



## HortusScope | What's Up in the Central Indiana

Gardening Community | Photo by Wendy Ford

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**On the Web Indiana Native Plant Society Photo Index** Thinking of adding some Indiana native plants to your landscape? We've got tools in our Landscaping section to help you plan. Our updated Photo Index features thumbnail photos of garden-worthy native trees, shrubs, vines, ferns, grasses, and wildflowers you might consider. Each thumbnail is clickable to find additional photos and information. [Indiananativeplants.org](http://Indiananativeplants.org)

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**Lights Out! Nighttime Lighting Is Harming Insects** "Light pollution is a significant but overlooked driver of the rapid decline of insect populations, according to the most comprehensive review of the scientific evidence to date," *The Guardian* reports. "Artificial light at night can affect every aspect of insects' lives, the researchers said, from luring moths to their deaths around bulbs, to spotlighting insect prey for rats and toads, to obscuring the mating signals of fireflies." [Full article](#) We can all help by putting safety lights on motion sensors so they're off until they detect movement around the home.

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**Take the Pledge Bring Back the Pollinators** The Xerces Society tells all: who the pollinators are, what's at stake, and what you can do. Learn about four core conservation principles that can be adapted to any location, whether urban community garden or suburban yard, city park or farm. Then sign the Pollinator Protection Pledge at <https://xerces.org/bring-back-the-pollinators>.

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**Garden Outing Master Gardener Demo at Indiana State Fairgrounds** The fair didn't happen, but the award-winning team of Marion County Master Gardeners has again created a fabulous showcase of All-America Selections and beautifully grown veggies. Go see the garden now, as free access to the fairgrounds is available most days. The demo garden is just east of the DNR building on the north side of the grounds.

<https://www.facebook.com/PurdueIndyDemoGarden/>

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**Garden Outing Medicinal Plant Garden** The garden is open, with educational signage for a self-guided tour. Come and enjoy the garden on your own—there's lots to learn and see. The address on the grounds of the old Central State Hospital is 3045 W. Vermont St, Indianapolis, IN. For more information about the garden contact [hullk@ccrtc.com](mailto:hullk@ccrtc.com) or see the museum's website [www.imhm.org](http://www.imhm.org).

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**Garden Outing Newfields** The Garden, the Virginia B Fairbanks Art and Nature Park, and the Beer Garden are open for visitation and looking spectacular! You'll need to reserve a ticket to enter the grounds. [Details](#)

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**Travel Garden and Nature Tours with C. Colston Burrell** Experience nature's beauty and diversity in designed and native landscapes with C. Colston Burrell, who offers personalized leisure tours to exceptional gardens and natural areas around the globe. 2021 Tours: March, Chile's Gardens and Glaciers; June: Secret Gardens of Santa Fe; October: Gardens and National Parks of New Zealand. <https://gardenandnaturetours.com/>

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**Photo Notes** Sneezeweed (*Helenium autumnale*) has just started putting on its late-summer show. This long-blooming presence in my native garden is looking lovely next to the similarly tall stand of boltonia. Garden Guides [website](#) tells me the leaves of sneezeweed were once dried and inhaled to induce sneezing and cast evil spirits from the body. We could all use that right about now.

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