

# Androscoggin Ranger Station Native Plant Pollinator Garden on the White Mountain National Forest

## 2010 Accomplishments

The Androscoggin Ranger Station is situated on Route 16 in Gorham, NH at the foot of the Mount Washington and the Presidential Range of the White Mountains. It's proximity to one of the main attractions in the White Mountain National Forest make it a highly visited location. The Native Plant Pollinator Garden Project entered its second and final year in 2010. This year the renovations involved further removal of existing non-native species and the installation of locally native species.

In 2010, botany program and district staff installed dozens of native grasses, sedges and wildflowers in areas where non-native species were removed both in 2009 and 2010. Additionally more than 30 balled and burlaped shrubs (primarily highbush blueberry) were added to last years wildlife plantings. Large interpretive (24" by 30") panels inform visitors on the importance and value of woodland wildflowers and pollinators and meadow plants and pollinators. Additional individual plant labels containing the common and scientific name, common pollinators, and native range were installed to inform visitors of the new species that were planted. A small automatic irrigation system was also installed to help reduce the maintenance time by district personnel.

As with native plant gardens in other locations on the White Mountain National Forest, the changes have been immediately noticed by both visitors and local pollinators. The compliments of the visitors on the beauty and diversity of the gardens are frequent.. Many visitors have also commented on the number of pollinators that use the garden. Some pollinators were so anxious to use the garden they were pollinating wildflowers before we could get them out of the pot and into the ground.



New plantings in front of the Androscoggin Ranger District Office

Year Awarded: 2010

Project completion: 2010

Report number: 2 of 2

Expenditures:

FY 2009 total funding - \$53,000

FY 2009 Androscoggin Garden funding – \$15,519

Site Prep/Staff - \$5820.00

Materials – \$9399.00

Interpretation – \$300.00

Contractors, Partners, Cooperators

Clements Nursery

The Dirt Doctors

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Butterflyweed  
(*Asclepias tuberosa*)



New installed highbush blueberry



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