Wooly verbena
Verbena stricta
Blooms: June - September

Snow-on-the-mountain
Euphorbia marginata
Blooms: June - October

Cardinal flower
Lobelia cardinalis
Blooms: August - September

Maximilian sunflower
Helianthus maximilianii
Blooms: August - September

Common sunflower
Helianthus annuus
Blooms: July - September

Compass plant
Silphium laciniatum
Blooms: July - September

Round-head bush clover
Lespedeza capitata
Blooms: August - September

Broomweed
Gutierrezia dracunculoides
Blooms: August - October

Fetid marigold
Dyssodia papposa
Blooms: July - September

Prairie blazing star
Liatris punctata
Blooms: July - September

False boneset
Brickellia eupatorioides
Blooms: August - October

Jerusalem artichoke
Helianthus tuberosus
Blooms: August - October

Western ironweed
Vernonia baldwinii
Blooms: July - September

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Wild senna
Senna marilandica
Blooms: July - September

Lady's tresses
Spiranthes cernua
Blooms: August - October

Rigid goldenrod
Solidago rigida
Blooms: August - October

Blue sage
Salvia azurea
Blooms: July - October

Button blazing star
Liatris aspera
Blooms: August - September

Aromatic aster
Aster oblongifolius
Blooms: September - October

Heath aster
Symphyotrichum ericoides
Blooms: September - October

Useful books and websites

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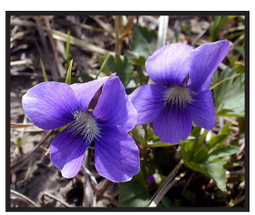
Common Wildflowers Found at Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve

Wild parsley
Lomatium foeniculaceum
Blooms: March - April

Cream wild indigo
Baptisia bracteata
Blooms: April - May

False garlic
Nothoscordum bivalve
Blooms: April - May

Ground-plum milk-vetch
Astragalus crassicarpus
Blooms: April - May



Prairie violet
Viola pedatifida
Blooms: April - May

Fringed puccoon
Lithospermum incisum
Blooms: April - June

New Jersey Tea
Ceanothus herbaceus
Blooms: April - June

Old plainsman
Hymenopappus scabiosaeus
Blooms: April - June

Tallgrass Prairie Ablaze in Color!

Blooming throughout the spring, summer, and autumn, the tallgrass prairie is home to over 350 species of wildflowers, shrubs, and other flowering plants. Beginning on the front of this brochure, 66 common species are pictured, along with their bloming times, arranged from earliest to latest.

Prairie ragwort
Packera plattensis
Blooms: April - June

Spider antelopehorn
Asclepias asperula
Blooms: April - June

Violet wood sorrel
Oxalis violacea
Blooms: April - June, Sept.

White-eyed grass
Sisyrinchium campestre
Blooms: April - June

Purple poppy mallow
Callirhoe involucrata
Blooms: April - August

Blue wild indigo
Baptisia australis
Blooms: May - June

Cobaea penstemon
Penstemon cobaea
Blooms: May - June

False indigo
Amorpha fructicosa
Blooms: May - June

Nuttall's death camass
Zigadenus nuttallii
Blooms: May - June

Plains prickly pear
Opuntia macrorhiza
Blooms: May - June

Prairie larkspur
Delphinium carolinianum
Blooms: May - June

Prairie turnip
Pediomelum esculentum
Blooms: May - June

Smooth sumac
Rhus glabra
Blooms: May - June

Illinois bundle-flower
Desmanthus illinoensis
Blooms: May - July

Missouri evening primrose
Oenothera macrocarpa
Blooms: May - July

Prairie wild rose
Rosa arkansana
Blooms: May - July

Spider milkweed
Asclepias viridis
Blooms: May - July

Wild alfalfa
Psoralidium tenuiflorum
Blooms: May - July

Pale poppy mallow
Callirhoe alcaeoides
Blooms: May - August

Pincushion cactus
Escobaria vivipara
Blooms: May - August

Prairie coneflower
Ratibida columnifera
Blooms: May - August

Prairie spiderwort
Tradescantia ohiensis
Blooms: May - August

Wild four-o'clock
Mirabilis nyctaginea
Blooms: May - August

Buffalo bur
Solanum rostratum
Blooms: May - September

Catclaw sensitive briar
Mimosa nuttallii
Blooms: May - September

Daisy fleabane
Erigeron strigosus
Blooms: May - September

Narrow-leaf bluets
Hedyotis nigricans
Blooms: May - September

Purple coneflower
Echinacea angustifolia
Blooms: June - July

Buffalo gourd
Cucurbita foetidissima
Blooms: June - August

Butterfly milkweed
Asclepias tuberosa
Blooms: June - August

Common milkweed
Asclepias syriaca
Blooms: June - August

Lead plant
Amorpha canescens
Blooms: June - August

Purple prairie-clover
Dalea purpurea
Blooms: June - August

Silver-leaf scurf-pea
Pediomelum argophyllum
Blooms: June - August

Wavy-leaf thistle
Cirsium undulatum
Blooms: June - August

Wild bergamot
Monarda fistulosa
Blooms: June - August

Curly-cup gumweed
Grindelia squarrosa
Blooms: June - September

Western yarrow
Achillea millefolium
Blooms: June - September