

Native Plant Pollinator Gardens for the Baldwin/White Cloud District

2008 Accomplishments

Native Plant Funding in FY08 was distributed to 3 native plant/pollinator field sites on the Baldwin/White Cloud District of the Huron-Manistee National Forests. Two companion signs were developed for two of the sites; one on native plants and pollinators, and the other on how to create a pollinator habitat. Signage will also be placed noting the sites are part of the Monarch Waystation Network. Cost of sign development was shared with the Cadillac/Manistee District pollinator garden project.

Additional native pollinator plants were purchased for the 2 visitor sites: Loda Lake and Bowman Lake. Ten species with a total of 370 plants were split between the sites to enhance the diversity of plant species and to boost the abundance of milkweed plants at the Bowman Lake site. Four pounds of seed were collected from the lupine/pollinator nectar site and sowed at the Bowman Lake garden site, several occupied Karner Blue Butterfly sites, and several restoration sites to increase nectar abundance.

\$6000 of funding was used for contractor maintenance of the lupine/pollinator nectar plants at two seed beds at the former Chittenden Nursery. These beds were established with Native Plant funding from 06 and 07 in sites where spotted knapweed has been an issue. The contractor spent approximately 20 people days hand weeding knapweed and hoary alyssum from the established lupine bed, followed by herbicide application. Next spring the beds will be burned.



Butterflyweed and spicebush swallowtail at Loda Lake Pollinator Garden.



One of three signs which are used at the new pollinator garden sites on the Manistee National Forest.

Year Awarded: 2008

Project completion: Ongoing

Report number: 1 of 1

Expenditures: \$10,392

- Total funding \$9,985*;
- \$0 remaining

Contractor: Michigan Wildflower Farm

Partner: Michigan Garden Clubs

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*Overspending from unspent allocation to other Districts on Forest.



Huron-Manistee National Forests

Manistee Zone

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