Pollinator restoration programs, plant identification, and traditional ecological knowledge

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### Pollinator Restoration Efforts

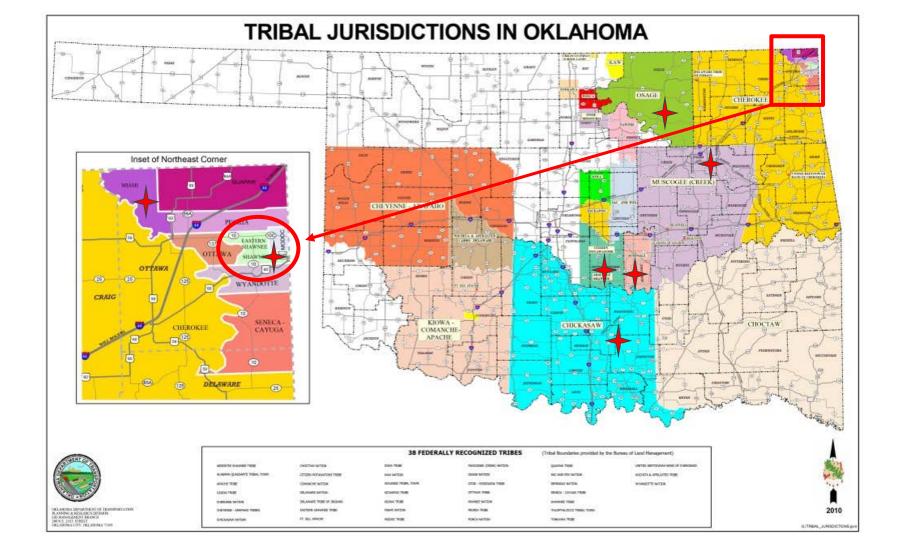
Began in 2015 working for Citizen Potawatomi Nation

Partnered with Tribal Environmental Action for Monarchs (TEAM)

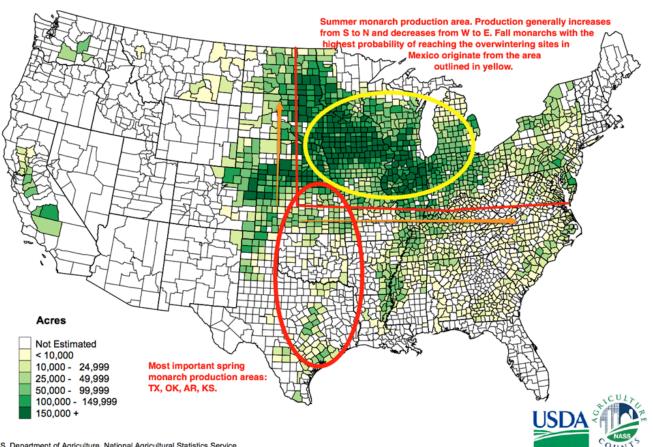
Eastern Shawnee (ESTOO), 6 other tribes and 2 non-profits working together in Oklahoma

- Technical Training
- Site Selection and Preparation
- Develop a seed bank

ESTOO has built rain gardens and planted several acres of pollinator plants on their properties including demonstration plots



### MONARCH BUTTERFLY RECOVERY PLAN













## Growing Wildflowers

Continuing to grow up to 4000/year in one of the three greenhouses

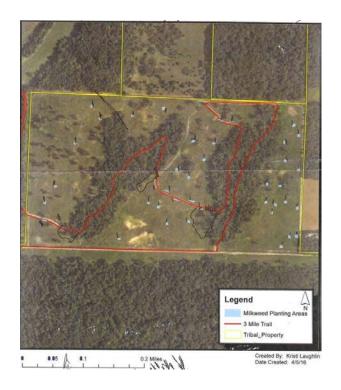
Partners with the ESTOO Early Childhood Learning Center to provide learning opportunities

Donated 200 plants to the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma's Seed Bank gardens



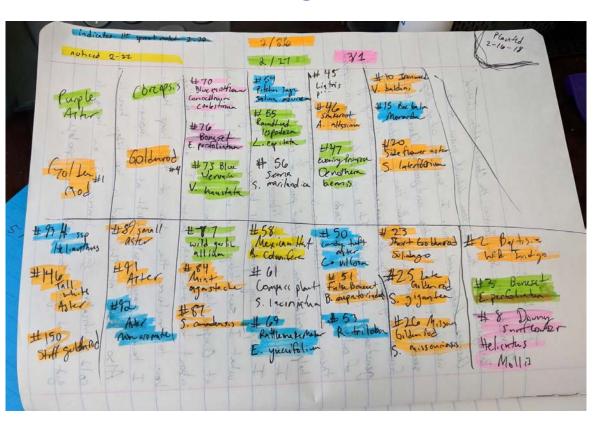
## Milkweed plantings

5000 milkweed plants provided by Monarch watch to each TEAM tribe





## Local species grown



Lost all seedlings from a few species

Marked 7 new species this year to add to seed collection

# Demonstration plots

Planted near the greenhouses along the Shawnee Recreational Trails open to all the public



#### Plant Identification

A continual learning process aided by the internet!



#### Lobelia cardinalis

Lobelia cardinalis L.

Cardinal flower

Campanulaceae (Bellflower Family)

Synonym(s): Lobelia cardinalis ssp. graminea, Lobelia cardinalis var. graminea, Lobelia cardinalis var. meridionalis, Lobelia cardinalis var. multiflora, Lobelia cardinalis var. phyllostachya, Lobelia cardinalis var. propinqua, Lobelia cardinalis var. pseudosplendens, Lobelia fulgens, Lobelia splendens



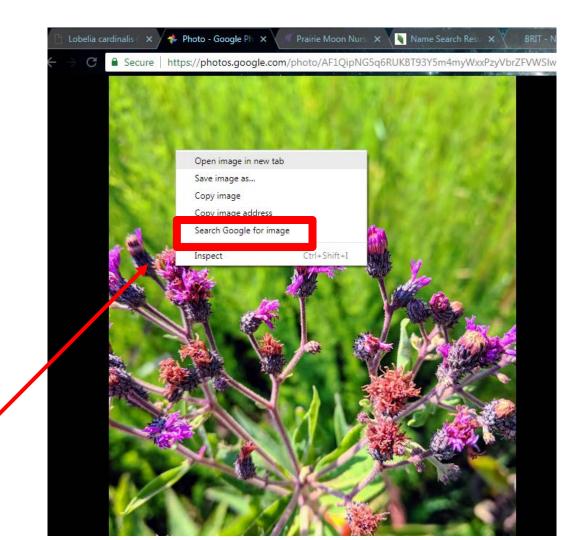
USDA Native Status: L48 (N), CAN (N)



Brundage, Stephanie

This 1-6 ft. perennial has showy, red flowers in 8 in., terminal spikes. Each flower has three spreading lower petals and two upper petals, all united into a tube at the base. Erect leafy stems, often in clusters, with racemes of flowers resembling flaming red spires. The lower portion of the erect stem is lined with lance-shaped leaves.

Although relatively common, overpicking this handsome wildflower has resulted in its scarcity in some areas. Since most insects find it difficult to navigate the long tubular flowers, Cardinal Flower depends on hummingbirds, which feed on the nectar, for pollination. Its common name alludes to the bright red robes worn by Roman Catholic cardinals. In southern Arizona, Sierra Madre Lobelia (*L. laxiflora*) is



Searching the web...

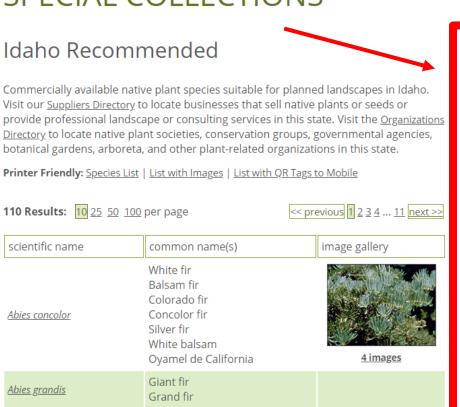


A secondary reference source...

#### Searching by State



#### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS



#### NARROW YOUR SEARCH SELECT STATE OR PROVINCE All states and provinces GENERAL APPEARANCE All habits LIFESPAN All durations Narrow your search LIGHT REQUIREMENT Sun - 6 or more hrs ■ Part shade - 2 to 6 hrs Shade - 2 hrs or less SOIL MOISTURE Dry - no signs of moisture

Moist - looks & feels damn

## **Understanding Propagation**

https://www.prairiemoon.com/asclepias-incarnata-rose-milkweed-prairie-moon-nursery.html

#### Prairie Moon Nursery

Lots of useful pictures

Standardized Germination Codes

Great "at a glance guide"

Limited species data



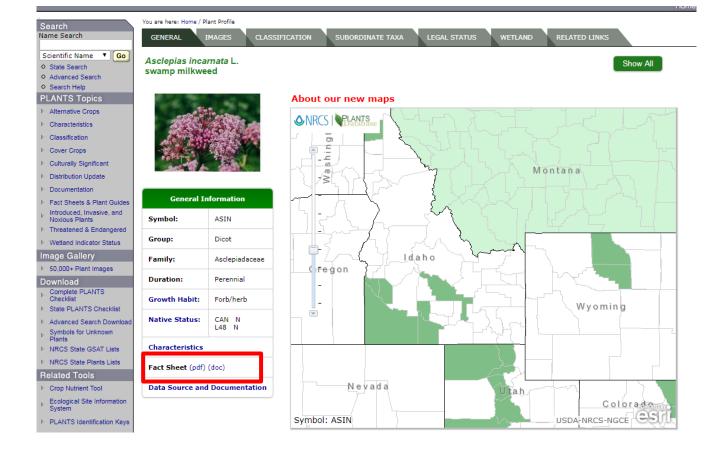
ABOUT RANGE MAP Q & A PLANTING SHIPPING

Asclepias incarnata, Rose Milkweed, is also commonly called Red Milkweed, Marsh Milkweed, or Swamp Milkweed. That lovely vanilla fragrance you detect coming from large rosy pink flowers possibly hosting several Monarch or Swallowtail butterflies is Rose Milkweed. This deer-resistant plant grows in moist to average soils, and blooms in July and August. Later, large pods form which will break open to reveal seeds that will float away in the wind. If growing Rose Milkweed from seed, try fall planting - or if planting in spring be sure to first moist-cold stratify the seeds for a month. Large numbers of Rose Milkweed can often be seen growing in wetland settings.

Dormant bare root plants ship each year during optimal transplanting season: Fall (October) or Spring (April/May).

Potted plants come in trays of 38 and ship when all plants in the tray are well-rooted and transit-ready, early May through June. Click here if you prefer to mix/match up to 6 species in a tray.

i DETAILS	
Seeds/Packet	100
Seeds/Ounce	4,800
Germination Code	C(30)
Sun Exposure	Full, Partial
Soil Moisture	Wet, Medium-Wet, Medium
Height	4 feet
Bloom Time	June, July, August
Bloom Color	Pink
USDA Zones	3-9
Plant Spacing	18-36"
Catalog Number	ASC08F



#### Consulting USDA data

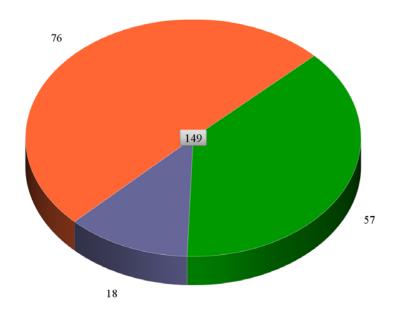
## TEK and ethnobotany

ESTOO and majority of Indians in Oklahoma were removed here in the early to mid 19th century.

Loss of traditional habitat impacted plant knowledge and contributed to cultural loss

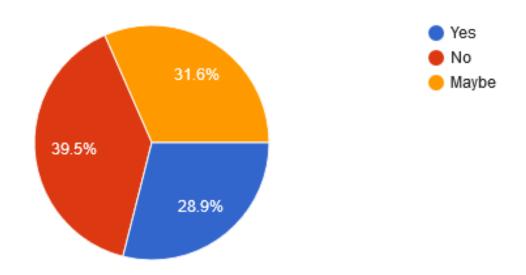
Using these plants in conjunction with cultural revitalization efforts

## Seneca-Cayuga Traditional medicinal plants availability post removal



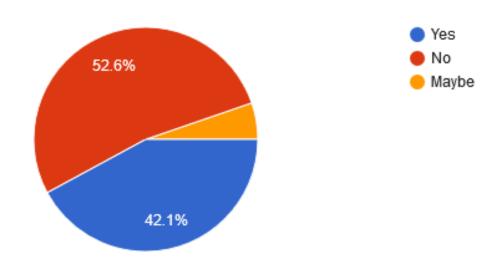
### Is information about Traditional Foods available in your community?

38 responses



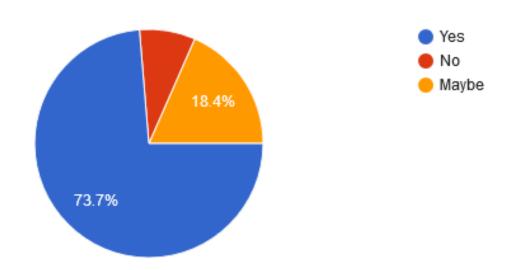
## Do you or a member of your family participate in gathering any wild edibles or traditional foods?

38 responses



## Are you interested in learning more about traditional foods if it were available?

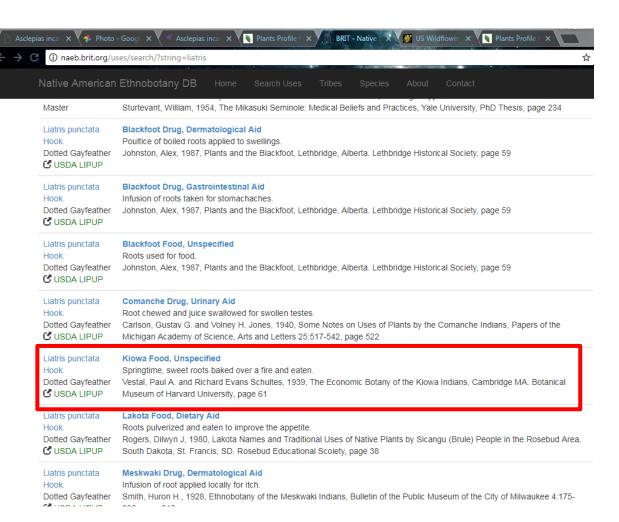
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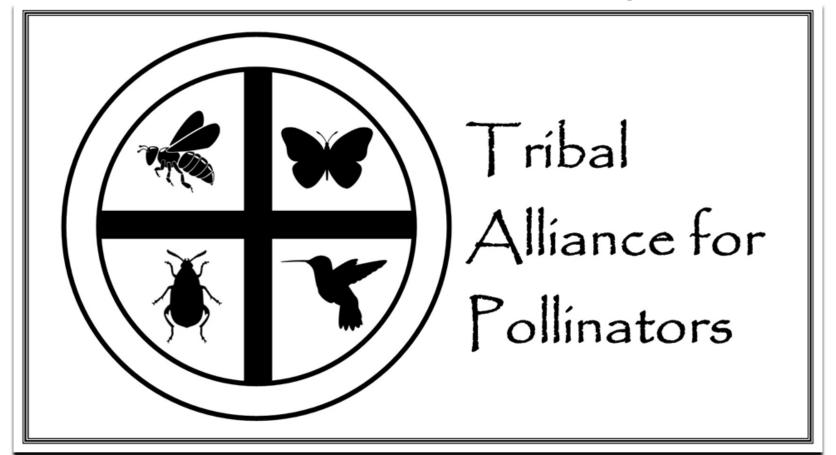
## Gathering TEK in a space removed

There is some overlap of plants, and some TEK is still used by Tribal Members

Gathering data about plants unknown is useful in adjusting to the new space



## www.TapConnection.org





### TAP conference October 24-26

Day one-seed gathering at Seneca-Cayuga tribal lands

Day 2 - seed processing demonstrations, seed stratification, plant production at Euchee Butterfly Farm

Day 3 - presentations at College of Muscogee Creek Nation

# "It's hard to kill a Native" -David Correll, Chickasaw Nation Greenhouses