



Native Plant & Pollinator Gardens On the Huron National Forest 2014 Accomplishments

We have entered the sixth year of the Huron National Forest's Plant & Pollinator Program. Over the years, 7 pollinator gardens have been established with one of the installations being new this year. The gardens all provide a display of native plant species diversity as well as provide nectar and food sources for pollinators.

In FY 2014 our partners, the Iosco County Master Gardeners, have contributed their time towards the continued maintenance of our existing pollinator gardens. The Master Gardeners have also, with funding from the Eastern National Forests Interpretive Association (ENFIA), provided an additional installation at Lumberman's Monument. The new installation is a woodland display which contains a variety of native shade tolerant species. ENFIA has also provided the funding for a fresh cover of mulch as well as some stepping stones for the gardens at Lumberman's Monument. In addition to the gardens, an interpretive center is operating on site for outreach and education regarding our native plants & pollinators.



Figure 2. Jack-in-the-Pulpit (*Arisaema triphyllum*), a shade tolerant species pollinated by flies and gnats!



Figure 1. Lumberman's Monument Pollinator Garden Interpretive Center

Year Project Initiated:

Huron Shores Ranger Station Garden: 2012
Mio Ranger Station Garden: 2010
Lumberman's Monument Garden: 2008

Initial Expenditures:

Huron Shores Ranger Station Garden: \$750
Mio Ranger Station Garden: \$3,120
Lumberman's Monument Garden: \$10,000

FY14 funding:

LM Garden: \$200 from ENFIA

Partners/Contractors/Coop:

ENFIA
Sunrise Side Master Gardeners

Project completion:

All gardens are on going

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