



Fringed sage

Artemisia frigida (Sunflower family) native.

Blue-gray foliage very noticeable this year among the yellow flowers of Prairie sunflower. Strong sage odor but this is not the culinary sage.



Louisiana sagewort

Artemisia ludoviciana (Sunflower family) native.

Very gray foliage with wider leaves than the Fringed sage.. This species has a number of varieties with different common names.



Winterfat

Krascheninnikovia lanata (Goosefoot family) native.

Looks much like the Sages but on this plant both foliage and blossoms are covered with long wooly hairs. Very good winter feed for livestock and wildlife

Soapstone Prairie Plants Early August



Wax current

Ribes cereum (Gooseberry family) native.

Pink blooms in spring turn into red berries in mid summer. Native Americans ate the berries both fresh and dried. They also used branches for arrow shafts.



Prairie sunflower or Bush sunflower

Helianthus pumilus (Sunflower family) native. Bushy plants with multiple stems create a profusion of blooms in the landscape. The leaves are small with tiny stiff bristles that make them



Indian ricegrass

Achnatherum oryzoides (Grass family) native. A delicate grass with relatively large nutritious seeds. Native Americans consumed these as do many birds and small mammals



Rough prickly poppy

Argemone hispida (Poppy family) native.

Large white flowers on often tall robust plants. Foliage is grayish green with very prickly stems and both sides of the leaves