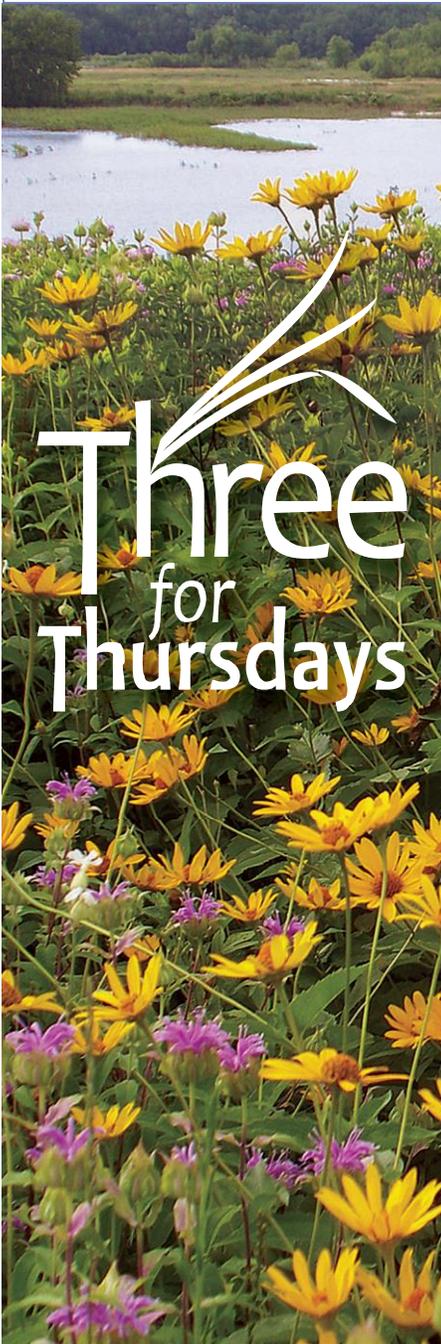


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Promoting the Health of Honey Bees & other Pollinators, Nationally

This July, President Obama issued a Presidential Memorandum to *Promote the Health of Honey Bees and Other Pollinators with the following goals:*

1. Reduce honey bee colony losses to economically sustainable levels;
2. Increase monarch butterfly numbers to protect the annual migration;
3. Restore or enhance millions of acres of land for pollinators through combined public and private action.

The Strategy for this initiative has just been released, as a science based Pollinator Research Action Plan which you can see here:

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/microsites/ostp/Pollinator%20Research%20Action%20Plan%202015.pdf>

Increasing the quantity and quality of habitat for pollinators is a major part of this effort. To support these habitat-focused efforts, USDA and the Department of Interior have issued a set of **Pollinator-Friendly Best Management Practices** for Federal Lands, providing practical guidance for planners and managers with land stewardship responsibilities.

<http://www.fs.fed.us/wildflowers/pollinators/BMPs/>

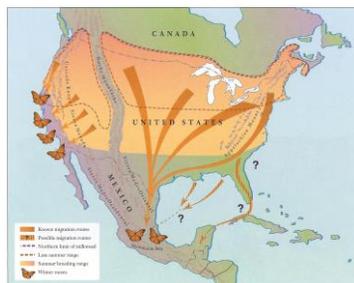
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You can purchase pollinator plants or seed mixes from local native plant nurseries. If you are interested, please call us and we will send you a list of local native plant nurseries that have special pollinator seed mixes and plants. Also bring your family and friends to NLI's Fall Prairie Harvest Day on September 12th at Nygren Wetland Preserve to collect seed for our restorations!

Create Your Own Monarch Butterfly Rest Stop

Habitat loss and the destruction of native plants have been responsible for the rapid decline of the monarch butterfly, the most recognized butterfly in North America. Gardens full of milkweed and nectar plants can serve both as rest stops for adult monarchs and as nurseries for their eggs. Watch this wonderful story on Youtube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6JpLR2hpfSk>



Happy Reading/Listening! Kerry
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