

Wetland May and June 2020

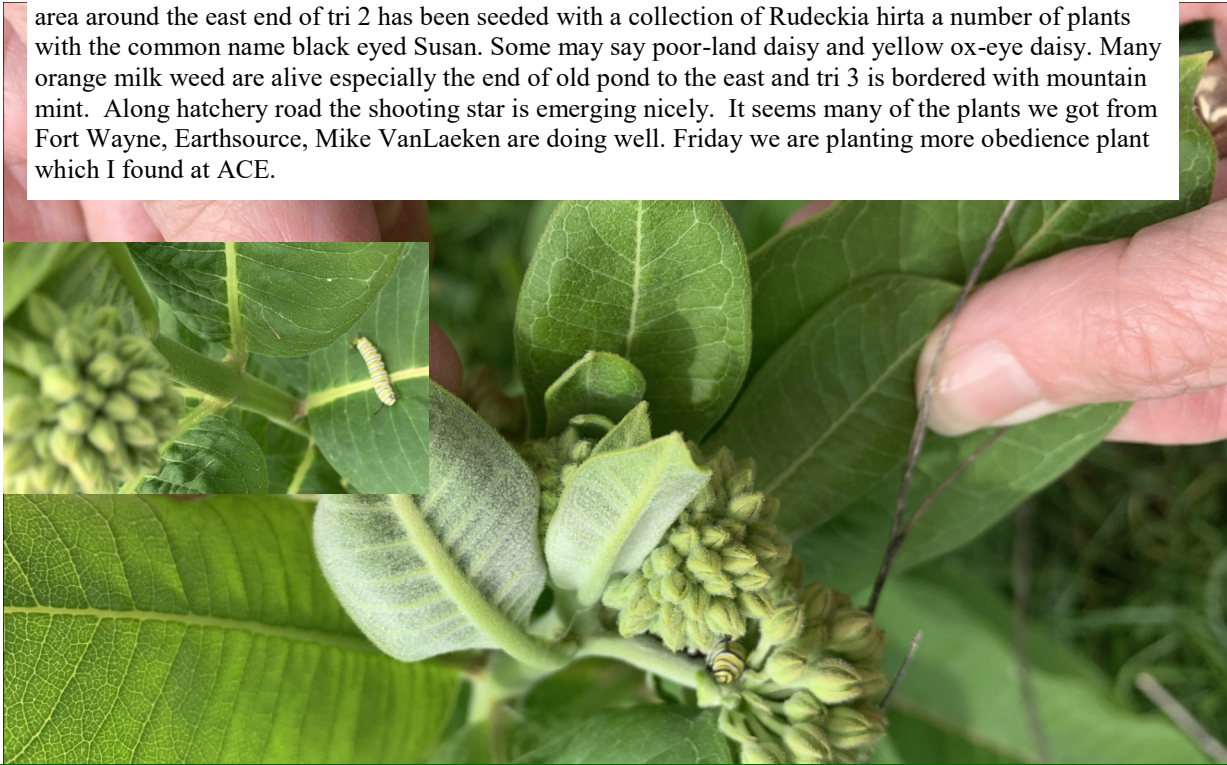
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The worms are back, June 11, gathering in the common milkweed which is totally laden with blossoms. I think every seed we let fly on the silk parachutes grew somewhere in the wetland. They are all over the place. All 5 of the marsh milkweed lived in the colony of crownvetch. There are some stalks damaged from the weed treatment and some of the crownvetch is back. It's tufts are in a unique arrangement. The area around the east end of tri 2 has been seeded with a collection of *Rudeckia hirta* a number of plants with the common name black eyed Susan. Some may say poor-land daisy and yellow ox-eye daisy. Many orange milk weed are alive especially the end of old pond to the east and tri 3 is bordered with mountain mint. Along hatchery road the shooting star is emerging nicely. It seems many of the plants we got from Fort Wayne, Earthsource, Mike VanLaeken are doing well. Friday we are planting more obedience plant which I found at ACE.



May 13 our team watched birds! The tree swallows were in full force with family planning. These swallows nest in trees as well. Ground sparrows were in this apartment house last year. This year the sparrows are back in the grass. The redwing black bird is a guard. His nesting partners are all in the sedge. Sad he doesn't fit in the box! I checked out three different nests. In each of the ponds.

Participated in social Distancing, The yellow is butter weed..

Loosestrife is alive and well. No blossoms yet. Cutting them off will be a main source of keeping them at bay. There is a giant colony of crownvetch on the North bank of old pond by Hatchery road. They are where the crown vetvh was a real nuisance.

Bird watch certainly, but you will see a pile of cattails near by. There are lots of blossoms already 'budding up' on the cattails. A bright color of orange that I had not noticed.

