



Calcareous cryptantha

Oreocarya thrysiflora (Borage family) native.

These form quite symmetrical bushy clumps. Very hairy foliage.



Two grooved milkvetch

Astragalus bisulcatus (Pea family) native.

Forms large bushy clumps. Seen along road to North parking lot. There is a white variety — scarce this year.



Blanketflower

Gaillardia aristata (Sunflower family) native.

One of the most visible flowers on the prairie. Has a long blooming season. Often visited by butterflies and other insects.

Soapstone Prairie Plants Early June-2



Scarlet beeblossom

Oenothera suffrutescens (*Gaura coccinea*) (Evening primrose family) native

The white stalks with the red tips are the anthers that produce pollen. Small, abundant, with a long blooming season



Sidebells penstemon

Penstemon secundiflorus (Plantain family) native

One of the most common Penstemons. Called sidebells because almost all of the blossoms are on one side of the flower stalk.



Fuzzytongue penstemon

Penstemon eriantherus (Plantain family) native

Looks much like Sidebells penstemon except not so common nor as one sided. The petals are not so deeply lobed and these have a very hairy (white hairs) 5th stamen in the throat of the flower where the petals flare out.



Needle-n-thread

Hesperostipa comata (Grass family) native.

Beautiful tall grass with long awns (tails on the seeds) looking like needles with attached threads. These awns blow in the wind making the prairie look like it has waves like the ocean.