

Daffodils and fire

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In a message dated 6/6/2008 9:29:01 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time, txdaffodils@suddenlink.net writes:

Anyway Daffodils won't survive in a closed canopy, deep dark forest. They won't survive in a Tall Grass Prairie due to shading or the late spring/early summer hot grass fires would kill them back as these fires normally occur every 3-5 years. (Shaw Nature preserve in St. Louis for example where they are converting the property to tall native grasses and burning the grounds regularly is leaving spindly daffodil foliage and no blooms.) SO I am assuming daffodils co-existed in areas with natural shortgrass prairie type habitat or possibly with certain species of native grazing animals. Keith Kridler Mt. Pleasant, Texas

Keith,

I'm not sure I can agree with your comments about daffodils and fire. We have returned to the same site in Spain several times looking for *n. lucitanicus* also called *triandrus concolor*. It is a miniature-sized deep golden yellow *triandrus*. The first year the hillside was totally covered with bloom. There had been a recent fire and we were covered with ash from the black branches all over the ground. Three years ago we returned and found little bloom. The shrub had all grown up and was very thick, shading the area where the species had been. Luckily we passed another site where there had been a recent fire and the hillside was again totally covered with the little beauties. It is my guess that the seeds of some of these species remain dormant for years waiting for a little ash and sunlight to bring them to life once again. We have noticed similar patterns with *triandrus triandrus*.

Kathy

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