

Look Alikes

Both are gray-green sub-shrubs often similar size and both are furry



Fringed Sage

Artemisia frigida (Aster family)

Gray-green foliage with flowers that are like tiny furry balls on stalks.



Winterfat

Krascheninnikovia lanata (Goosefoot family) native.

Gray-green plant with linear leaves. Covered with white long hairs.

Provides excellent winter browse. for wildlife.

Soapstone Prairie Plants

Late Summer
Early Fall



Rubber rabbitbrush

Chrysothamnus nauseosus (Aster family) native.

These beautiful big shrubs line the road just below the north parking lot. They apparently like the extra moisture that runs off the road. The name "rubber" comes from the fact that it is possible to extract small amounts of natural rubber from the sticky sap.



Broomlike ragwort

Senecio spartiodes (Aster family) native. Moderately tall with sparse thin yellow rays Native Americans used it for dye and medicine.



Broom snakeweed

Gutierrezia sarothrae (Aster family) native. Generally low mounds with very small flowers tightly bunched. Very common on dry hillsides. Stems have been used used for brooms.



Dotted gayfeather

Liatris punctata (Aster family) native. Purple prairie flowers with glandular dots on flowers and foliage. One of the few plants this time of year that isn't yellow