



Broom snakeweed

Gutierrezia sarothrae (Sunflower family) native.

These form quite symmetrical clumps fairly close to the ground.



Dotted blazing-star

Liatris punctata (Sunflower family) native.

Spikes less than a foot tall, bright lavender (color does not reproduce well in print).



Winterfat

Krascheninnikovia lanata (Goosefoot family) native.

Bushy plants with narrow gray leaves and very hairy flower spikes. Drought tolerant. Excellent winter forage



Soapstone Prairie Late Summer Plants



Curlycup gumweed

Grindelia squarrosa (Sunflower family) native.

Each head has very sticky green knobby bracts that curve downward. Yellow dye can be produced from the flowers



Hairy goldenaster

Heterotheca villosa (Sunflower family) native

These are common, tending to sprawl close to the ground. Abundant hairs on the leaves give the foliage a gray-green color. The plant has chemicals useful for insecticides.



Rubber rabbitbrush

Ericameria nauseosa (Sunflower family) native

These are abundant along the road close to the north parking lot. They can produce rubber, but not in commercial quantities.



Narrow-leaved butterweed

Senecio spartiodes (Sunflower family) native.

Toxic to livestock but unpalatable, so avoided.