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LEELANAU NATIVE PLANTS INITIATIVE PROGRAM

THURSDAY, APRIL 25 • NOON – 1PM

Leelanau County Government Center

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One third of North America's birds are currently at risk of extinction. Native bees and butterflies are similarly at risk. Although tragic, this is not reason to descend into gloom and doom. Rather, the situation is a call to action for those who care about the future for all of our wildlife.

Leelanau Native Plants Initiative (LNPI) aims to raise awareness among county landowners of this serious decline in birds, pollinators and other wildlife. The majority of these declines can be traced to habitat loss – either directly through development or indirectly through the spread of introduced floral and faunal species. Healthy habitats are comprised of native plants, which we are losing to displacement by invasive species or replacement by horticultural plants. Birds depend heavily on native insects, especially when feeding their young. Those insects, including our essential pollinators, require **native plantings** to reproduce.

Partners in this project include: Leelanau County, Leelanau Conservation District, Invasive Species Network, Leelanau Conservancy, Saving Birds Thru Habitat, Master Gardeners, Leelanau County Schools, Leelanau Clean Water, Leelanau Parks & Recreation, Four Season Nursery and more.

This year, the program includes:

- Leelanau School Students, and a poster presentation by Leland High School Students.
- Presentation by Invasive Species Network Coordinator, Katie Grzesiak about damage to our native ecosystems by invasive species.
- Refreshments and light snacks.

For more information, please call (231) 271-3738

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