

Soapstone Prairie Natural Area Early June Plants



Many early plants are white



White locoweed

Oxytropis sericea
(Pea family) native
Beautiful showy
flowers in clumps.
Can be toxic to
livestock, especially
horses. Leaves
mostly at base,
divided into very
hairy leaflets



Shaggy daisy
Erigeron pumilus
(Sunflower family)
native
Common in dry
grassland early in
year. Foliage has
fine fuzzy hairs.

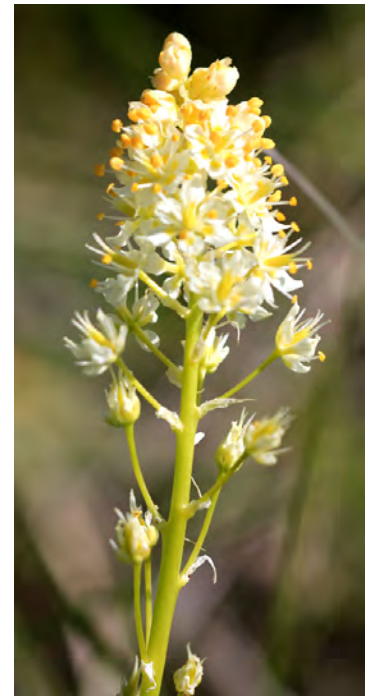


Textile onion

Allium textile
(Onion family) native
Common in early summer
Bulb has a fibrous covering.
Strong onion smell unlike
plant to right whose foliage
looks very similar.



onion umbel



Foothills death camas

Zigadenus paniculatus (False-Hellebore family) native.
Single torch-like flower heads scattered across the dry
prairie. **Poisonous** but beautiful.

Not everything is white. There are some lovely purple and yellow flowers too



Lambert's locoweed

Oxytropis lambertii (Pea family) native. This looks a great deal like the white locoweed on the front, but a different color

Missouri milkvetch

Astragalus missouriensis

(Pea family) native

Common Plains species. Several species of *Astragalus* grow here and they are difficult to tell apart without seed pods.



Bladderpod

Physaria (*Lesquerella*)
spp. (Mustard family)
native. Look for 4 petal
flowers and globular
seed pods on stalks.