

Native Plant Pollinator Garden

Buffalo Gap Campground, Dakota Prairie Grasslands

2010 Accomplishments

A native plant pollinator garden was established at the Buffalo Gap Campground information kiosk located just off Interstate 94 in southwestern North Dakota. The 2000 square foot site includes over 40 native wildflower species and several native grasses to provide food and habitat for native insects and birds.

The plants in the pollinator garden provide a variety of color throughout the growing season. They include: milkweeds, sunflowers, golden banner, groundplum milkvetch, blanketflower, purple coneflower, stiff goldenrod, and the prairie clovers among many others. Metal tags identify the Latin botanical and common names for many of the species.

Three birdbaths at the garden, maintained by on-site campground hosts, provide water for visiting birds. Interpretive brochures and signs explain the importance of native plants and pollinators and invite visitors to further explore the National Grasslands.

The garden was planted with assistance from Bureau of Land Management office staff from Dickinson, ND. Future planting and development of the garden will involve collaboration with local boy scouts and K-12 teachers and students.



Forest Service crew preparing the garden site. May 2010



What a difference in a couple of months. August 2010



Male monarch finds gayfeather in the garden! August 2010

Year awarded: FY10 NFN3 funding

Project completion: 2010

Report number: 1 of 1

Expenditures: NFN3 funding \$4,500, expended \$4,500, \$0 remaining

Partners: USDI Bureau of Land Management staff Tam Frager and Linda Talley; plants from Prairies Diversified Nursery, Bismarck, ND; Campground hosts Gene and Glenda Fulton

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