



Hairy goldenaster

Heterotheca villosa (Aster family) native. Often fairly low plants with closely spaced small leaves. Foliage covered with fine soft hairs.



Broom snakeweed

Gutierrezia sarothrae (Aster family) native. Generally low mounds with very small flowers tightly bunched together.. Stems have been used used for brooms.



Broomlike ragwort

Senecio spartioides (Aster family) native. Moderately tall with sparse thin yellow rays Native Americans used it for dye and medicine

**Soapstone Prairie Plants
Late August**



Prairie thistle

Cirsium canescens (Aster family) native. Gray-green very spiny foliage. Long lower leaves. Leaf bases extend down stem. These native thistles are not invasive.



Prairie sunflower

Helianthus pumilus (Aster family) native.

Fairly tall, scraggly plants, with flowers larger than other yellow flowers here, Very common along trails and roads. Sandpaper feel to foliage caused by short stiff hairs.



Dotted gayfeather

Liatris punctata (Aster family) native.

Purple prairie flowers with glandular dots on flowers and foliage. One of the few plants without yellow flowers this time of year.



Winterfat

Krascheninnikovia lanata (Goosefoot family) native.

Gray-green plant with linear leaves. Covered with white long hairs. Provides excellent winter browse for wildlife.