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National Wild Rice Week

Fourth Week in September

Wild rice is a member of the Poaceae family, genus *Zizania*; it is a cousin to true rice, the genus *Oryza*. Like *Oryza*, it grows in shallow water. Instead of being cultivated, as the name indicates, it grows wild in small lakes and slow-flowing streams. There are four species of wild rice, three native to North America: Northern wild rice (*Zizania palustris*) from the Great Lakes region (it is the state grain of Minnesota), Wild rice (*Zizania aquatica*), which grows in the Saint Lawrence River and on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts; and Texas wild rice (*Zizania texana*), which grows along the San Marcos River in central Texas. The fourth species is native to China, Manchurian wild rice (*Zizania latifolia*, also called *Zizania caduciflora*).

Read more at: <http://www.thenibble.com/reviews/MAIN/rice/rice-glossary6.asp#wild>