



Cloning Trillium

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ADDITIONAL NOTES ON OAKS IN EAST-CENTRAL SASKATCHEWAN

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On 7 April, 1981 while visiting a friend in Yorkton, I mentioned about the Bur Oak that we had found in our area. She then told me that a relative of theirs living near Willowbrook had a bluff of oaks on his farm. I immediately went out to check on it.

Mike Tereschuk who lives seven miles south and one mile east of Willowbrook took me about one-quarter mile west of his farm buildings to a hill which is the highest spot in the immediate area. On the hill is three acres completely covered with native oak

trees. There are about three more trees on the fenceline one-quarter mile south of there.

Mike, who is 65, has lived on this farm all his life. His father had left the bluff, while clearing in the early days as oaks are so deeply rooted and much harder to grub out than the poplar trees. Mike would have put the oaks on the brushpile, but his wife wouldn't let him. I complimented him on sparing the trees, and told him that they were very rare in this part of the province, and should be preserved not only because they are rare trees but also a western extension to the range of many species of insects that only live in oak forest.

If any reader knows of additional native oak records for Saskatchewan, than those which have been mentioned, could you please let me know as soon as possible, so that we can check them out this summer.