



# Cutfoot Visitor Information Center Pollinator Garden Chippewa National Forest

## 2013 Accomplishments

In 2013, the Chippewa National Forest continued to make improvements to the Cutfoot Visitor Information Center (VIC) Pollinator Garden. The site is on the Deer River Ranger District.

Among the initial wildflower plants established in the garden are common milkweed (*Asclepias syriaca*), which benefit monarch butterflies.

To enhance the diversity of native plants in the garden, workers added several new butterfly-friendly pollinator species in 2013. Species added included black-eyed susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*), leadplant (*Amorpha canescens*), common oxeye (*Heliopsis helianthoides*), great blue lobelia (*Lobelia siphilitica*), Maximilian sunflower (*Helianthus maximiliani*), prairie smoke (*Geum triflorum*), purple prairie clover (*Dalea purpurea*), wild lupine (*Lupinus perennis*), woodland phlox (*Phlox divaricata*), and wood anemone (*Anemone quinquefolia*).

As in prior years, the garden is a favorite place for children, who enjoy seeing several species of butterflies gathering nectar from the flowers. They often can watch the development of monarch butterflies on the long established milkweed plants that grow in the garden.



Figure 2. Diverse mixture of wildflowers - August 2013



Figure 1. Workers planting initial wildflowers in 2010

Year Project Initiated: 2010

Project completion: Ongoing

Report number: 1 of 1

Expenditures (through 9/30/2013):  
FY 2013: \$500, NFWF

Partners/Contractors/Coop:). Volunteers

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