



Pricklypoppy

Argemone spp. (Poppy family)
Large white very visible flowers with very prickly foliage



Blanket flower

Gaillardia aristata (Sunflower family)
native. Bright yellow-gold flowers common along trails.



Scarlet globemallow

Sphaeralcea coccinea (Mallow family)
native.
on road edges, low-growing, vivid color. Also called “Cowboys’ delight”.



Drummond's milkvetch

Astragalus drummondii Pea family)
native.
Leaves so hairy they appear gray.

Soapstone Prairie Plants Late June-early July



Blue flax

Linum lewisii (Flax family) native.
Delicate blue flowers open early morning and often gone by noon. Generally one flower per branch. Native Americans made twine from fibers. Related to the plant from which linen is made



Scarlet gaura

Gaura coccinea (Sunflower family) native. Spidery, delicate flowers, common along trails, drought tolerant.



Locoweed

Oxytropis lambertii (Pea family) native. Locoweed is toxic to livestock and some wild grazers. Consumption of large quantities can cause strange neurological symptoms.



Sidebells Penstemon

Penstemon secundiflorus (Figwort family) Lovely often pink or lavender plant with the flowers mostly on one side of the stalk (why the name sidebells)



Calcareous cryptantha

Oreocarya thyrsoiflora (Borage family) native. Common, sturdy plants that bloom almost all summer. Each small white flower is like a gem set among foliage with long, stiff white hairs that give the plant a grayish-green color.

