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## Remebering the gifts of May and looking forward to June

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We celebrated Mother's Day, witnessed the explosion of the wildflowers, the presence of the pollinators and the nesting of the birds.

I celebrated my Mother and all of my women ancestors.

As we leave Spring behind and move into the Summer Solstice, let's not to forget to clean out nest boxes you have provided.

Make sure that the cavity nesting birds have fledged and then you can clean out boxes for next year's birds.

Usually just washing out the boxes with soap and water is enough.

May and June are prime months for removing the non-native invasive plants before they go to seed.

The list is : great reed, pampas grass, cotoneaster, scotch broom, blue gum, spurge, fennel, fresh broom, ivy, Monterey pine, blackberry, vinca, Chinese palsy ,non-native thistle.

Happy weeding by pulling by the root.

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