

White Mountain National Forest Native Plant Pollinator Gardens at the Administrative Complex

2010 Accomplishments

In 2009, a wetland native plant pollinator garden was installed in a storm water detention wetland at the White Mountain National Forest Administrative Complex where the Pemigewasset Ranger District and Supervisor's Office are co-located. In 2010, this area was filled with a diversity of native plants that attracted a wide variety of pollinators. In the autumn of 2010 this area is continuing to provide valuable habitat and forage for local and migrant birds.

In 2010, work began to create a garden linkage between the visitor's center entrance along a serpentine walkway past the wildflower meadow to the wetland garden created last year. The connection of these two areas directly adjacent to the visitor center provides an excellent teaching opportunity, as well as a connected landscape containing a variety of species and structure for local pollinators and other wildlife. The planting of thicket forming shrubs in this area reduces the need for mowing or traditional landscape maintenance requirements

The majority of plant material installed in 2010 was shrubs and small trees including various species of Viburnum, dogwood, and shadbush. Additional species included high and low bush blueberry, meadowsweet, witch hazel, huckleberry, and chokeberry, as well as various asters and goldenrods. All plants were acquired from local nurseries and are of regionally genetic material.

Interpretive panels produced by the New England Wild Flower Society were installed to enhance the visitor experience and small plant labels identify each species common and scientific name as well as its native range and local pollinators.



Swamp mallow (*Hibiscus moscheutos* ssp. *moscheutos*)



Red chokeberry (*Aronia arbutifolia*) in fruit



Stiff aster (*Ionactis linariifolius*) in bloom
In the WMAC entrance gardens



Native Plant Gardens begin to take shape in front of WMNF Administrative Complex



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