



ENPS native plant demonstration bed at the John Janzen Nature Centre, 2011-06-07. Photo J. Golub.

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From your editorial team:

We hope you are enjoying the beautiful month of June. Its alternating showers and sunny spells have given us a lush green world full of flowers.

It also marks the end of a 20-year ENPS project, one of our earliest, the John Janzen Nature Centre native plant demonstration bed. Read Liz's article for further information.

This month also marks the debut of our new newsletter format. This HTML version allows for easier formatting and newsletter distribution while accommodating more text and photos. Let us know what you think about it.

And as always, we welcome contributions from our readers to these pages.

Events

ENPS Native Plant Sale

Sunday, June 23rd

1:00 to 3:00 pm

In the parking lot at the front of
Orchid Resource Centre,
4459 99 St NW, Edmonton

[Here is a list of available plants](#)

Come early to get the best selection.

We have a **controlled line up** to allow for easier shopping.

Bring a box or container in which to take away your purchase. (We have a limited number of boxes.)

Bring cash to make your purchase quicker!



ENPS Plant Sale outside of Wild Birds Unlimited, June 2024.

River Valley Planning Modernization

The City of Edmonton is asking for your input in the final phase of their River Valley Planning Modernization project.

For more information, [click here](#)



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Edmonton's River Valley

Jan Reimer Park Restoration



Jan Reimer Park

The Oleskiw River Valley Park Master Plan was published in January 2020. Since that time, Oleskiw River Valley Park has been renamed Jan Reimer Park. Up to this point, funding has not been available to implement the Master Plan.

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Articles

End of an Era for ENPS: Last Days of John Janzen Nature Centre Demonstration Bed

By Liz Deleeuw

June 11 marks the last Tuesday night ever that I shall journey to the John Janzen Nature Centre (JJNC) demonstration bed. The bed will be closing because of construction which will start soon. The Compost School at the Nature Centre which is near our bed will be revamped; the new design incorporates the present bed into the new construction plan.

It was raining on this evening but a quick visit allowed for the last picture to be taken, the heart-leaved alexanders blooming bravely despite it all.

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Liz Deleeuw on June 11, the last day at the John Janzen Nature Centre demonstration Bed.

People and Plant Mobility: Their Interrelatedness and the Problem of Invasives

By Patsy Cotterill

Recently there was some correspondence on the ANPC Facebook group in which a paleoethnobotanist was quoted as having complained about the use of the term invasive in reference to plants. I presume they did not like the word because invasiveness is usually associated with negative human agency and their point was that humans have interacted with, and moved plants around for thousands (tens of thousands?) of years.

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Reed canary grass (*Phalaris arundinacea*) at the dugout in Bunchberry Meadows Conservation Area. Most colonies growing in human-settled areas are of the invasive, non-native genotype.

Photo: P. Cotterill.

Plant Profile

By Patsy Cotterill

Saskatoon, *Amelanchier alnifolia*

A shrub of variable height in the rose family (*Rosaceae*), saskatoon is probably one of the best-known and loved native species in the Prairie Provinces. It can occur as a single, well-formed bush or as colonies.

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Ripe Saskatoon berries

Wagner Fens, A Photo Essay

It was a cold and rainy day on June 8, 2024 when ENPS volunteers Patsy Cotterill, Manna Parseyan and Susan Neuman ventured out into the southern fens of the Wagner Natural Area. Although it had been a cold, late spring, they were able to document 42 species in flower, including four native orchids. Here are some of their finds...

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Carex aurea (golden sedge) in early fruit. These tiny “grapes” will turn yellow when mature.



Galearis rotundifolia (small round-leaved orchid)



Current year's female cone on *Larix laricina* (tamarack), along with recently flushed leaves (tamarack is a deciduous conifer).

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Aims of the Edmonton Native Plant Society

- Promote knowledge of the Edmonton area native plants
- Conserve our native plant species and their habitat

- Preserve native plant species and habitat for the enjoyment of present and future generations
- Educate individuals, businesses, and local governments about native plants

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