



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.



Fringed sage

Artemisia frigida (Sunflower family) native. Common, blue-gray, smells like sage, but this is not culinary sage.



Hairy four o'clock

Mirabilis hirsuta (Four o'clock family) native. Inconspicuous, easy to miss, but beautiful lavender-pink flowers



Winterfat

Krascheninnikovia lanata (Goosefoot family) native. Bushy plants with narrow gray leaves and very hairy flower spikes. Drought tolerant. Excellent winter forage

Soapstone Prairie Mid August Plants



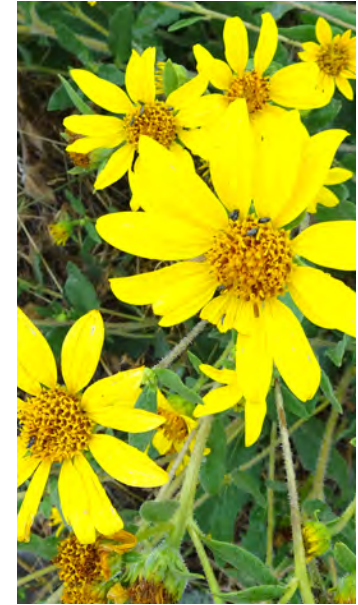
Dotted blazing-star

Liatris punctata (Sunflower family) native. Spikes less than a foot tall, bright lavender (color does not reproduce well in print).



Narrow-leaved butterweed

Senecio spartiodes (Sunflower family) native.
Toxic to livestock but unpalatable, so avoided.



Hairy goldenaster

Heterotheca villosa (Sunflower family) native

These are common, but smaller and more compact than Little sunflower. The leaves have abundant hairs giving a gray-green color to the foliage. Has use as an insecticide.



Little sunflower

Helianthus pumilus (Sunflower family) native

Common along roads and trails. Foliage with stiff, bristly hairs that feel like sandpaper. The seeds have 20% oil content and were a favorite food of Native Americans.