

Greenbrier Ranger District Native Plant Garden on the Monongahela National Forest

2011 Accomplishments

The Greenbrier Ranger District native pollinator garden was created in 2008 to provide habitat for native pollinators as well as to supply a local native seed source for the forest and community. The highlight of this year for the garden was the growth and maturity of the established native plants. Plants are really starting to become the beautiful and spectacular specimens that they are meant to be. Several interested parties stopped in the district office to comment on the flowers in bloom and inquire about the plant species. Many species, including blueberries and raspberries, provided fruit aplenty for forest visitors; two-legged, four-legged and winged alike!

A portion of our garden also functions as a nursery to holdover plants though the winter. Approximately 5000 native plants spent their winter here at the garden waiting to be planted at a restoration site on the district, which now has been populated with over 17,000 native plants!

The district employees installed the information sign in the garden this summer to provide an overview of the project. They also had a work day to eliminate weeds in the front portion of the garden.

Numerous species have and continue to provide seed available to the public to encourage the planting and proliferation of native plants in our area. We look forward to watching our plants thrive and are excited to see the numerous pollinators that frequent our area.



Native asters flowering in the garden



Winterberry Holly

Year Awarded: initial award in 2008

Project completion: 2011
Report number: 4 of 4

Expenditures (through 10/2011):

- FY11 funding \$1,000 expend. \$920; \$80 remaining
- Total funding \$49,691; total expend \$49,098**

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