



## **MLA NEWSLETTER - APRIL 2023**

### SPRING ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP

Spring is here! Mark your calendars - the 2023 MLA roadside clean-up is Saturday, April 29. As in past years, we will be joined by Rooney and Lipsett Lake Associations with focus on both county and township roads.

If you have done this before and have a favorite roadway to clean up, or if you need a road assignment, please contact this year's chair, Craig Yolitz, 612-655-7369 and let him know. Craig will also be available from 8-11:30 AM on the 29th at McKenzie Landing, 1350 Cty Hwy E, the clean-up drop-off site. All trash needs to be in the trailer at McKenzie Landing by 11:30 am. Sorry, we cannot accept tires, mattresses, or any household garbage. Volunteers are welcome to a "thank you" lunch at the McKenzie Landing starting at 11:30 AM.

### CLEAN BOATS/CLEAN WATERS WATERCRAFT MONITOR

Help protect our waterways! MLA has a CBCW state grant to staff the boat landings at the three public boat launch sites this season. We need watercraft monitors in both paid positions and volunteer hours on Saturdays and Sundays starting in May. There is a morning and afternoon shift; sign up for one or two, or a day, or a shift every weekend. A CBCW training session will be provided. You will also get a cool CBCW T-shirt and matching cap.

Have a college or high school student who needs to make a few bucks over the summer? Are you retired or semi-retired? Paid positions are open. Apply now and get first choice on days/hours. To volunteer or questions, call Sandy Swanson, 715-520-0233.

### AQUATIC PLANT MANAGEMENT PLAN

The MLA is updating our third 5-year Aquatic Plant Management Plan with the Burnett County Land Services Department. The planning phase of the project is funded, in part, by the Burnett County Land Services Department – Conservation Division (BCLSD) AEPP grant and the MLA. Spring 2022 several planning meetings were held with Emily Moore, the BCLSD facilitator, and the MLA APM committee. Summer 2022 two on-site surveys were completed across Big, Middle and Lower McKenzie Lakes, one being the aquatic invasive species survey and the second was the full macrophyte survey. Both surveys followed the WDNR Point Intercept Protocol while following a point generated map. Currently the MLA APM committee is reviewing the proposed APM Plan to define management goals and implementation. After review, the Plan will be sent to BCLSD for their OK and then to WI DNR for final approval.

## JOIN MLA'S FACEBOOK GROUP

Be informed, receive updates or changes in a timely manner, share information and pictures. Log on and request to be a member, answer the two questions (you or an immediate family member is a current paid member of the McKenzie Lakes Association and you will not advertise a business), and you will be admitted as part of this closed Facebook group.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT [www.mckenzielakes.com](http://www.mckenzielakes.com) to read current and archived meeting minutes and newsletters, contact MLA board members, review DNR articles, and peruse the picture gallery. Also included is the membership form for dues and updating your contact information.

## NORTHWEST WISCONSIN LAKES CONFERENCE CELEBRATES 25 YEARS –SAVE THE DATE!

This year's Northwest Wisconsin Lakes Conference celebrates a 25-year partnership between lake and river advocates, conservation organizations, natural resource agencies, and the University of Wisconsin Extension encouraging lake stewardship in the region. This single day educational conference will be held in person on Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. at the Spooner High School.

Every year the Northwest Wisconsin Lakes Conference provides an opportunity to learn more about lake ecology, hear updates on invasive species, and network with people involved in protecting water quality. The event offers current information about fisheries, lake protection, and other evolving topics. Registration includes a light continental breakfast during check-in, lunch, and time for networking with experts and each other throughout the day.

This year's keynote speaker Christian Cold, WDNR Wildlife Educator, is one of the state's most knowledgeable wildlife experts. He has inspired many during his 30+ year career and continues to share his knowledge with schools and other conservation organizations, often in tandem with wild or rehabilitated companions. Cold will inspire attendees to look beyond the shore, adopting and sharing a sustainable conservation ethic with others. The remainder of the day-long event is jam-packed with statewide and local experts who offer a variety of presentations on topics affecting lakes everywhere. Three concurrent sessions throughout the day offer presentations ranging from hidden lake creatures like algae and zooplankton to limnology, fisheries, or aquatic invasive species to broader issues such as treaty rights, wild rice, and climate change impacts.

Online or mail-in registration opens May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Cost for the event is \$45 (including snacks and lunch) or a reduced \$10 registration for students. To register, view the agenda, or contact organizers for more information, visit <https://nwwislakesconference.org>. Deadline for registration is June 18, 2023. After registering, details will be emailed to participants prior to the conference. For assistance with online registration, contact Jennifer Lutz at 715-483-3300 or [Jlutz@wisconsinriversconservancy.org](mailto:Jlutz@wisconsinriversconservancy.org)

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### FOAM OR PLASTIC PESTICIDE DEVICES

Notice to all lake residents/owners: Pesticide devices (dock disc) commercially advertised to be placed in the water for repellent and control of zebra mussels and quagga mussels are illegal in the State of Wisconsin. The chemical being used on and in the pesticide device has not been approved by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP) and its use is not allowed; no permits are being approved/issued for this device.

### AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES EVENTS

The Burnett County Land Services Department is offering three interesting workshops this summer: CBCW training...AIS identification...snapshot day. See “Learn More” on page 4 for details.

### TREE – SHRUB – NATIVE WILDFLOWER SALE

Think spring! A tree-shrub-native wildflower sale from Washburn County Land and Water Conservation Department is happening now. See the order form (pages 5-7) to see selections and order.

### **2023 Events Calendar**

All member meetings at 9 AM at the McKenzie Landing, 1350 Cty Hwy E

April 29 – Roadside clean-up

May 27 – Member meeting

June 24 – Annual meeting

July 4 – Boat parade

July 29 – Member meeting

August 5 – Booya

September 2 – Member meeting

## Aquatic Invasive Species Events Coming Up!

The Burnett County Land Services Department offers many different programs and events to get volunteers and organizations involved in protecting the water's they love from the impacts of invasive species. If you, your family and friends want to get involved this summer, we have many great opportunities to learn, explore and get outdoors!



### **Clean Boats, Clean Waters Training**

Where: Burnett County Government Center – April 15<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.  
*Snacks will be provided.*

Training is provided to help inspectors learn how to look for hitch hiking aquatic invasive species, ways to handle situations at the landing and more! Send interest to Emily Moore, AIS Coordinator at: [emily.moore@burnettcountywi.gov](mailto:emily.moore@burnettcountywi.gov) or 715-349-2109 Ext. 2613.

### **Aquatic and Riparian Invasive Species Identification Workshop**

When: June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. *Snacks and water will be provided.*

Location: To Be Announced in May.

This training will provide citizens, lake groups and organizations the proper methods on identifying invasive species such as Curly Leaf Pondweed, Eurasian Watermilfoil, Zebra Mussels, Chinese and Banded Mystery Snails, Purple Loosestrife and Yellow Flag Iris. Please join me to learn more on each one of these highly aggressive species! Send interest to Emily Moore, AIS Coordinator at: [emily.moore@burnettcountywi.gov](mailto:emily.moore@burnettcountywi.gov) or 715-349-2109 Ext. 2613.



### **Snapshot Day**

**When:** August 2023– 8:30am to 12:30pm. *Snacks and water will be provided.*

**Where:** Multiple Sampling Locations

**Sign-ups** begin June 20<sup>th</sup> and end by August 1<sup>st</sup>. Send interest to Emily Moore, AIS Coordinator at: [emily.moore@burnettcountywi.gov](mailto:emily.moore@burnettcountywi.gov) or 715-349-2109 Ext. 2613.

Volunteers around the state gather at local rendezvous sites to be trained on AIS identification and monitoring methods, and then venture out in groups to pre-determined sites to hunt for AIS. It is one of the most data-rich AIS events in the entire state!! Let's put your identification skills to test this summer at one of the most popular statewide events, right here in Burnett County!

# WASHBURN COUNTY LAND WATER CONSERVATION DEPT

## 2023 TREE/SHRUB/WILDFLOWER ORDER FORM    PHONE: 715-468-4654

NAME:

HOME MAILING ADDRESS:

PHONE:

EMAIL:

### CONIFERS (25 per bundle)

	# Bundles Ordered	Cost/Bundle	Total Price
COLORADO BLUE SPRUCE <i>Picea pungens</i>		\$30.00	
NORWAY PINE (RED PINE) <i>Pinus resinosa</i>	<b>SOLD OUT</b>	\$30.00	
FRASER FIR <i>Abies Fraseri</i>		\$30.00	
NORWAY SPRUCE <i>Picea abies</i>		\$30.00	
WHITE PINE <i>Pinus strobus</i>		\$30.00	
WHITE SPRUCE <i>Picea glauca</i>		\$30.00	

### TREES/SHRUBS (10 per bundle)

	# Bundles Ordered	Cost/Bundle	Total Price
AMERICAN PLUM <i>Prunus americana</i>	<b>SOLD OUT</b>	\$25.00	
BLACK CHOKEBERRY <i>Aronia Melanocarpa</i>		\$25.00	
ELDERBERRY <i>Sambucus Canadensis</i>	<b>SOLD OUT</b>	\$25.00	
NORTHERN RED OAK <i>Quercus rubra</i>	<b>SOLD OUT</b>	\$25.00	
REDOSIER DOGWOOD <i>Cornus sericea</i>		\$25.00	

### 2" PLANT POTS- NATIVE PERENNIAL WILDFLOWER & GRASS COLLECTIONS (32 plants/flat)

	# Flats Ordered	Cost/Flat	Total Price
Collection #1 (Butterfly Garden)		\$65.00	
Collection #2 (Wetland)		\$65.00	
Collection #3 (Prairie)		\$65.00	
Collection #4 (Woodland)		\$65.00	

\*TAX IS INCLUDED IN PRICE

**AMOUNT DUE:**

Please make your check payable to:

**Washburn County Land & Water Conservation Dept.**  
**PO Box 486**  
**Shell Lake, WI 54871**

*(office only)* ORDER #



**\*\*PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS! NO REFUNDS FOR UNCLAIMED ORDERS.**

**ORDER EARLY-**Tree/Shrub Sales are on a first come first serve basis.

**Pick up at The Spooner Ag Research Station (W6646 WI-70 Spooner, WI 54801)**

★ **Trees/Shrubs:** May 5th 11:00 am-4:30 pm and May 6th 8:00 am-11:00 am

★ **Plant Collections:** June 2nd 1:00 pm-5:00 pm

\* Maximum order is 8 bundles (200 trees) per species.

\* May 19th is last day to order wildflower collections.

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## TREES and SHRUBS

**COLORADO BLUE SPRUCE 6-12" seedling-** Dry, well-drained soil. Height 30-50'. Sharp pointed needles, green to blue color. Extremely hardy and adaptable to a variety of conditions. Drought-tolerant once established, and will thrive in partial to full sun. Excellent for windbreaks, ornamental, or Christmas trees.

**NORWAY PINE (RED PINE) 6-12" seedling-** Medium to dry soil, full sun. Height up to 100'. Needles 4.5" to 6.5" long and two to a cluster, loses its lower limbs early. The bark of the red pine is flaky and orange-red in color. Grow very rapidly for their first 60 or 70 years. Is a good timber-producing tree.

**FRASER FIR 6-12" seedling-** Moist soil. Full to partial sun. Height 30-50'. Referred to as the "Cadillac of Christmas trees." The branches turn slightly upward, have good form and excellent needle-retention. They are dark blue-green in color and the needles have a silver underside. Produces an excellent fragrance.

**NORWAY SPRUCE 7-15" transplant -** Moist to medium soil, prefers full sun. Height 40-60'. Cone is 4"-6" long. Medium to fast growing, Needles are 1/2" to 1" long, squarish with a nice dark green color, branches have a pendulous habit.

**WHITE PINE 6-12" seedling-** Moist to dry soil, somewhat shade tolerant. Height 80'. Needles are 4" to 6" long and five to a cluster. The ease of transplanting and rapid growth of the White Pine tree makes it ideal for windscreen. Provides great wildlife habitat.

**WHITE SPRUCE 7-15" transplant-**Moist to dry soil, does well in full sun. Height 40- 60'. Needles are four-sided, crowded along branchlets; length 1/3" to 3/4"; dark bluish-green. Besides providing nesting sites and shelter, provides food for many kinds of wildlife. Pyramidal, makes a good screen.

**AMERICAN PLUM 18-24" seedling-** Medium soil, full sun/part shade. Height 15-25'. A thicket-forming shrub or small tree with short trunk, spreading branches and thorns. It has a broad crown, showy large white flowers, and produces red plums which ripen to a shiny and bright red in August or September. The plums are eaten fresh but used mainly for jellies and preserves, and are also consumed by many kinds of birds. Serve as a hedgerow or winbreak and provides thick cover for wildlife.

**BLACK CHOKEBERRY 18-24" seedling-** Moist to medium soils, full sun to part shade. Height 3-6'. White flowers in spring which are followed in early autumn by blackish purple, blueberry-sized fruits which usually do not persist into winter. Lustrous, dark green foliage turns an attractive purplish red in autumn. The fruits are extremely tart and bitter, and are not recommended for eating off the bush, but may be used for making jelly. Serves as a great food source for birds and other wildlife.

**ELDERBERRY 18-24" seedling-** Moist to Medium well-drained soil, full sun/part sun. Height 5-12'. While it prefers moist areas, it is quite tolerant of a wide range of soils. Large clusters of white flowers form from June to July, followed by a dark purple berry clusters in late summer. The fruit is consumed by birds and other mammals and is used to make wine and jellies. Provides outstanding cover and nesting sites for songbirds.

**NORTHERN RED OAK 18-24" seedling-** Medium to well drained-soil and full sun. Height 75'. A medium sized, deciduous tree with a rounded to broad-spreading, often irregular crown. Typically grows at a moderate-to-fast rate. Dark, lustrous green leaves (grayish-white beneath) with 7-11 toothed lobes which are sharply pointed at the tips. Leaves turn brownish-red in autumn. Yields acorns that are round and 3/4-1" long with a flat, thick, saucer-like cap which provide food for wildlife.

**RED-OSIER DOGWOOD 18-24"seedling-** Moist to wet soil, part shade. Height 6-9'. Stems turn a yellow-green in the spring changing to a very colorful coral-red from November through March. Dark green leaves turn purplish-red in the fall. White flowers appear in late May, with white fruit in August-September which attracts birds.

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## Native Perennial Plants

### For Habitat Restoration and Native Gardening

Good for restoring a prairie or creating a beautiful lakeshore habitat. You can garden with these super-hardy, drought-tolerant and pest-resistant native perennials. They handle plenty of neglect while providing loads of flowers that will attract bees, butterflies and birds throughout the summer.

**Plants in each collection are selected by the nursery based on the growing season.**

### Collection 1 – Short Butterfly/Pollinator 32 plants in 2" pots

Habitat: Dry

Height: 12-24"

Full-Part Sun

A combination of dry species that provide nectar sources and caterpillar host plants to attract butterflies. Grasses are also a great addition for the butterfly planting to provide resting spaces and protective cover.

4 each of 8 different species (7 flowers and 1 grass) of any of the following: Whorled Milkweed, Prairie Coreopsis, Butterfly Weed, Aromatic Aster, White Prairie Clover, Purple Prairie Clover, Prairie Phlox, Lance-leaf Coreopsis, Alum Root, Harebell, Pearly Everlasting, Dotted Mint, Hoary Vervain, Blue Grama Grass, June Grass.

### Collection 2 – Wetland 32 plants in 2" pots

Habitat: Wet Prairie/Marsh/Lake Edge

Height: 24-48"

Full Sun-Part Shade

The perfect mix of colorful wildflowers and beautiful grasses to stabilize shorelines, improve lake health, or replace wet areas of lawn that are difficult to mow.

4 each of 8 different species (5 flowers and 3 sedges) of any of the following: Blue Flag Iris, Sneezeweed, Blue Vervain, Swamp Milkweed, Swamp Aster, Joe-pye Weed, Boneset, Cardinal Flower, Great Blue Lobelia, Ironweed, Marsh Blazing Star, Bebb's Sedge, Fox Sedge, Porcupine Sedge.

### Collection 3 – Prairie 32 plants in 2" pots

Habitat: Dry/Mesic

Height: 24-60"

Full-Part Sun

Includes the best prairie grasses and wildflowers combined. Free yourself from the oppression of mowing lawn.

4 each of 8 different species (5 flowers and 3 grass) of any of the following: Sky Blue Aster, Western Spiderwort, Early Sunflower, Smooth Penstemon, Yellow Coneflower, Culvers Root, Prairie Sundrops, Showy Goldenrod, Rattlesnake Master, Purple Coneflower, Anise Hyssop, Blazing Star, Wild Bergamot, Indian Grass, Switch Grass, Little Bluestem.

### Collection 4 – Woodland 32 plants in 2" pots

Habitat: Woodland

Height: 24-60"

Shade

Only shade tolerant species will thrive in forested conditions. This is the collection to begin restoring and beautifying any degraded woodland understory or shady areas of your yard.

4 each of 7-8 different species of any of the following: Wild Columbine, Woodland Phlox, Wild Strawberry, Big-leaf Aster, Short's Aster, Galium, Pennsylvania Sedge, Bottlebrush Grass.