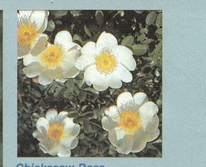
LOUISIANA PROJECT Wildflower

During the mid to late 1800's efforts were made by individual states to attract potential settlers to their borders. It was during this time that promoters in our state dubbed Louisiana "The Garden State" because of the vast diversity in our native flora, and due to the fact that our extra long growing season allowed for the blooming of wildflowers almost year around. The promotion obviously worked as newcomers from Iowa, Nebraska, and other Great Plains states poured into Louisiana and immediately began setting up farming and ranching operations alongside the French, Spanish, African, and Native Americans who were already there. Unfortunately, this boom in citizenry and agriculture spelled the beginning of a long slow demise of Louisiana's native flora and fauna.

So here we stand, about 100 years later, with a still lovely state but with comparatively less diversity in our native plant and animal species. In the early 1980's the Nature Conservancy teamed up with our state government to form the Louisiana Natural Heritage Program, whose task it was to search out and identify exactly what Louisiana has left of its native species. By 1986 the program had identified more than 70 distinct and separate habitats composed of a still surprisingly large number of plants and animals. Interest in preserving what we have left of this remarkable degree of biological diversity slowly began to surface.

During this same time one particular group of concerned citizens from all over the state began meeting to discuss ways in which native stands of Louisiana plants, wildflowers in particular, could be preserved and even restored to the areas where they once flourished. In 1987, after several successful planting projects across the state, the group finally achieved the necessary momentum to officially incorporate as a nonprofit organization called "Louisiana Project Wildflower." Louisiana Project Wildflower is composed of Project Wildflower members from Louisiana's many local chapters, biology professionals, garden club members, governmental officials, landscape architects, and many other individuals who simply appreciate flowers and maintain smaller garden plots around their homes and camps.

Scarlet Catchfly


Chickasaw Rose

Non-native Wildflowers

Rose Gentian

Wild Azalea

Coreopsis

Coral Honeysuckle

Obedient Plant

Louisiana Blue Star

Meadow Beauty

Blue-eyed Grass

Indian Blanket

Tall Black-eyed Susan

Copper Iris

Shooting Star

Salt-marsh Mallow

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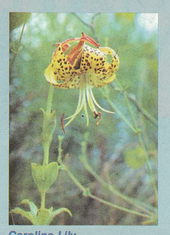
Carolina Lily

Coreopsis

Butterfly Weed

Rose Gentian

Blue Larkspur

Coreopsis Along La. 28
Between Alexandria and Leesville

Louisiana

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14. Federal Buildings
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26. Lafayette Square
27. Lafitte's Blacksmith Shop
28. Lee Monument
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