

Planting 9 – Entrance/Coneflower Unit – 1992

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This is the rectangular, low-lying field, adjacent to Lowden Rd. and between the Main Visitor Entrance Parking and the yellow house.

It was planted in 1992 it seems, from the notes. Perhaps some in spring '92 and some in Fall/winter '91.

There is a list of species for Mesic sites, which this seems to be.

The species seemed to “come in” in waves, year by year. I remember in about 1994 or 95 that a lot of *Mondarda fistulosa* showed. Then a few years after that the *Penstemon digitalis* was showiest. Then the Compass plant and other *Silphiums* finally bloomed.

It has had various troubles with wild parsnip and white and yellow sweet clover, but those weeds seem to be diminishing. The queen Anne's lace is still a problem and Red clover seems to be increasing.

It has burned well, but is not burned yearly.