

Tea Tuesday Digest

August 17, 2021 at 3 pm



1. “Retiring” your wild parsnip plant on *Nature’s Notebook*

A wild parsnip plant dies after flowering. If you observed a wild parsnip plant that flowered, you can keep your app and Observation Deck uncluttered by “retiring” dead plants from *Nature’s Notebook*. (Do not “retire” knotweed plants because they live for several years.)

How to: https://usanpn.org/nn/faq#delete_planimal.

Should I choose “No Longer Observing” or “Plant Died”? Either choice is fine. If you choose “Plant Died,” you can only save that choice after providing the date when the plant was last observed alive and the date when the plant was observed dead. If you do not have that information andy, you may want to choose “No Longer Observing” for ease.

2. All “historic” data are valuable and can be transcribed into *Nature’s Notebook*.

How to: https://usanpn.org/nn/faq#enter_datasheet_packet (Navigate to the “Enter Observations” page by first going to your Observation Deck. Near the bottom-right corner of that page, click the orange text that reads “Enter Observation Data”.)

3. Minnesota’s Scientific and Natural Areas (SNAs)

Map: <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/snas/map.html>

Events Calendar: <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/snas/events.html>

SNA of interest: Lost Valley Prairie is an SNA where Pesky Plants Volunteer Steve Poole serves as a steward. An iNaturalist project (<https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/lost-valley-prairie-sna>) aggregates observations within this SNA’s spatial boundaries.

4. Plant of interest: Wood Betony --- https://www.fs.fed.us/wildflowers/plant-of-the-week/pedicularis_canadensis.shtml

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