



... About our Native Plant & Pollinator Gardens ...

Begich-Boggs Visitor Center Native Plant Garden Chugach National Forest, Alaska Region

The native plant garden at the Begich-Boggs Visitor Center is used as an educational tool as well as providing an alternative means of landscaping using all native plants. In 2009 the Girl Scouts helped us completely redo the garden by making two-tiered raised beds with rock retaining walls. The garden contains over 30 species of wildflowers, ferns, sedges, and shrubs. All of the plants found in the garden have been collected on the Chugach National Forest. The seeds were collected and then grown in a greenhouse by a local Master Gardener. Each species is labeled with a metal marker.



Recognizing the girl scouts hard work in redesigning the native plant garden.

*Native plant and pollinator gardens are sources of local native seed for restoration as well as sites for interpretation. **Please visit!***



Pale poppy (*Papaver alboroseum*), an Alaska Region sensitive plant.

Location: At the Begich-Boggs Visitor Center in Portage Valley
Nearest town: Girdwood, Alaska
Date established: 2006
Approximate size: 250 sq. ft.
Plant materials produced: a small quantity of wild plant seed
Volunteer opportunities: Garden maintenance and planting
Partners/Contractors/Cooperators: Local master gardeners
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More than 150 food crops in the U.S. depend on pollinators, including almost all fruit and grain crops.*