



MONARCH
JOINT VENTURE

Aldo Leopold Native Seed Orchard Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest

2014 Accomplishments

The Aldo Leopold Native Seed Orchard was established in 2007 to serve as a native seed collection site for the Lake Superior Clay-plain.

Youth Conservation Corps, certified master gardeners, youth groups, K-12 students, Red Cliff Tribal youth, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and USDA Forest Service have planted over 12,000 native plants from 2008–2014. Volunteers collected wildflower seeds for a restoration site at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center in 2014.

As part of a National Children’s Forest, Visitor Center staff use this orchard as a teaching platform for Earth Partnership for Schools and Lake Superior Stewardship experiential education programs and teacher institutes.

Volunteers contributed 229 hours in 2014 valued at \$5,163.95.



Figures 5-6. The monarch and hummingbird moth were frequent visitors to blazing stars. Sixteen different butterflies were spotted during one 2014 survey.



Year Project Initiated: 2007

Project Completion: Weeding, planting, spray applications, and seed collection

Report Number: 8 of 8

Expenditures (through 10/2014): \$1,000
NFVW13

Partners/Contractors/Cooperators:
Northland College, National Park Service VIP, Ashland/Bayfield County Master Gardener Association, Girl Scout Troop 4062, Northwoods Cooperative Weed Management Area

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Figures 1-4. Volunteers of all ages weed, plant, and collect seed each year.



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