



Cadillac-Manistee Native Plant Program Huron-Manistee National Forests

2013 Accomplishments

The Cadillac-Manistee Ranger District's Native Plant & Pollinator Program began in 2007. Since then 33 acres of seedbeds have been planted with native grasses and wildflowers to provide habitat for pollinators and produce seed for restoration efforts across the Forest.

In 2008, we began planting interpretive gardens to introduce the concepts of native plants and pollinators to Forest visitors. So far we have planted nine gardens with nearly 3,000 plugs of native grasses, sedges, and wildflowers. Each garden includes at least one species of milkweed to provide host plants for monarchs. Wildflowers have been carefully selected so that continuous blooms are present from early spring to late fall to provide nectar and pollen for butterflies and other pollinators.

Native grass and wildflower seed is used to revegetate closed roads, timber landings, recreation sites, and any other disturbed sites to augment the populations of host and nectar plants throughout the Forest.



Figure 2. Butterfly milkweed in The Conifers Conference Center Garden

Year Project Initiated: 2007

Project completion: 2013

Report number: 1 of 1

Expenditures (through 10/2013):\$67,740

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Figure 1. Native plant garden in front of The Conifers Conference Center.



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