



Yucca

Yucca glauca

(Agave family) native

A very useful plant. Leaves can be shredded from the sharp point to make the equivalent of needle and thread. Shampoo can be made from pounded roots — why a common name is soaproot



Drummond's milkvetch

Astragalus drummondii (Pea family) native.

These are very similar to the white locoweed *Oxytropis sericea*, but these have leaves all the way up the stem and the leaves have fine hairs that give the foliage a gray-green color.



Blanket flower

Gaillardia aristata

(Sunflower family) native.

Commonflowers. These are very attractive to butterflies

Soapstone Prairie Mid June Plants



Lambert's locoweed

Oxytropis lambertii
(Pea family) native.

The color is much better than this printed picture can show.



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Prickly poppy

Argemone hispida

(Poppy family) native

The largest and showiest plant right now. The foliage resembles thistle, and has numerous prickles on the stem and especially on the veins of the leaves. The but the flowers are distinctly poppy-like



Prairie thistle

Cirsium canescens

(Poppy family) native

These common native thistles are not aggressive and are important to native insects. The leaf edges have long spines, but not prickles on the veins like *Argemone*



Scarlet beeblossom

Oenothera suffrutescens /Gaura coccinea/

(Evening primrose family) native. These beautiful small plants normally have a long blooming season. Notice the red anthers that produce pollen on long stalks well beyond the petals. The white stigmas where the pollen lands to fertilize the flower also extend well beyond the petals.