

Native Plant Gardens on the Green Mountain National Forest

2010 Accomplishments

Two native plant projects begun in previous years were continued this year: 1) establishing a northern hardwoods garden at the Rochester District Office; and 2) developing an ongoing supply of seeds of native species with local genotypes. A third project was implemented this year: establishing a new native plant garden at the Manchester District office site.

The northern hardwoods garden that was moved to a more protected location last spring continued to thrive and showed signs of successful plant expansion. A few new species were planted, and educational signs were installed.

The Northeast Native Seed Initiative (NNSI), formed in 2008 to develop an ongoing supply of seeds of native species of local genotypes, continued to move forward. In 2009 the species list was refined, fact sheets were developed, and a contractor was hired to organize the volunteer seed collection effort. Because it was difficult to find enough volunteers to collect seed (especially outside VT), in 2010 a contract was awarded to the New England Wildflower Society to collect seeds over the next year in NH and ME.



Figure 1. Monarchs readily found the milkweed planted in the newest garden (photo by Melissa Green).



Figure 2. Bluejoint is one of the main native plant species from which seeds are being collected for the NNSI (photo by permission from Robert H. Mohlenbrock.)

Year Awarded: 2010

Project completion: Ongoing

Report number: 1

Expenditures (through 9/30/2010):

- Salary, travel, & per diem: \$19,913.26
- Supplies & Educational Signs: \$3,681.66
- Contract: \$6394.20

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