lids (at least 4-6 each).
- Label BOTH containers and lids with common and botanical names (permanent markers usually last the season).
- Fill containers with good potting soil and water thoroughly.
- Sprinkle seeds, patting down to get good seed-soil contact.
- Secure the lid and place your container of newly planted seed outside where it will be exposed to the rain and snow (do not place under an eave).
- When weather warms up (March? April?) check your container. When the plants begin to germinate and emerge from the soil, take off the lid to prevent the seedlings from burning up!
- As the seedlings grow, prevent the soil from drying out. Watch over them and water as needed.
- Transplant into the garden in spring or early summer. There's no need to pick out individual seedlings. Instead, plant the entire pre-vegetated mat or cut into smaller pieces.
- Continue to watch over the newly planted seedlings while they take root in your garden. Enjoy the bounty of native wildflowers and grasses!



Photo by WOTC member Carmen Simonet

Some MN natives that do very well with winter sowing:

Asclepias spp. (Milkweed) Most native grass spp.
Dalea spp. (Prairie Clover)
Eutrochium spp. (Joe-pye Weed)
Monarda spp. (Bergamot)
Solidago spp. (Goldenrod)
Symphotrichum spp. (Aster)
Zizia spp. (Alexanders)



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ALL MONTHLY TOPIC MEETINGS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

3rd Tuesdays • Sep-Nov, Jan, Mar-May

6:30 pm - 7:00 pm | Social

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm | Program

Wood Lake Nature Center
6710 Lake Shore Dr S, Richfield MN

SPRING AND SUMMER EVENTS:

Feb: Design With Nature Conference

May: Native Plant Sale

May-Sep: Metro Area Garden Tours and
Community Gardening at Nokomis Naturescape

Please visit wildonestwincities.org for more information
on programs, tours, resources and membership.

Who we are...

Wild Ones Twin Cities is a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to provide learning and field experiences to those interested in Minnesota native plant landscaping and environmental education.

Why join...

- **LEARN** more about native plant landscaping and related topics during our monthly programs from experts in the field.
Minnesota Wild Ones Chapters also sponsor an annual Design With Nature conference in February.
- **SUPPORT** our mission by purchasing local native wildflowers, grasses and shrubs during our annual spring native plant sale.
- **TOUR** local homeowners' native plant gardens and yards during the summer months.
- **VOLUNTEER** at Wild Ones sponsored community activities, such as the Minneapolis Monarch Festival and native plant habitat gardening at Nokomis Naturescape in Minneapolis.
- **SHARE** and connect through regular email and quarterly newsletters or get up-to-date program information on our website.
- **ENJOY getting to know people who share your interest!**

\$40 tax-deductible annual membership includes the national organization and local chapter.

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