



Native Plant & Pollinator Gardens On the Huron National Forest

2012 Accomplishments

The Huron National Forest's Native Plant & Pollinator Program began in 2009. As of Fall 2012, there are now 5 pollinator garden's on the Forest with a diversity of nectar and food sources for pollinators, especially monarchs.

This year, a new garden was established at the Huron Shores Ranger Station funded by a grant from the Eastern National Forests Interpretive Association (ENFIA). Nectar and host plants were purchased from the Otsego County Conservation District and plant labels were placed on this interpretive garden. It is in the interest of the District to purchase additional interpretive signage and increase the size of the garden.

In 2008, the pollinator garden at the Mio Ranger Station was planted. This year, the garden has been maintained and other nectar sources have been added to the garden. No additional funding was used. Three pollinator Garden's at Lumberman's Monument have been maintained using an agreement with the Iosco County Master Gardener's. An additional prairie garden has been mulched and beds will be prepared for next season's planting. Additional plant labels and some native shrubs were purchased with the remaining funds in the agreement.



Figure 2. Swallowtail caterpillar on Butterfly-weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*)



Figure 1. New Pollinator Garden outside of the Huron Shores Ranger station

Year Project Initiated:	HS Garden: 2012 LM Garden: 2008
Project completion:	HS Garden: On Going LM Garden: On going
Report number:	HS Garden: 1 LM Garden: 3
Expenditures (through 10/2012):	HS Garden: \$689 LM Garden: \$10,000
FY12 funding:	HS Garden: \$689 from ENFIA LM Garden: \$1,500 from FY09 NFN3
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