

# Plants of the Chicago Wilderness: Stories from Home and Field

Thursday, May 07, 2020 | 6:00pm - 7:30pm CDT

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## Webinar Presentations & Links

Robb Telfer, Adult Programs Specialist, Morton Arboretum – Master of Ceremonies

Travis Kuntzelman, The Nature Conservancy – Reading the landscape at IBP through milkweeds

- Indian Boundary Prairies: <https://www.nature.org/en-us/get-involved/how-to-help/places-we-protect/indian-boundary-prairies/>
- Milkweed spp. in Illinois: <https://dupage.wildones.org/native-milkweeds-in-chicagoland-listed-by-county/>
- Suggestions on what to plant in a backyard/garden habitat: Poke Milkweed, Butterfly Milkweed, Swamp Milkweed (can get 'aggressive'/large), Joe Pye Weed, Little Bluestem, Wild Geranium, Black Eyed Susan, Columbine
- Best Milkweed for shade: Poke, Swamp

Daniel Suarez, Audubon Great Lakes – Can hemiparasites be a grassland bird's best friend?

- Check out more on Orland Grassland: <https://fpdcc.com/places/locations/orland-grassland/>, W 167th St, west of S La Grange Rd  
Cook County, IL 60467
- How many acres of prairie are left in IL today?
  - <2500 acres left
- More on Bobolinks: <https://www.audubon.org/field-guide/bird/bobolink> and Robert of Lincoln Poem about Bobolinks: <https://www.poemhunter.com/poem/robert-of-lincoln/>
- Where can you find Bobolinks: Orland Grassland, Bartel Grassland, Rollins Savanna, Mint Creek Farm, Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie, Nachusa Grasslands (<https://fpdcc.com/places/locations/bartel-grassland/>, <https://www.fs.usda.gov/midewin> and <https://www.nachusagrasslands.org/>)
- Find all Bobolinks on eBird: <https://ebird.org/species/boboli>
- Hemiparasitic Plants of Illinois:  
<https://biology.illinoisstate.edu/jearmst/ILRESRCH/COMMUN.HTM>,  
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/rec.12446>,  
<https://www.niu.edu/biology/about/faculty/barber/lab/DiGiovannietal2016.pdf>
- Audubon's Climate Report: <https://www.audubon.org/climate/survivalbydegrees>

- Thysanotus Americana: <http://www.indefenseofplants.com/blog/2015/3/12/an-extinction-in-chicago>

cassi saari, Chicago Park District & Illinois Native Plant Society – iNaturalist & Native Landscaping

- Illinois Native Plant Society's list of Native Plant Sales: <https://illinoisplants.org/native-plant-sales/?sort%5B3%5D=des>
- iNaturalist.org (website and app): <https://www.inaturalist.org/>
- To download the apps for iOS or Android:  
<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/inaturalist/id421397028>  
[https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=org.inaturalist.android&hl=en\\_US](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=org.inaturalist.android&hl=en_US)
- Seek by iNaturalist [https://www.inaturalist.org/pages/seek\\_app](https://www.inaturalist.org/pages/seek_app) (app only, kid-friendly)
- Buy Native Plant Species Listed:
  - Carex sprengei: <https://www.prairiemoon.com/carex-sprengelii-long-beaked-sedge-prairie-moon-nursery.html>
  - Penstemon calycosus: <https://www.prairiemoon.com/penstemon-calycosus-calico-beardtongue-prairie-moon-nursery.html>
  - Mertensia virginica: <https://www.prairiemoon.com/mertensia-virginica-virginia-bluebells-prairie-moon-nursery.html>
- Illinois Botanists Big Year project: <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/illinois-botanists-big-year-2020>

Kevin Schweiller: Warrior Sedges

- More on Citizens for Conservation: [https://citizensforconservation.org/?fbclid=IwAR3OZ7EpRoFiO\\_KMcSAMk5S62omErj0nOls6k4o0zvqgUqMMgLMf6dbbQbw](https://citizensforconservation.org/?fbclid=IwAR3OZ7EpRoFiO_KMcSAMk5S62omErj0nOls6k4o0zvqgUqMMgLMf6dbbQbw)
- Tussocks & Ants: Laura Rericha Discussion of ants and tussock sedge in Flora of the Chicago region
- To purchase sedges, many local native plant nurseries carry many of the warrior sedges, including Possibility Place, Pizzo Native Plant Nursery, Cardno, Midwest Groundcovers, and more

Lauren Umek: Slag Prairies of the Chicago Park District

- More info on Big Marsh Park: <https://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com/parks-facilities/big-marsh-park-park-no-564> and <https://bigmarsh.org/>
- Slag Journal: <https://journals.plos.org/plosone/article/comments?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0224214>
- flora of the cal slag: [https://www.inaturalist.org/observations?place\\_id=any&project\\_id=24824&view=species](https://www.inaturalist.org/observations?place_id=any&project_id=24824&view=species)

Discussion / Q&A

- Has there been any research into comparisons between slag field and areas of serpentine soil such as is California or in the Appalachian mountains?  
<https://www.fs.fed.us/wildflowers/beauty/serpentine/adaptations.shtml>

- What's the best milkweed for a garden?
  - *Asclepias tuberosa*, *Asclepias purpurascens*, *A. verticillata* if you can find it
- Are there any native forbs or shrubs you think would do well under heavily shaded/acidic conditions beneath conifers?
  - Not beneath conifers, plants need sun to grow
- How fast does dodder move? Should I be worried?
  - Yes, we sowed some in tall goldenrod and sawtooth sunflower around thanksgiving and it was taking off the very next year! Apparently it is illegal to transport though as it is a noxious farm weed
- Is there any native species holding a potential to be used for environmental remediation purposes?
  - There are many species that can be used for remediation, including the invasive *Phragmites*
- North Branch Restoration Project: <https://northbranchrestoration.org/>
- Read in the 2000 edition of *Plants of the Chicago Region* - Swink is lamenting the loss of the "good" sand mining sites, similar to the slag dumping sites having good species
- If anyone in DuPage needs plants, we have many white wild indigo, leadplant, Canada milk vetch, purple and white prairie clover, prairie brome, columbine and pale indian plantain

#### Upcoming Events:

Webinar: Morton Arboretum Nature Poetry Workshop

<https://www.mortonarb.org/courses/nature-poetry-workshop-webinar>

<https://forms.gle/S5AYVNzrxYH5fp7F8>

AGL Upcoming Events: <https://gl.audubon.org/events>

5/9 Virtual Bilingual Bird Walk Webinar: <https://gl.audubon.org/events/observaci%C3%B3n-de-aves-virtual-virtual-bilingual-bird-sit>

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