

Soapstone Prairie Natural Area

Mid to Late July Plants



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Needle-n-thread grass

Hesperostipa comata

native

Dominant grass of mid-grass prairies blows marvelously in wind



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Rough pricklypoppy

Argemone hispida

native

Glowing flowers, stem and leaves are densely prickly



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Larkspur

Delphinium geyerii

native

Beautiful flowers but toxic to cattle. Sheep can eat it.



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Blazing star

Mentzelia (Nutallia)

native

These are buds. They open only in the late evening. The species are very difficult to tell apart. You will see both white and yellow ones here.



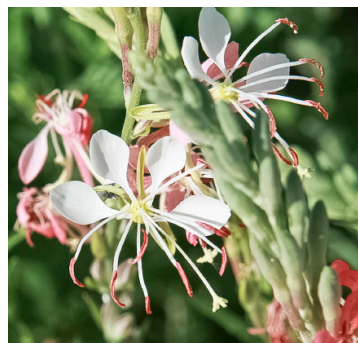
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Blue grama

Chondrosium gracile

native

One of the most important prairie grasses.



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Scarlet gaura

Gaura coccinea

native

White blooms turn deep pink with age



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Hopi tea greenthread

Thelesperma megapotamicum

native

Native Americans have used leaves, stems, flowers to make tea



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Opposite leaf bahia

Picradeniopsis oppositifolia

native

typically along roads and trails



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Bush Sunflower

Helianthus pumilus

native

Seeds a favorite food of native Americans
leaves feel like sandpaper



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Narrowleaf four o'clock

Mirabilis linearis

native

Native Americans used plant for food and medicine



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Hairy goldenaster

Heterotheca villosa

native

Smaller flowers and leaves than above and leaves hairy instead of rough



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Calcareous cryptantha

Cryptantha (Oreocarya) thyrsofolia

native

Clumps that look fuzzy with minute white flowers

