



# Cooper Marsh Nursery & Wildlife Garden

September 5, 2017



Claire, visiting from England, helps us pot some Nodding Onion (*Allium cernuum*), a species that we will use in the Butterfly and Songbird meadow where a section of the site has highly silty soils.



## Monarchs Make Use of Butterfly & Songbird Meadow

Monarch butterfly populations seem to have been making a resurgence with more being observed this year than in the past few years. They are currently making good use of the milkweeds in the Butterfly and Songbird Meadow!

## Goldenrod (*Solidago*)

This much maligned native species often inaccurately accused of causing hay fever, is an important source of nectar for a variety of bees, wasps and butterflies. Prized as a garden plant in Britain, it is slowly gaining acceptance in North America.



**Upcoming:** 1:30 p.m., Thursday September 7th, Philip Fry conducts the next "Working with Wildflowers" Seminar at the Cooper Marsh Visitors Centre. The subsequent seminar is scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. On Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, Environmental students from St. Lawrence College are scheduled to plant the Butterfly & Songbird Garden.

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