

Soapstone Prairie Natural Area Plants

Mid to Late June



Photogragss

Fuzzytongue Penstemon

Penstemon eriantherus
(Figwort family)

native

Flowers larger than below and on all sides of the stem. The fuzzy tongue is the yellow staminode extending out of the flower



Photogragss

Scarlet Gaura

Gaura coccinea
(Evening Primrose family)

native

Small, delicate with long blooming season



Photogragss

Sidebells Penstemon

Penstemon secundiflorus
(Figwort family)

native

Flowers along one side of the stem and flowers smaller than the Penstemon above



Photogragss

Lambert's locoweed

Oxytropis lambertii
(Pea family)

native

Locoweeds are beautiful but toxic to most livestock. in some places these hybridize with the white form



Photogragss

Largeflower daisy

Townsendia grandiflora
(Aster family)

native

These are larger than shaggy fleabane and make a beautiful bright spot; not very abundant



Photogragss

Shaggy fleabane

Erigeron pumilus
(Sunflower family)

native

Common in dry grassland (more and thinner white ray flower petals than largeflower daisy)



Photograss

Needle-n-thread grass

Hesperostipa comata
(Grass family)

native

The long awns (tails on the seeds) make this lovely grass shine and shimmer in the wind



Photograss

Western wallflower

Erysimum asperum
(Mustard family)

native

fairly tall, showy
adapted to pollination by
long tongued insects



Photograss

Miner's candle

Oreocarya virgata
(Borage family)

native

Very hairy plant with tiny
flowers often pollinated by
butterflies



Photograss

Two grooved milkvetch

Astragalus bisulcatus
(Pea family)

native

Large clumps of this now
in bloom along the road
into Soapstone. There is
also a white form

Evening primrose (Evening Primrose Family)



Howard's evening primrose
O. howardii



Crown-leaf evening primrose
O. cronopifolia



Photograss

Woods rose

Rosa woodsii
(Rose family)

native

Drought tolerant. Fruit
eaten by wildlife

These bloom in evening and last only until the following morning. They appear to be coming on late this year