



Frequently Asked Questions

How are you affiliated with the Wild Ones in the Midwest?

We are a fully chartered chapter of Wild Ones Natural Landscapers Ltd., the national non-profit organization headquartered in Wisconsin. We are the only chapter in Colorado, and the only chapter in the West. We enjoy support from, and collaborate on projects with, the national organization and other chapters. We have access to resources and guidelines for running a chapter. But we have the freedom to shape our chapter to meet the needs of our region and community.

What is your relationship with the film *Hometown Habitat*?

Both Catherine Zimmerman (the film's creator) and Doug Tallamy (featured in the film) are Honorary Directors of Wild Ones. "Hometown Habitat" features several Wild Ones Hometown Habitat Heroes who provide the narrative thread throughout film, showing that "each individual has the power to conserve resources, restore habitat for wildlife and bring beauty to their patch of Earth." Several Wild Ones chapters also donated funds for filming the project. www.themeadowproject.com

Do you have meetings and speakers?

In the past we have held semi-monthly meetings in the winter that featured a speaker. In the summer we held yard tours in the metro area. The winter meetings and planning meetings were held at Englewood Public Library in the evening during the week. This will likely be the format for 2017, with perhaps a change in venue. We are anxious to establish a 2017 calendar of events and are looking for members to help us plan. Please give us your thoughts and consider attending the March planning meeting (you don't have to be a member).

How are you different from the Colorado Native Plant Society (CoNPS) and other organizations?

Front Range Wild Ones is part of a group of organizations in Colorado that advocate for native plants. We have overlapping missions with CoNPS, Colorado State Extension, Habitat Heros and other organizations. We partner with these groups on many things, including the Landscaping with Colorado Native Plants Conference! **Our strength is that we only focus on one thing—supporting homeowners who want to transform their landscapes into water-saving havens for native plants and wildlife.** We do this with a grass-roots, neighbor-helping-neighbor approach. For example, we do yard tours like other organizations, but ours are not just tours of finished yards. We are just as likely to hold a Help Me Day where everyone brings a trowel or a shovel and gets dirty! We swap seeds and plants. We share knowledge and resources. Come join us!

Are you doing anything to promote milkweed for monarch butterflies?

Wild Ones partners with Monarch Joint Venture and Monarch Watch (we also partner with the National Pollinator Garden Network). Through those partnerships, Wild Ones created the Wild for Monarchs campaign to advocate for monarchs through local chapters. Please pick up a brochure at our booth to learn more. Front Range Wild Ones would like to participate in the campaign and is looking for a member to take this project on!

How do you define a native plant?

Official Wild Ones Position: A native plant species is one that occurs naturally in a particular region, ecosystem and/or habitat and was present prior to European settlement.

With this definition in mind, Wild Ones advocates for the selection of plants and seeds derived, insofar as is possible, from local or regional sources at sites having the same or similar environmental conditions as the site of planting. Such plant material is often termed “the local ecotype.”

Where do I find a list of native plants for this region?

Check our web site! You’ll find plenty of resources on the *Native Plants* and *Resources* tabs.
<https://frontrangewildones.wordpress.com/>

How do I find native plants or seeds?

Front Range Wild Ones will be holding a plant and seed swap in Fall 2017. This is a members-only event where members bring seeds and plants harvested from their yard and share with others. It’s a lot of fun and everyone goes home with something new! New members who may not have seeds or plants to swap are welcome too. We just ask for a small monetary donation in exchange for the seeds and plants you take home.

Also, ask for native plants at your local garden center. As the demand for native plants increases, the supply will follow. And be sure to sign up for our email list and check our website for plant sale announcements.

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