



Woolly verbena
Verbena stricta
Blooms: June - September



Common sunflower
Helianthus annuus
Blooms: July - September



Fetid marigold
Dyssodia papposa
Blooms: July - September



Western ironweed
Vernonia baldwinii
Blooms: July - September



Blue sage
Salvia azurea
Blooms: July - October



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



Compass plant
Silphium laciniatum
Blooms: July - September



Prairie blazing star
Liatris punctata
Blooms: July - September



Wild senna
Senna marilandica
Blooms: July - September



Button blazing star
Liatris aspera
Blooms: August - September



Cardinal flower
Lobelia cardinalis
Blooms: August - September



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



False boneset
Brickellia eupatorioides
Blooms: August - October



Lady's tresses
Spiranthes cernua
Blooms: August - October



Aromatic aster
Aster oblongifolius
Blooms: September - October



Maximilian sunflower
Helianthus maximilianii
Blooms: August - September



Broomweed
Gutierrezia dracunculoides
Blooms: August - October



Jerusalem artichoke
Helianthus tuberosus
Blooms: August - October



Rigid goldenrod
Solidago rigida
Blooms: August - October



Heath aster
Symphotrichum 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 crassicaarpus
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 blooming 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 fruticosa
Blooms: May - June



Nuttall's death camas
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
Psoraleidum tenuiflorum
Blooms: May - July



Pale poppy mallow
Callirhoe alcaeoides
Blooms: May - August



Prairie coneflower
Ratibida columnifera
Blooms: May - August



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



Catclaw sensitive briar
Mimosa nuttallii
Blooms: May - September



Narrow-leaf bluets
Hedyotis nigricans
Blooms: May - September



Pincushion cactus
Escobaria vivipara
Blooms: May - August



Prairie spiderwort
Tradescantia ohioensis
Blooms: May - August



Buffalo bur
Solanum rostratum
Blooms: May - September



Daisy fleabane
Erigeron strigosus
Blooms: May - September



Purple coneflower
Echinacea angustifolia
Blooms: June - July



Buffalo gourd
Cucurbita foetidissima
Blooms: June - August



Common milkweed
Asclepias syriaca
Blooms: June - August



Purple prairie-clover
Dalea purpurea
Blooms: June - August



Wavy-leaf thistle
Cirsium undulatum
Blooms: June - August



Curly-cup gumweed
Grindelia squarrosa
Blooms: June - September



Butterfly milkweed
Asclepias tuberosa
Blooms: June - August



Lead plant
Amorpha canescens
Blooms: June - August



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



Wild bergamot
Monarda fistulosa
Blooms: June - August



Western yarrow
Achillea millefolium
Blooms: June - September