



*Prunus virginiana*

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## April 2023 Member Matters

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### In this member update...

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- Ask CSU Extension Anything (About Native Plants): New column for members starting next month!
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- Upcoming Events: Plants Swaps, Meet & Greet, and More!

Gift a Wild Ones Membership  
today!

Welcome to our first edition of Member Matters - our new members only e-news that will be published on the off months in between our quarterly newsletter that goes out to the whole WOFR community.

## Chapter Updates

### Join our Member Facebook Group!

Our Social Media Committee recently launched the [Wild Ones Front Range Members Facebook](#) group. Join in to connect with other members and organize local meetups.

### Complete Our Regional Member Meetup Survey

If you haven't already, please take a moment to [complete this brief survey](#) so we may better understand your interests. We will use these survey results as key inputs for our upcoming regional Meet & Greet. Thanks to the 41 members who have already submitted their responses!

### Board Updates

Diane Stahl and Courtney Cowgill have resigned from our board after multiple terms of service. We want to thank them for their many contributions to our chapter's ability to grow and thrive!

## Ask CSU Extension Anything (About Native Plants)



Starting next month (May 2023), we will have a column where you can pose questions and get answers from the experts at Colorado State University (CSU) Extension. This column will be featured here in Member Matters, WOFR's members only e-news. CSU Extension has generously offered their help, so please send us some interesting questions! We're excited about this collaboration and look forward to what we'll learn together.

Ask your native plant questions  
here!



# Get Involved

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## **Join a Board Committee!**

The Wild Ones Front Range Chapter is run by volunteer committee and board members. One of the most impactful ways for you to support us is by becoming an active committee member!

Please [email us](#) if you are interested in learning more about becoming a committee member. No experience is required - just bring your passion for native plant gardening. Thank you for helping us deliver on our mission!

Below are our current openings:

### ***Colorado Gives Day Campaign Manager***

Manage our campaign for Colorado Gives Day, held in December, which is our primary fundraiser of the year. Set up our profile on the Colorado Gives Day platform, develop a series of promotional messages, and track results.

### ***Newsletter Co-Chair***

Team up with the other co-chair to manage our content calendar, author content and further streamline how we produce our newsletters. Native plant gardening information in our newsletter informs and inspires our members and the larger community.

### ***Photography Chair***

Organize photographs taken by chapter members and make them available for use by our committees.

### ***Programming Co-Chair***

Team up with our other programming co-chair to manage our programming calendar, set up event registrations, and track engagement.

### ***Publicity Chair***

Identifies and implements ways to publicize native plant gardening, the Wild Ones Front Range Chapter and our mission, such as through press releases, sponsorship opportunities, and Colorado Public Radio interviews.

### ***Regional Coordinators for Denver and Colorado Springs***

Organize member events and advocacy in your part of the Front Range to increase member engagement and promote native plant landscaping.

### ***Swaps Co-Chair***

Team up with the other co-chair to organize plant and seed swaps in multiple regions to increase native plantings along the Front Range.

### ***Volunteer Chair***

Track volunteer activity for the chapter. Identifies ways to recruit, recognize and reward volunteers. Partners with the Website, Newsletter and Social Media chairs to promote open volunteer positions.

### ***Website Chair***

Update the website content to keep it relevant and engaging, Identify ways to improve the site's appearance, including recommending Wordpress plugins where appropriate. Manage the relationship with National's technical lead.

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## Upcoming Events

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Check out our website's [Events List](#) for event details and registration!



### MEMBER MEETUPS

**Larimer & Weld Counties (Fort Collins)**

Saturday, April 15  
9:00 - 11:00 am

**Jefferson County (Lakewood)**

Saturday, April 15  
1:00 - 3:00 pm

**Boulder County + Neighbors (Boulder)**

Sunday, April 23  
2:00 - 4:00 pm

**Douglas & Elbert Counties  
(Southern Douglas County)**

Saturday, April 29  
10:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Denver County (Arvada)**

Saturday, May 6  
10:00 am - 12:30 pm

### PLANT SWAPS

**"Bump Up" Transplanting for Northern  
Colorado Plant Swap**

Saturday, April 8  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
One Canopy, Loveland

**2023 Northern Colorado (NOCO) Plant  
Swap**

Saturday, June 17  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
TBD, Fort Collins

**Third Annual Denver Native Plant Swap &  
Giveaway**

Saturday, June 24  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Earthlinks, Denver

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### OTHER EVENTS

**Noxious and Other Weeds**

Saturday, April 19  
6:30 - 8:00 pm  
Online/Virtual

**Colorado Native Plants You Shouldn't  
Live Without**

Saturday, June 10  
10:00 - 11:30 am  
Harlequin's Gardens, Boulder

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*We love to hear from you! If you would like to comment on anything in this newsletter or write an article, please send your comments or ideas to [FrontRangeWildOnes@gmail.com](mailto:FrontRangeWildOnes@gmail.com).*

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