



Individual flowers

### White prairie clover

*Dalea candida*

(Pea family) native

These are deer and drought resistant and grow in poor soils. Like other members of the Pea family, they fix nitrogen from the air and so improve soil fertility.



### Hairy four o'clock

*Mirabilis linearis* (Four o'clock family) native.

Inconspicuous, easy to miss but very lovely white to light pink flowers



### Dotted blazing-star

*Liatris punctata* (Sunflower family) native.

Spikes less than a foot tall, bright lavender (color does not reproduce well in print).

## Soapstone Prairie Late July-Early August Plants



### Calcareous cryptantha

*Oreocarya thyrsoiflora* (Borage family) native.

Long-blooming plants with very hairy foliage and tiny white flowers



## Narrow-leaved butterweed

*Senecio spartioides* (Sunflower family) native.  
Toxic to livestock but unpalatable, so avoided.



## Hairy goldenaster

*Heterotheca villosa* (Sunflower family) native

These are smaller and more compact than Little sunflower. The leaves have abundant hairs giving a gray-green color to the foliage. Has use as an insecticide.

## Winterfat

*Krascheninnikovia lanata* (Goosefoot family)  
native

Bushy plants with narrow gray leaves and very hairy flower spikes. Drought tolerant. Excellent winter forage



## Little sunflower

*Helianthus pumilus* (Sunflower family)  
native

Most visible flowers right now along roads and trails. Foliage with stiff, bristly hairs that feel like sandpaper. The seeds have 20% oil content and were a favorite food of Native Americans.