

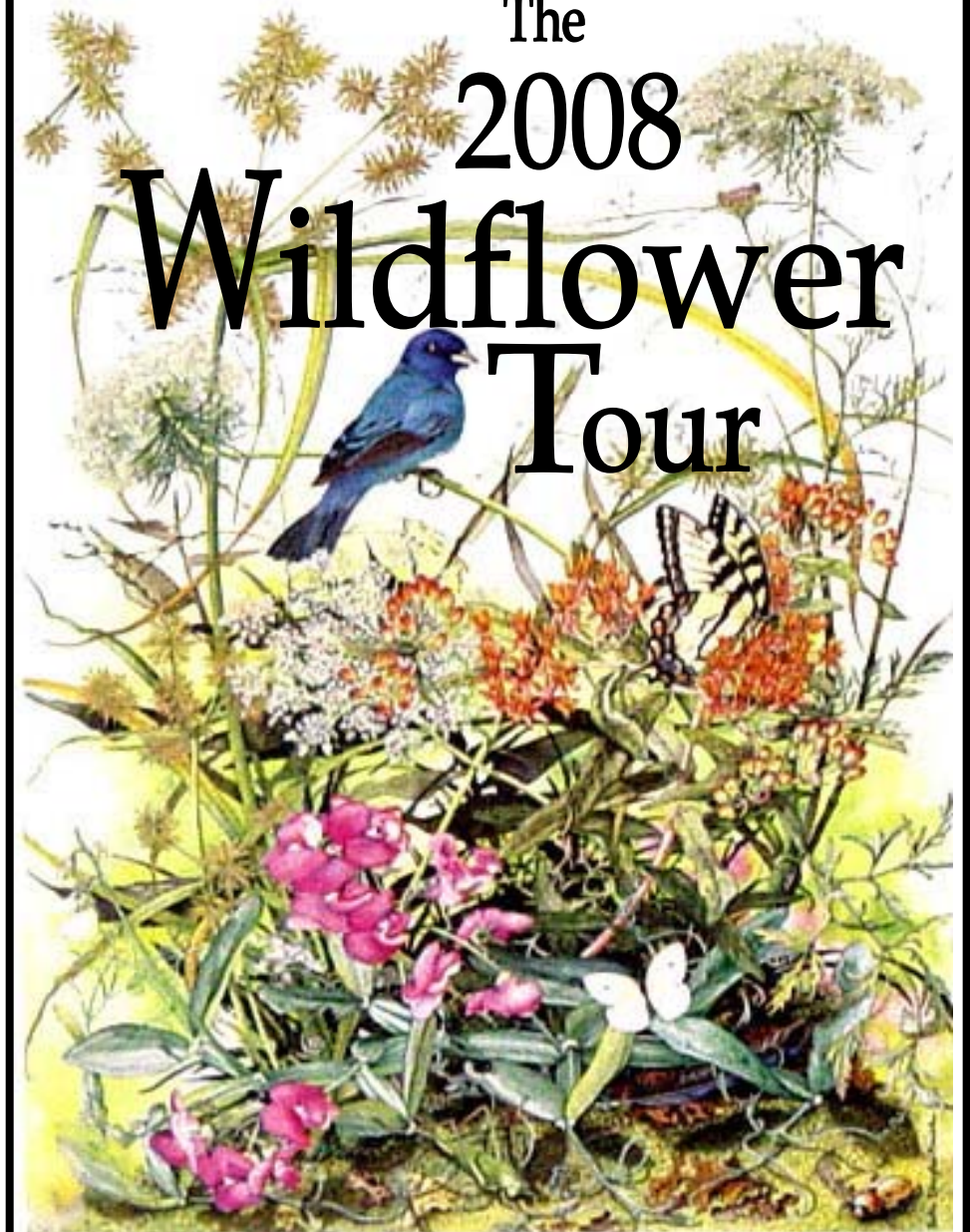
The Mississippi Native Wildflower  
Conservation Program

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The

2008

Wildflower  
Tour





## Tour Agenda

June 25, 2008

- Registration 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.
- Morning Tours 8:15, 8:45, 9:15, 10:00, 10:30, & 11:00 a.m.
- Lunch 11:00 - 1:00 p.m.
- Afternoon Tours 1:00 & 1:30 p.m.

## Indoor Presentations



### The Conscientious Gardener

*Presented by*

*Lelia Scott Kelly, MSU Ext. Service*

*@ 9:00, 10:00, & 1:00*

### Edible Landscaping

*Presented by*

*Susan Harkness, MAFES*

*@ 9:00, 10:00, & 11:00*

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# Tour History

The Mississippi Native Wildflower Conservation Program was created as a joint effort of several agencies. Years ago, the National Park Service (NPS) requested the USDA Jamie L. Whitten Plant Materials Center (PMC) near Coffeeville, MS, research the possibility of using native plants and wildflowers to control erosion and beautify areas along the Natchez Trace Parkway.

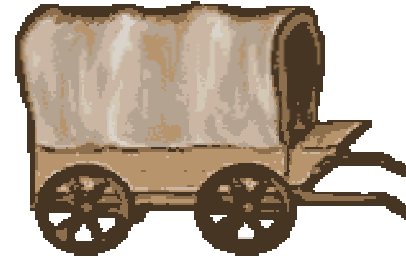
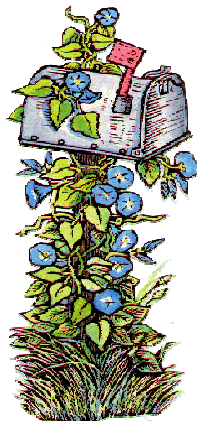
The Park Service had some unsuccessful plantings of varieties purchased from vendors located in other geographic regions of the U.S. The PMC began the painstaking task of harvesting seeds from Mississippi's rich and varied assortment of native wildflowers. These varieties were researched, cultivated and grown over the years and supplied to the NPS to use in plantings along the Natchez Trace.

The Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation Commission (MSWCC) wanted to make these seeds available to the general public, but this required legislative action. A bill was introduced, and in 1996 the Mississippi Legislature authorized the Wildflower Seed Revolving Fund, which allows the purchase of seeds by the MSWCC from the PMC. Through the cooperation of the USDA/NRCS and the MSWCC, the Mississippi Native Wildflower Conservation Program was established. To purchase wildflower seeds, contact your county soil and water conservation service office or the Mississippi Soil and Water Conservation Commission office in Jackson.

For more information contact:

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# Tour Stops

## Wildflower Establishment

*Presented By*  
*Tommy Moss, NRCS*

## Pollinators

*Presented By*  
*Dr. Sherry Surrette, MS Museum of Natural Science*

## Native Grasses & Wildflowers

*Presented By*  
*Lynn Libous-Bailey, ARS*

## Invasive Plants

*Presented by*  
*Dr. Victor Maddox, MSU Extension Service*



Celebrate National  
Pollinator Week!  
June 22-28, 2008



# Where do I go?

Ladies Restrooms



The Conscientious Gardener



Edible Landscaping



Lunch will be served here



Men's Restrooms Inside Shop



Plant Swap

# Mississippi Native Wildflowers



Black-eyed Susan



Swamp Rose Mallow



Bur Marigold



Lyre-Leaf Sage



Plains Coreopsis



Clasping Coneflower



Partridge Pea

Seeds are available for sale at the Plant Swap!

