



# Cutfoot Visitor Center Garden Chippewa National Forest Deer River Ranger District 2012 Accomplishments

First established in 2010, this butterfly garden at the Cutfoot Visitor Information Center on the Deer River Ranger District (Chippewa National Forest) is a favorite with visitors young and old alike. It augments and replaces an older garden that had deteriorated over time, and is designed to be low maintenance with a minimum amount of weeding. Improvements are added every year, which so far have included additional varieties of pollinator-friendly plants (all labeled), and a rain barrel system that capitalizes on runoff from the roof. It is primarily tended by volunteers like Bonnie (pictured) and Gary Siegford. Bonnie's green thumb and interest in gardening with native species are a real boon to the VIC. Gary has designed several rain water systems and is a master engineer! These friendly, outgoing folks are a delightful part of the experience to be had at the VIC.



Figure 1 Cutfoot Visitor Center Garden

Year Project Initiated: **2010**

Project completion: **Ongoing**

Report number: **1 of 1**

Expenditures (through 10/2012):  
**\$5,000**

FY12 funding  
Partners/Contractors/Coop:). **NFWF,  
Volunteers**

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