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Weeds are flowers too, once you get to know them.
– A. A. Milne

Web Sites

Weed Appreciation Day

28th Mar each year

Is there anything more aggravating than working in your garden and finding yet another sprouting of weeds after you thought you got them all? Seriously, weeds are just so incredibly annoying and you're right to rip them out. Then afterwards you can sit on your porch and enjoy the dandelions that grow in your front yard, their bright yellow eyes turned to the sun. Weed Appreciation Day reminds you that those dandelions are weeds too, along with numerous other plants that you don't mind growing in the yard.

History of Weed Appreciation Day

Weed Appreciation Day was established to remind people that a weed is just a plant growing where you don't want it to grow. Blackberries are fantastic when you find them growing wild in the forest, but are perhaps less desirable when you find them growing in the middle of your rhododendron bushes. That's basically the details of what makes a weed a weed, and there are hundreds of 'weeds' that are incredibly important in health, science, and culinary uses. After all, dandelion wine isn't just a pretty name!

There's also chickweed, which believe it or not is actually quite tasty and packed with vitamins, but most people just rip them out and throw them in the compost bin or burn them. Chicory is often considered to be a weed as well, though it's a pretty little plant with bright blue flowers, but it's a hugely popular drink in the south, especially in Louisiana. Certainly it's the roots, but still, weeds are weeds only if you don't want them where you find them!

Weed Appreciation Day reminds you to get out there and really look at your yard, and find out if perhaps what you once thought of us as a weed, is actually a wonderful new surprise living in your lawn.

How to celebrate Weed Appreciation Day

Take a really close look at your yard, get right in there and really look at those weeds before you pull them from the lawn or the yard. In fact, take out your phone and take a picture, then go inside and use those pictures to look up the plants you found in the yard online! You may find out all sorts of fun information about what's growing in your yard, and even if you still want it out of there, you'll at least know what you're removing!

Science Friday: Time To Stop Picking on Weeds and Non-Natives?

[Archived Content] Many weeds and non-native species are actually beneficial to humans--and the environment.

<http://ec2-23-21-117-9.compute-1.amazonaws.com/topics/home-planet/segment/07/15/2011/time-to-stop-picking-on-weeds-and-non-natives.html>

National Integrated Pest Management Network

This site shows general info on IPM, but allows you to get specific by picking a pest or a commodity.

<http://www.ipmcenters.org/>

Pearson: Many Cultures Meet (Prehistory-1550)

This podcast explores how weeds were part of colonization and effected farming in Europe and the Americas.

http://www.phschool.com/ss_podcasts/mp3/chapter1_taylor.mp3

Hardware/Software

Respond fast

You can respond to messages from the Lock screen, just swipe the notification left, then tap *Reply*.

Hints/Tips

Forward a message

You can forward messages received on iOS.

- To do so, select the message and then choose **More** from the menu that appears.
 - A blue tick appears to the left of the message and you'll see an arrow at bottom right of the display.
 - Tap the arrow and you can then send it on to someone else.
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Riddles You Can Tell in Class

- 1 - *What do you get when you cross a rooster and a duck?*
- 2 - *What kind of horses go out after dark?*
- 3 - *Why did Beethoven get rid of his chickens?*

- 1 - A bird that gets up at the quack of dawn!
- 2 - Nightmares
- 3 - Because they kept saying "Bach, Bach, Bach."

This Day in History

Birthdates which occurred on March 29:

- 1888 James E Casey founder (United Parcel Service)
- 1913 Phil Foster Brooklyn NY, comedian (Frank De Fazio-Laverne & Shirley)
- 1916 Eugene J McCarthy Watkins MN, (Senator-Democrat-MN, Presidential candidate 1968)
- 1917 Man O'War racehorse (winner of 20 out of 21 races & \$249,465)
- 1918 Pearl Bailey Newport News VA, singer (Hello Dolly)
- 1918 Sam Walton billionaire CEO (Wal-Mart)
- 1939 Nancy Kwan Hong Kong, actress (Flower Drum Song, Night Creature)
- 1941 Terence Hill Venice Italy, actor (Super Fuzz, They Call Me Trinity)
- 1943 Eric Idle South Shields Durham England, comedian/actor (Monty Python)
- 1943 John Major British Prime Minister (C, 1990-97)
- 1943 Vangelis [Evangelos Papathanassiou] Valos Greece, composer/keyboardist (Chariots of Fire)
- 1944 Denny McLain Detroit Tiger pitcher (1968 American League MVP/Cy Young/31 wins)
- 1945 Walt "Clyde" Frazier NBA guard (New York Knicks)
- 1955 Dianne Kay Phoenix AZ, actress (Nancy-8 is Enough, Reggie, Glitter)
- 1955 Earl Campbell NFL running back (Houston, New Orleans, 1977 Heisman)
- 1956 Kurt Thomas US, gymnast (Olympics), actor (Gymkata)
- 1976 Jennifer Capriati Long Island NY, tennis pro (Federation Cup-1990, Olympics-gold-92)
- 2334 Beverly Crusher Copernicus Luna, fictional doctor-Star Trek Next Generation
- 2336 Deanna Troi Betazed, fictional counsellor-Star Trek Next Generation

On This Day:

- 1461 Battle near Towton Field, 33,000 die (War of the Roses)
- 1638 1st permanent white settlement in Delaware (Swedish Lutherans)
- 1827 20,000 attend Ludwig von Beethoven's burial in Vienna
- 1852 Ohio makes it illegal for children under 18 & women to work more than

10 hours a day
1865 Battle of Quaker Road, Virginia
1867 Congress approves Lincoln Memorial
1871 Albert Hall is opened by Queen Victoria in London
1882 Knights of Columbus chartered for Catholic men
1886 Chemist John Pemberton begins to advertise for Coca-Cola (with cocaine)
1897 Japan adopts Gold Standard
1932 Jack Benny debuts on radio
1936 Nazi propaganda claims 99% of Germans voted for Nazi candidates
1940 Joe Louis KOs Johnny Paycheck in 2 to retain heavyweight boxing title
1943 Meat, butter & cheese rationed in US during WWII (784 gram/week, 2 kilogram for GI's)
1961 23rd Amendment is ratified, allows Washington DC residents to vote for President
1962 Jack Paar's final appearance on the "Tonight Show"
1966 Muhammad Ali beats George Chuvalo in 15 for heavyweight boxing title
1971 1st Lieutenant William L Calley Jr found guilty in My Lai (Vietnam) massacre
1971 Chile President Allende nationalizes banks/copper mines
1984 NFL Baltimore Colts move to Indianapolis under cover of night
1988 US Congress discontinues aid to Nicaraguan contras
1989 I M Pei's pyramidal entrance to the Louvre opens in Paris France
1990 Houston's Akeem Olajuwon scores the 3rd NBA quadruple double 18 points, 16 rebounds, 10 assists & 11 blocks vs Milwaukee
1994 Coach Jimmy Johnson quits Dallas Cowboys
1997 1st game at Turner Field Atlanta, Braves beats Yankees 2-0 (exhibition)

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