



# 2011

## Iowa

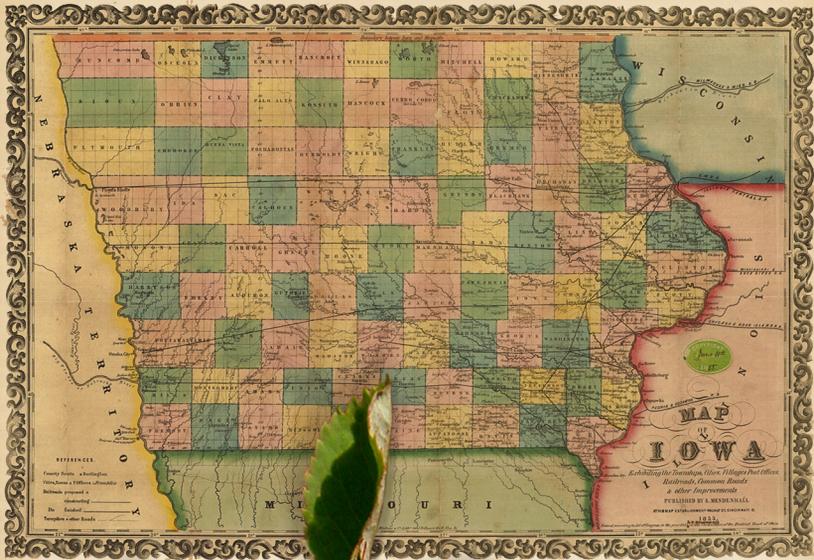
### Wildflower Calendar

## Idle Spots

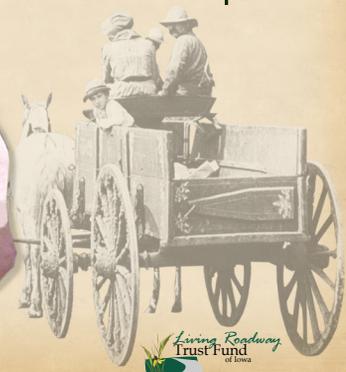
The shrinkage in the flora is due to a combination of clean farming, woodlot grazing and good roads. Each of these necessary changes, of course, requires a larger reduction in the acreage available for wild plants, but none of them requires or benefits by the erasure of species from whole farms, townships 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,  
New York, 1987  
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



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# MARCH 2011

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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 praecleara*



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

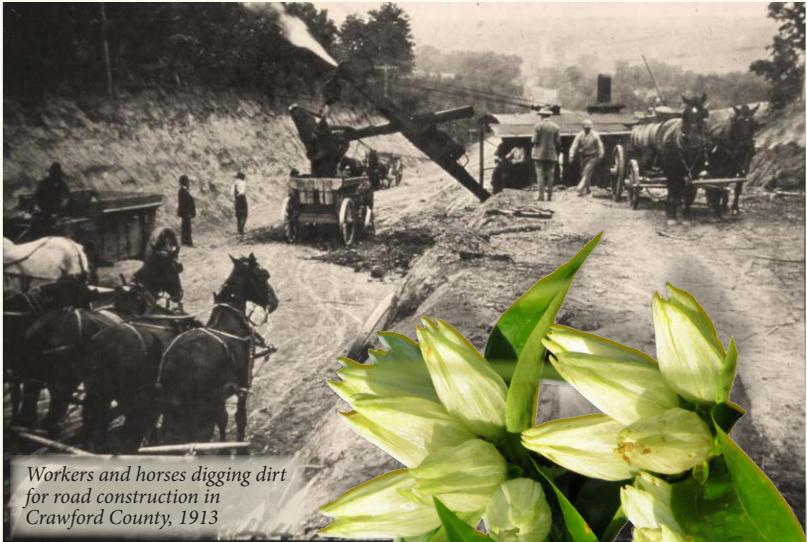


MAY 2011



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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*



# AUGUST 2011

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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

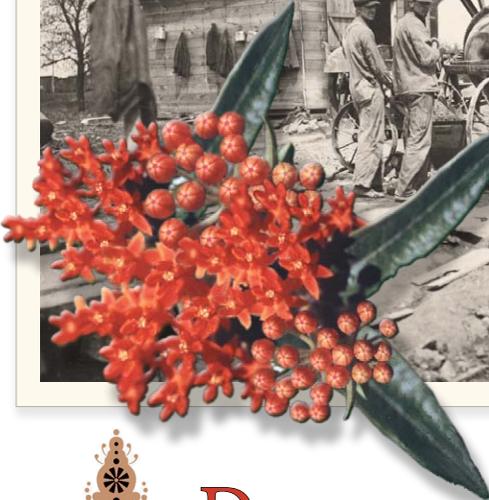


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Canada wildrye  
*Elymus canadensis*



Workers using mortar mixer, 1913

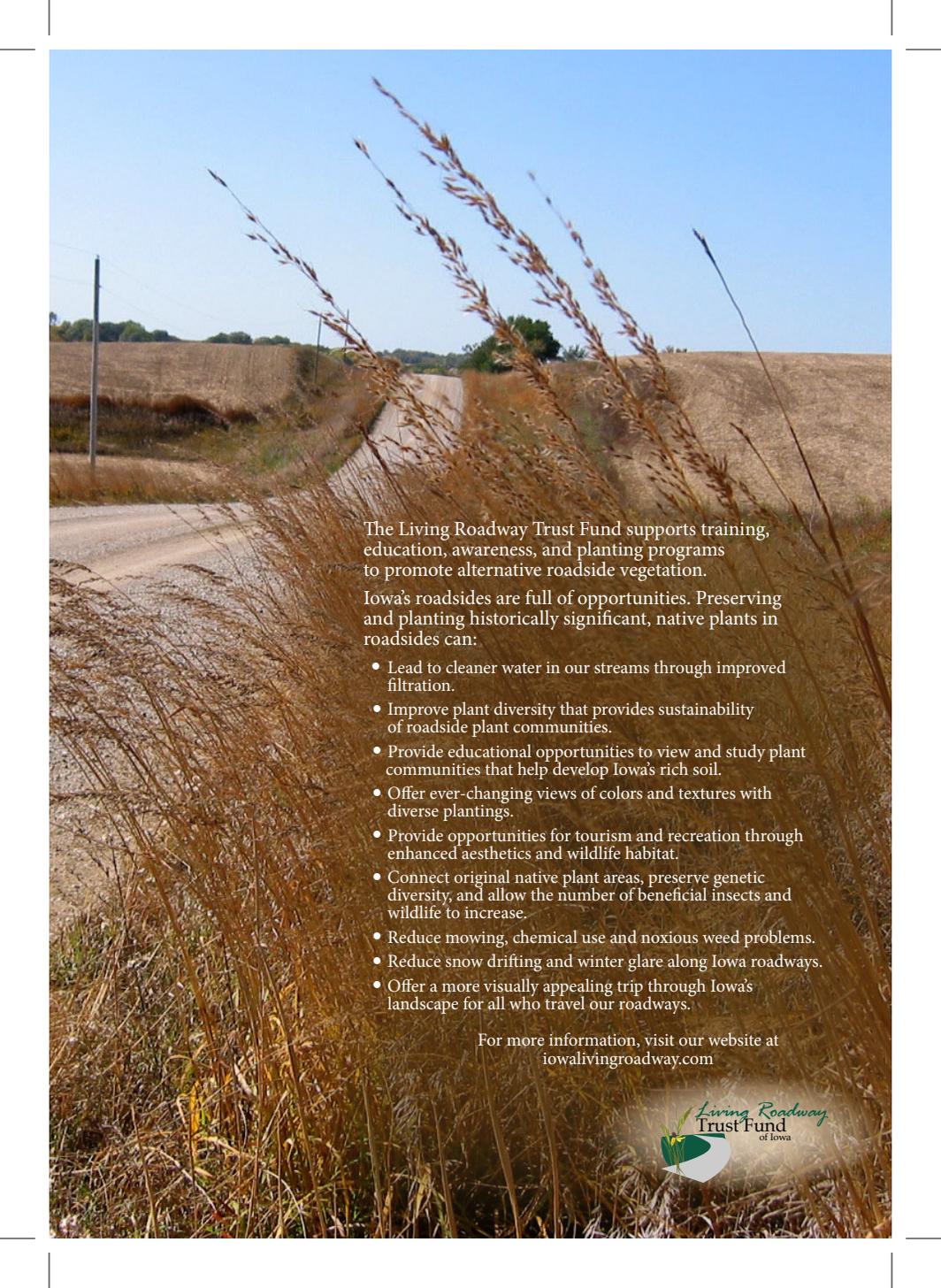


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Butterfly milkweed  
*Asclepias tuberosa*



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.
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- 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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Grey-headed coneflower

Purple prairie clover

Rattlesnake master

Compass plant

Purple coneflower

Stiff Gentian

Prairie blazing star



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