

Identifying Wildflowers



Three Asteraceae members — gray-head cone-flower (above), pale purple coneflower (right), and cup plant (below).



Prairie rose, family Rosaceae

Flowering times from Kaul, R. B, D. Sutherland, and S. Rolfsmeier. 2006. The Flora of Nebraska. University of Nebraska.

Naturalists identify wildflowers by using the flower characteristics. Often, you can consider the plant's bloom time, color of bloom, number of petals, and shape of flower in identification. This brochure presents a quick guide to important wildflowers at the monument. Flowers are listed by time of blooming and the color of each bloom-bar approximates the flower color. A field guide can assist you in exact identification, OR ASK A PARK RANGER!



Butterfly weed, family Apocynaceae



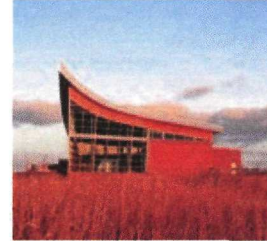
Wild strawberry, family Rosaceae



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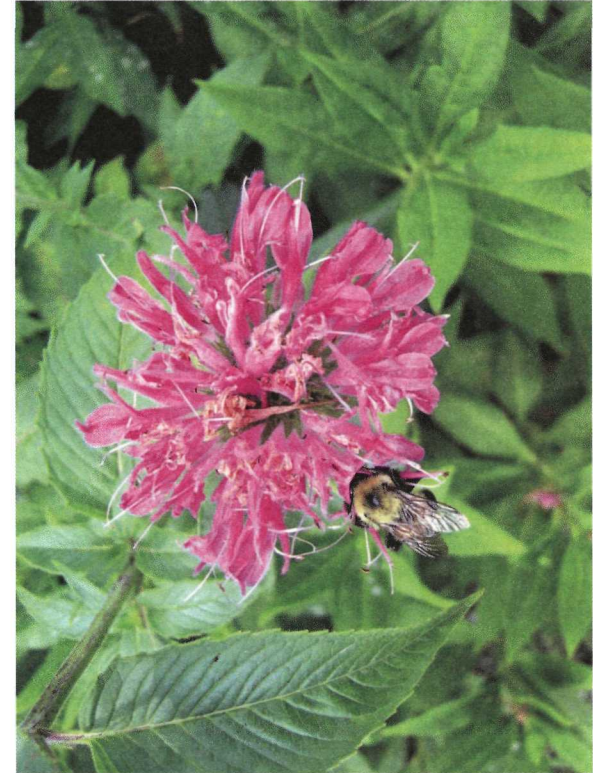
Natural Resource Monitoring

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Prairie Plant List Color and Bloom Times Homestead National Monument of America



Bee balm, *Monarda fistulosa*, also called wild bergamot, or horsemint is found in moist soil.

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Common name	Species name	Family	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep
Wild strawberry	<i>Fragaria virginiana</i>	Rosaceae						
Crow-foot violet	<i>Viola pedatifida</i>	Violaceae						
Carolina larkspur	<i>Delphinium virescens</i>	Ranunculaceae						
White prairie clover	<i>Dalea candida</i>	Fabaceae						
Light poppy mallow	<i>Callirhoe alcaeoides</i>	Malvaceae						
Blue-eyed grass	<i>Sisyrinchium campestre</i>	Iridaceae						
Slimpod Venus' looking glass	<i>Triodanis leptocarpa</i>	Campanulaceae						
Wild licorice	<i>Glycyrrhiza lepidota</i>	Fabaceae						
Venus' looking glass	<i>Triodanis perfoliata</i>	Campanulaceae						
Bedstraw	<i>Galium aparine</i>	Rubiaceae						
Canada milkvetch,	<i>Astragalus canadensis</i>	Fabaceae						
Purple prairieclover	<i>Dalea purpurea</i>	Fabaceae						
Scurfpea	<i>Psoraleum tenuiflorum</i>	Fabaceae						
Daisy Fleabane	<i>Erigeron strigosus</i>	Asteraceae						
Prairie sunflower	<i>Helianthus petiolaris</i>	Asteraceae						
Tall cinquefoil	<i>Drymocallis arguta</i>	Rosaceae						
Prairie milkweed	<i>Asclepias sullivantii</i>	Apocynaceae						
Narrow-leaf Echinacea	<i>Echinacea angustifolia</i>	Asteraceae						
Pale purple coneflower	<i>Echinacea pallida</i>	Asteraceae						
Leadplant	<i>Amorpha canescens</i>	Fabaceae						
American germander	<i>Teucrium canadense</i>	Lamiaceae						
Indian hemp	<i>Apocynum cannabinum</i>	Apocynaceae						
Common milkweed	<i>Asclepias syriaca</i>	Apocynaceae						
Wavyleaf thistle	<i>Cirsium undulatum</i>	Asteraceae						
Roundhead lespedeza	<i>Lespedeza capitata</i>	Fabaceae						
Silverleaf scurfpea	<i>Pediomelum argophyllum</i>	Fabaceae						
Butterfly milkweed	<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	Apocynaceae						
Prairie rose	<i>Rosa arkansana</i>	Rosaceae						
Whorled milkweed	<i>Asclepias verticillata</i>	Apocynaceae						
Grayhead prairieconeflower	<i>Ratibida pinnata</i>	Asteraceae						
Illinois tickclover	<i>Desmodium illinoense</i>	Fabaceae						
Common Yarrow	<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	Asteraceae						

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White avens	<i>Geum canadense</i>	Rosaceae						
Illinois bundleflower	<i>Desmanthus illinoensis</i>	Mimosaceae						
Showy tick-trefoil	<i>Desmodium canadense</i>	Fabaceae						
Rattlesnake master	<i>Eryngium yuccifolium</i>	Apiaceae						
Common sneezeweed	<i>Helenium autumnale</i>	Asteraceae						
Compass plant	<i>Silphium laciniatum</i>	Asteraceae						
Cup plant	<i>Silphium perfoliatum</i>	Asteraceae						
Beebalm	<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>	Lamiaceae						
False boneset	<i>Brickellia eupatorioides</i>	Asteraceae						
Cheerful sunflower	<i>Helianthus x laetiflorus</i>	Asteraceae						
Prairie coneflower	<i>Ratibida columnifera</i>	Asteraceae						
Blackeyed Susan	<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	Asteraceae						
Baldwin ironweed	<i>Vernonia baldwinii</i>	Asteraceae						
Oxeye	<i>Heliopsis helianthoides</i>	Asteraceae						
Azure blue sage	<i>Salvia azurea</i>	Lamiaceae						
Evening primrose	<i>Oenothera biennis</i>	Onagraceae						
Missouri goldenrod	<i>Solidago missouriensis</i>	Asteraceae						
Stiff goldenrod	<i>Solidago rigida</i>	Asteraceae						
Mares tail	<i>Conyza canadensis</i>	Asteraceae						
Downy gentian	<i>Gentiana puberulenta</i>	Gentianaceae						
Louisiana sagewort	<i>Artemisia ludoviciana</i>	Asteraceae						
Ashy sunflower	<i>Helianthus mollis</i>	Asteraceae						
Stiff sunflower	<i>Helianthus pauciflorus ssp.</i>	Asteraceae						
Jerusalem artichoke	<i>Helianthus tuberosus</i>	Asteraceae						
Annual sunflower	<i>Helianthus annuus</i>	Asteraceae						
Wingstem	<i>Verbesina alternifolia</i>	Asteraceae						
Heath aster	<i>Aster ericoides</i>	Asteraceae						
Tall thistle	<i>Cirsium altissimum</i>	Asteraceae						
Saw-tooth sunflower	<i>Helianthus grosseserratus</i>	Asteraceae						
Dotted gayfeather	<i>Liatris punctata</i>	Asteraceae						
Canada goldenrod	<i>Solidago canadensis</i>	Asteraceae						
Nodding ladies'-tresses	<i>Spiranthes cernua</i>	Orchidaceae						
Maximilian sunflower	<i>Helianthus maximiliani</i>	Asteraceae						
American deervetch	<i>Lotus purshianus</i>	Fabaceae						

