



Black-eyed Susan

Rudbeckia fulgida

Native in US, east of SD. Yellow-orange daisy-like flowers with dark centers cover plants late-summer to fall. Similar to Rudbeckia 'Goldstrum' but flowers later. Good cutflower. Seedheads allowed to stand over winter provide birdfood. Grows 2 feet tall.



Blazing Star, Dotted

Liatris punctata

Native. Produces attractive purple flower spike in late summer. Often seen on dry, sandy, or gravelly soil. Grows on hillsides. Has a deep taproot. Grows 1 ft tall.

Photo Credit: USDA-NRCS Plant Materials Center



Blazing Star, Meadow

Liatris ligulistylis

Native. **Monarch Butterfly magnet!** Produces tall purple flower stalk late summer. Grows in moist meadows, prairies, and road ditches. Good garden, rain garden, and landscape plant. Grows 3-4 ft. tall.



Coneflower, Yellow

Echinacea paradoxa

Native in US. Large yellow flowers appear in early to mid-summer. Petals droop down from central seedhead. Flowers similar to other Echinacea but with yellow petals. Grows 2-4 feet tall.



Coneflower, Narrowleaf

Echinacea angustifolia

Native. Attractive flowers with dark brown spiny center and purple, pink, or sometimes white petals. Occurs in fertile prairies, rocky hillsides, and in coarse textured soils. Drought tolerant. Roots sometimes used for medicinal purposes. Also called Black Samson. Grows 1-2 feet tall.



Coneflower, Prairie 'Upright Red'

Ratibida columnifera 'Red'

Native. Sometimes called Mexican Hat. Produces blood red flowers in late summer and early fall. Drooping petals surround an upright central cone. Very similar to 'Upright Yellow' coneflower. Can grow to 4 ft. with good moisture and little competition.



Coneflower, Prairie 'Upright Yellow'

Ratibida columnifera 'Yellow'

Native. A common prairie plant with drooping yellow petals which surround a vertical central cone. Blooms late summer-early fall. Grows to 4 ft in gardens but shorter in prairie situations.



Coneflower, Purple

Echinacea purpurea

Native in U.S, east of SD. Produces large quantities of showy pinkish-purple flowers in midsummer. Very popular garden plant. Seedheads provide winter bird food. A favorite of Monarch Butterflies. Grows 2-3 ft. tall.



Leadplant

Amorpha canescens

Native. Compound leaves have gray leaflets covered with dense woolly hair. Beautiful purple flower spikes. Legume. Grows in pastures, rocky or sandy hills, & well-drained prairies. Develops semi-woody crown. Is deep rooted and drought tolerant. Grows 1-2 feet tall.



Butterfly Weed

Asclepias tuberosa

Native. A hassle free, drought tolerant perennial, with three months of tangerine orange blooms. Attracts scores of butterflies. Excellent long-lasting cut flowers. Breaks dormancy late. Grows to 24"



Ironweed

Vernonia fasciculata

Native. Blooms late-summer to fall, producing many heads of red-violet flowers. Prefers moist soil. Good plant for rain garden. Good cut flower. Grows 4-5 feet tall.



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Milkweed, Swamp

Asclepias incarnata

Native. Food for Monarch butterfly caterpillars. Beautiful pink-red flowers. Milky sap. Riparian plant. Use in gardens, rain gardens, moist sites. After flowering, remove developing seed pods in garden and landscape situations to avoid self-sowing. 3-4 feet tall

Photo Credit: Jennifer Anderson @ USDA-NRCS Plants Database



Penstemon, Shell Leaf

Penstemon grandiflorus

Native. A bumblebee favorite! Beautiful light pink flowers produced in early summer atop 2-3 foot stalks from a greenish-white rosette of leaves. Grows best on well-drained sandy or gravelly soil. May not be long-lived in the garden, but worth the effort!



Prairie Clover, Purple 'Bismarck'

Dalea purpurea 'Bismarck'

Native. NRCS release from Lyman County, SD. Fine-leaved legume with purple flowers at the ends of terminal spikes. Used by native pollinators and butterflies. Good landscape appeal. Needs good drainage. Grows 1-3 feet tall.



Prairie Clover, Purple 'Stephanie'

Dalea purpurea 'Stephanie'

Native. Selected in Nebraska. Bright lavender flowers appear atop sturdy stems which will not lodge. Up to 40 flower stalks per plant. Dark green leaves. Compact bushy plants. 15-18" tall.



Prairie Smoke

Geum triflorum

Native. Delightful prairie plant with interesting flower stalks produced in May and June. Nodding reddish flowers produce feathery seedheads which look like smoke. Leaves form a basal rosette which is attractive the rest of the summer. 6-12" tall.



Sunflower, Stiff

Helianthus pauciflorus

Native. Yellow flowers in late summer. Rhizomatous roots often form colony. Stems are rough and often tinted red. Tolerates wet to dry soil. Deer browse the flowerheads. Grows 1-4 feet tall.

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Pasqueflower

Pulsatilla patens

Native. South Dakota State Flower. Earliest wildflower to bloom! Delicate cup-shaped lavender flowers appear on hairy stalks as soon as the snow melts. Tolerates dry gravelly soil. Often found growing on grassy hillsides. Grows 6" tall.



Prairie Blue-eyed Grass

Sisyrinchium campestre

Native. Small grass-like plant in the Iris family which produces lavender flowers in spring when few other plants are blooming. Usually grows in fairly moist grasslands. A delight to find in prairie settings! 6-12" tall.



Sage, White

Artemisia ludoviciana

Native. Also called Man Sage. This fuzzy silvery-white plant grows strongly from rhizomatous roots and has a strong sage odor. It is drought tolerant and grows in sandy soil but is adaptable to various soil conditions. Used ceremonially and medicinally for various ailments by Native Americans. Can spread rapidly. Use for background in perennial border or landscape. 12-30" tall.



Sunflower, Maximilian 'Medicine Creek'

Helianthus maximiliani 'Medicine Creek'

Native. Showy yellow flowers. Prefers moist soil. Grows along streams, sloughs, road ditches, and moist prairies. Large rain garden plant. Leaves folded lengthwise and curve downward. Produces seeds favored by small birds. Grows 3-6 ft. tall.

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Wild Bergamot

Monarda fistulosa

Native. Strong plant with square stems has minty scented foliage. Large pink to lavender flowers are produced mid-summer. Good plant for pollinators and butterflies. Spherical seedheads remain on plant over winter. Mildew may be a problem if not grown with good air circulation. Prefers moderate soil moisture. 2-4 feet tall.



Yucca

Yucca glauca

Native. Spectacular cream-colored flower panicle produced in early summer from clump of lance-shaped leaves. Often grows on dry, sandy, gravelly hillsides, especially in the western half of South Dakota. 2-4 feet tall.