

Soapstone Prairie Natural Area

Late June-Early July Plants



Blanket flower
Gaillardia aristata
(Sunflower family)

native

A very bright, showy plant common in summer

Photograss



Sawsepal penstemon

Penstemon glaber
(Figwort family)

native

One of several beautiful Penstemons at Soapstone



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Two-grooved milkvetch
Astragalus bisulcatus
(Pea family)

native

There is a white form of this species that has about finished blooming

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Prickly poppy
Argemone hispida
(Poppy family)

native

Very large showy flowers stems covered in prickles

Inside the flower - orange anthers, red stigmas

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Prairie thistle
Cirsium canescens
(Sunflower family)

native

A non-aggressive native that always seems to have orange bugs on it

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Prickly-pear cactus
Opuntia polyacantha
(Cactus family)

native

These abundant bright blooms are stealing the show right now

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Skunkbush sumac

Rhus trilobata
(Sumac family)

native

A lemonade-like drink can be made from the fuzzy berries



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Cutleaf evening primrose

Oenothera coronopifolia
(Evening primrose family)

native

relatively small plant with deeply incised leaves. On Lindenmeier trail near bench



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Calcareous cryptantha

Cryptantha thyrsiflora
(Borage family)

native

Long-blooming plant with bristly hairs on stems and leaves.



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Scarlet gaura

Gaura coccinea
(Evening primrose family)

native

Drought tolerant beauty with long blooming season

Needle-n-thread grass

Hesperostipa comata
(Grass family)

native

Beautiful native grass with long awns (tails) that blow in the wind



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New Mexican needle grass

Hesperostipa neomexiana
(Grass family)

native

Mixed with the grass to the left. This has "furry" awns that glisten in the sun.

Needle-n-thread



Seeds

New Mexican needle

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Awn--New Mexican needle grass