

Planting 58 – Naylor Rd Planting – Final Portion of Agricultural Field – Fall 2002

This northern most and lowest part of the “field” was corn last (2002 growing season) and was hand planted with highly diverse mix of species collected by Jay Stacy and Mary Viereg and others.

Seed species list is in the paper files under Seed Mixes 2002.

From: vwhat@speakeasy.net
Sent: Wednesday, July 28, 2004 4:58 PM
To: bkleiman@tnc.org
Subject: Re: Successful prairie planting

Hi Bill

I'm glad you like the planting. It's very satisfying to see snakes slithering and birds nesting and wonderful plants growing in what used to be a soybean field. Thanks for giving me the opportunity to do it.

I don't know how many acres there are; I've never acquired an eye for that measurement. I planted 162 species on the oak knoll, the sunny area around it, and in the treeline area I cleared winter before last. So far, I've documented 94 species but there may be more like the goldenrods and asters that I won't be able to confirm until they bloom. I planted additional species in the north and south wetter areas of the Bermuda Triangle but I haven't really surveyed them yet.

Thanks for taking pictures. I would love to pay for copies of the film shots no matter how they turn out, and if you can e-mail the digitals or download them onto a disk or CD, that would be great.

We're off to points west early Friday morning, so I'll probably see y'all again August 9. Keep cool.

Mary

-----Original Message-----

From: Bill Kleiman [mailto:bkleiman@tnc.org]
Sent: Monday, July 26, 2004 06:37 PM
To: 'Mary Viereg'
Subject: Successful prairie planting

Mary: Thinking of sending this photo and text to Illinois TNC staff and Nachusa's email list. Promoting the project via your work. Can you clarify the text as needed please? About how many species did you plant? About how many acres? Do you know how many of the species you planted have shown up so far?

I attach a recent photo of a prairie planting at Nachusa that was done by volunteer Mary Viereg. Mary led the seed collecting effort and brought in an amazing variety and abundance of seed to plant this former corn field to prairie. This planting looks very handsome. It is rich with gayfeather, wild quinine, button blazing star, pale Indian plantain, western sunflower....and likely another 75 species of plants. Way to go Mary!

Some other nice plantings to view are at Thelma Carpenter prairie, Hook Larson Prairie, Sand Farm, and the new Headquarters planting.