



2011

Iowa

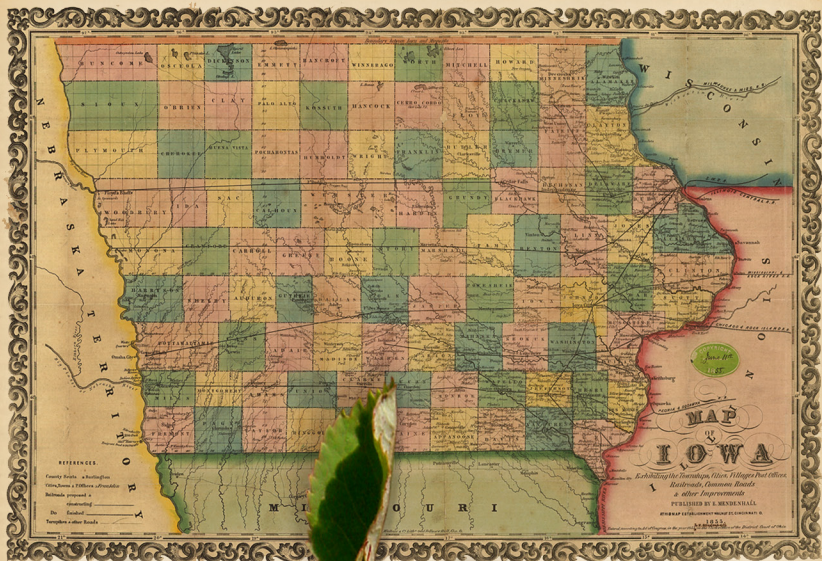
Wildflower Calendar

Idle Spots

The shrinkage in the flora is due to a combination of clean farming, woodlot grazing and good roads. Each of these necessary changes, of course, requires a larger reduction in the acreage available for wild plants, but none of them requires or benefits by the erasure of species from whole farms, townships or counties. There are idle spots on every farm; and every highway is bordered by an idle strip as long as it is; keep cow and mower out of these idle spots, and a full native flora, plus dozens of interesting stowaways from foreign parts, could be part of the normal environment of every citizen.

Leopold, Aldo:
A Sand County Almanac,
and Sketches Here and There,
1948,
Oxford University Press,
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pp.47-48





A valuable history
of Iowa
remains
in its native plants.





Group portrait of road inspectors behind their truck in Greene County, 1921

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JANUARY 2011

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Ohio spiderwort
Tradescantia ohiensis



Horse and wagon travel, 1895

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FEBRUARY 2011

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Prairie rose
Rosa arkansana



Failed wooden bridge in Benton County
after 1914 flood



MARCH²⁰¹¹

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Turk's cap lily
Lilium superbum



Survey staff on dirt road in Grundy County, 1915

APRIL 2011



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Western prairie fringed orchid
Platanthera praeclara



Members of a fishing expedition pause
on the banks of the Nishnabotna river, 1921



MAY 2011



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Purple coneflower
Echinacea purpurea



Workers and horses digging dirt
for road construction in
Crawford County, 1913

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JUNE 2011

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Cream Gentian
Gentiana alba



Engineering students using equipment for
bridge foundation sounding, 1924

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JULY 2011

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Grey-headed coneflower
Ratibida pinnata



*Automobile passengers resting alongside the road,
1913*



AUGUST²⁰¹¹

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Purple prairie clover
Dalea purpurea



Road construction workers using picks, shovels
and wheel barrows, in Story County, 1916

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SEPTEMBER 2011

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Prairie blazing star
Liatris pycnostachya



Horse-and-mule drawn wagons on a dirt road
in Story County, 1913

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OCTOBER 2011

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Compass plant
Silphium laciniatum



Horse teams alongside creek, 1913

NOVEMBER 2011



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Canada wildrye
Elymus canadensis



Workers using mortar mixer, 1913

DECEMBER²⁰¹¹



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Butterfly milkweed
Asclepias tuberosa



The Living Roadway Trust Fund supports training, education, awareness, and planting programs to promote alternative roadside vegetation.

Iowa's roadsides are full of opportunities. Preserving and planting historically significant, native plants in roadsides can:

- Lead to cleaner water in our streams through improved filtration.
- Improve plant diversity that provides sustainability of roadside plant communities.
- Provide educational opportunities to view and study plant communities that help develop Iowa's rich soil.
- Offer ever-changing views of colors and textures with diverse plantings.
- Provide opportunities for tourism and recreation through enhanced aesthetics and wildlife habitat.
- Connect original native plant areas, preserve genetic diversity, and allow the number of beneficial insects and wildlife to increase.
- Reduce mowing, chemical use and noxious weed problems.
- Reduce snow drifting and winter glare along Iowa roadways.
- Offer a more visually appealing trip through Iowa's landscape for all who travel our roadways.

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