



Skunkbush

Rhus trilobata (Sumac family) native. The name comes from the three lobed leaves on this bush. A lemonade-like drink can be made from the red hairy berries.



Mountain bladderpod

Physaria (Lesquerella) montana
(Mustard family) native.

Small, not very conspicuous, but fairly abundant!



Sidebells penstemon

Penstemon secundiflorus (Plantain family) native. Inconspicuous, beautiful light blue flowers on one side of the stem.

Soapstone Prairie Early June



Whisk-broom parsley

Harbouria trachypleura (Carrot family) native. This nearly flat topped flower head of many small flowers (umbel) is particularly attractive to insect pollinators who can pollinate many flowers at one visit.



Skullcap

Scutellaria brittonii (Mint family) native.
Low-growing plant with purple-blue flowers.
Most common in gravel. Look near the start of
the Lindenmeier trail- north side



Drummond milkvetch

Astragalus drummondii (Pea family)
native
This is a very common whit early
plantseat Soapstone. Several plants
look a good deal like this You can tell
this one by its very hairy leaves which
makes the foliage appear gray.



Wild onion

Allium textile (Onion family) native.
Eaten by native Americans and early settlers,
also by deer (leaves) and small animals. Milk
cows eating this will give milk a strong onion
flavor. The bulbs look very much like the very
posonous death camas.