

## Natural Landscaping is:



### *Beneficial*

Choose organic methods to create a healthy environment for all living things.

### *Enlightened*

Revive lost ecosystems and conserve water by planting species that are adapted to the area.



### *Joyous*

Provide enjoyment through plantscapes instead of your mow-me-weekly turf grass.

### *Alive*

Attract a diversity of birds and insects that have few natural places left to call home.



Put Down Roots... Plant Native

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If nothing moves in your landscape but a lawnmower, it's time to think about designing a natural yard.



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## Gibson Woods Wild Ones History

"Wild Ones" is a national organization whose headquarters are in Wisconsin. The Gibson Woods chapter was established in 2000, when several people gathered at Gibson Woods, eager to learn about the benefits of landscaping with native plants.

Gibson Woods Nature Preserve is noted for its high diversity of native plants. This made it the natural choice for the monthly meeting place of this newly formed group. It was only appropriate that the group became known as "Gibson Woods Wild Ones", the first Indiana chapter.

Many dedicated members of "Gibson Woods Wild Ones" have accomplished many things since that first meeting. One of the most satisfying has been growing native plants in Lake County Park's native plant greenhouse. Wild Ones members have become an important volunteer resource for the greenhouse by propagating native plants for restoration projects in the parks.

## Our Mission

**Wild Ones: Native Plants, Natural Landscapes** promotes environmentally sound landscaping practices to preserve biodiversity through the preservation, restoration and establishment of native plant communities. Wild Ones is a not-for-profit environmental education and advocacy organization.

## The Native Plant Greenhouse



The greenhouse has become a learning lab where members gain knowledge of soil preparation, plant cultivation, light and water requirements, and greenhouse maintenance. The resulting seedlings end up in restoration projects, in school, park, and community projects throughout the region, and in the yards of those who attend our annual Native Plant Sale. Our lives have been enriched and enhanced by these beautiful native plants and the wildlife they attract.

Regularly scheduled meetings featuring guest speakers and plant studies are held at the Gibson Woods Environmental Awareness Center. Anyone wanting to learn more about growing native plants is welcome and encouraged to join us at our local chapter.

For information about meetings and events please contact us.

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## The Annual Native Plant Sale



Choose the right native plants for your location at our Annual Native Plant Sale. The proceeds help support educational programs at the Gibson Woods Environmental Awareness Center, prairie restoration, and other projects and programs in the community.

## Biennial Native Plant Symposium



Join us at our Native Plant Symposium to learn more about the benefits of growing native plants.

