



# Prairie paintbrush

*Castilleja sessiliflora* (Figwort family)

Native

Not as brightly colored as some of its mountain relatives but still a beauty

# Howard's Evening Primrose

*Oenothera howardii* (Evening Primrose family)

Native

Large yellow flowers open in the evening and are gone by mid morning the next day



# Stork's bill

*Erodium cicutarium* (Geranium family)

Introduced

A common early weed with tiny flowers. The fruit pods look like a stork's bill. They open suddenly to catapult the seeds





# Missouri milkvetch

*Astragalus smissouriensis* (Pea family)

Native

Common plants on the plains,  
sometimes also called locoweeds

# Two grooved milkvetch

*Astragalus bisulcatus* (Pea family)

Native

Colors white to deep magenta.  
Leaves are smooth, pods have two  
longitudinal grooves



# Drummond's milkvetch

*Astragalus drummondii* (Pea family)

Native

Leaves covered with soft white  
hairs giving a gray-green  
appearance to the plant



# Blue flax

*Linum (Adenolinum) lewesii* (Linen family)

Native

Prolific this time of year. Flowers last only one day.

# Prairie groundsel

*Packera plattensis* (Sunflower family)

Native

Bright patches of yellow that match well with the wild flax



# Locoweed

*Oxytropis sericea* (Pea family)

Native

Differ from milkvetch in flower form and having no leaves on the stem. Toxic to livestock especially horses