

# Gardening with Native Prairie Plants

A guide for choosing the right plants for your landscape



Tickseed Coreopsis



Swamp Milkweed



New England Aster



Showy Milkweed



Purple prairie clover



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Cardinal Flower



Purple Coneflower



Thickspike Gayfeather



Prairie Sunflower



Prairie Spiderwort

## PLANT LIST KEY

**Bloom Period:** Early (March-May) Mid (May-June) Late (July-Frost)

**Sunlight Needs:** Full Sun (FS) Part Shade (PS) Shade (S)

**Water Needs:** Low (L) Medium (M) High (H)

\*Establish from seed

**Value:** Shade (SH) Fragrant (FR) Host Plant (HP) Edible (ED)

GRASSES, SEDGES, & RUSHES SHRUBS

### NEBRASKA NATIVE PLANTS

	BLOOM SEASON	COLOR	SUN	WATER	SIZE (FT)	VALUE
SERVICEBERRY ( <i>AMELANCHIER SPECIES</i> )	EARLY	WHITE	FS	L	15-20	FR, HP
WHITE WILD INDIGO ( <i>BAPTISIA ALBA</i> )	MID	WHITE	FS	L	1-3	HP, FR
LITTLE BLUESTEM ( <i>SCHIZACHYRIUM SCOPARIUM</i> )	LATE	BLUE, GREEN	FS	L	3	HP
PRAIRIE DROPSEED ( <i>SPOROBOLUS HETEROLEPIS</i> )	LATE	GREEN, GOLD	FS	L	2	HP, FR
PRAIRIE JUNEGRASS ( <i>KOELERIA MACRANTHA</i> )	MID	SILVERY GREEN	FS	L	2	HP
SIDEOATS GRAMA ( <i>BOUTELOUA CURTIPENDULA</i> )	LATE	GREEN	FS	L	3	HP
BLUE GRAMA ( <i>BOUTELOUA GRACILIS</i> )	LATE	BLUE, GREEN	FS	L	1	HP
BIG BLUESTEM ( <i>ANDROPOGON GERARDII</i> )	MID, LATE	BLUE, GREEN,	FS	L	7	HP
INDIANGRASS ( <i>SORGHASTRUM NUTANS</i> )	LATE	GREEN, GOLD	FS	L	6	HP
PURPLE LOVEGRASS ( <i>ERAGROSTIS SPECTABILIS</i> )	MID-LATE	PURPLE, GREEN	FS, PS	L	3	HP
CANADA WILDRYE ( <i>ELYMUS CANADENSIS</i> )	MID-LATE	GREEN, TAN	FS	L	5	HP

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ANISE HYSSOP ( <i>AGASTACHE FOENICULUM</i> )	MID	BLUE, PURPLE	PS	M	3	FR, HP
BALDWIN'S IRONWEED ( <i>VERNONIA BALDWINII</i> )	LATE	MAGENTA	FS	M	3	HP
BEE BALM ( <i>MONARDA FISTULOSA</i> )	MID	PINK	FS	M	3	FR, HP
BUSHCLOVER ( <i>LESPEDEZA CAPITATA</i> )	LATE	CREAM, PINK	PS	L	2-4	HP
BUTTERFLY MILKWEED ( <i>ASCLEPIAS TUBEROSA</i> )	MID	ORANGE	FS	L	2	HP
CANADA MILKVETCH ( <i>ASTRAGALUS CANADENSIS</i> )	EARLY	CREAM, GREEN	FS	L	3	HP
CATCLAW SENSITIVE BRIAR ( <i>MIMOSA NUTALLII</i> )	EARLY	PINK	FS	L	1-3	FR, HP
COMMON MILKWEED ( <i>ASCLEPIAS SYRIACA</i> )	MID	PINK	FSL	M	2-3	FR, HP
DOTTED GAYFEATHER ( <i>LIATRIS PUNCTATA</i> )	LATE	FUSCHIA	FS	L	1-2	HP
GROUND PLUM ( <i>ASTRAGALUS CRASSICARPUS</i> )	MID	PURPLE	PS	L	1-2	FR, HP
HEATH ASTER ( <i>SYMPHYOTRICHUM ERICOIDES</i> )	LATE	WHITE	FS	L	1-2	HP
MAXIMILLIAN'S SUNFLOWER ( <i>HELIANTHUS MAXIMILLIANI</i> )	LATE	YELLOW	FS	L	7	HP
MISSOURI GOLDENROD ( <i>SOLIDAGO MISSOURENSIS</i> )	MID	YELLOW	FS	L	1-2	HP
PURPLE CONEFLOWER ( <i>ECHINACEA ANGUSTIFOLIA</i> )	MID	PINK	FS	L	2	HP
NEW ENGLAND ASTER ( <i>SYMPHYOTRICHUM NOVAE-ANGLIAE</i> )	LATE	PURPLE	FS	L	2-3	HP
PURPLE POPPY MALLOW ( <i>CALLIRHOE INVOLUCRATA</i> )	EARLY	MAGENTA	PS	L	0.5	HP
PURPLE PRAIRIE CLOVER ( <i>DALEA PURPUREA</i> )	EARLY	PURPLE	FS	L	1	HP
BLACKEYED SUSAN ( <i>RUDBECKIA HIRTA</i> )	EARLY-LATE	YELLOW	FS	L	2	HP
SHOWY MILKWEED ( <i>ASCLEPIAS SPECIOSA</i> )	MID-LATE	PINK	FS	L	2-3	FR, HP
STIFF SUNFLOWER ( <i>HELIANTHUS PAUCIFLORUS</i> )	MID	YELLOW	FS	L	5	HP
SWAMP MILKWEED ( <i>ASCLEPIAS INCARNATA</i> )	MID	MAGENTA	FS	M	3-4	FR, HP
THICK SPIKE GAYFEATHER ( <i>LIATRIS PYCNOSTACHYA</i> )	LATE	PURPLE	FS	L	1	HP
TICKSEED ( <i>COREOPSIS PALMATA</i> )	MID	YELLOW	FS	L	1	HP
MOUNTAIN MINT ( <i>PHYCANTHEMUM VIRGINIANUM</i> )	MID	WHITE	FS	L	2	FR, HP
WHITE PRAIRIE CLOVER ( <i>DALEA CANDIDA</i> )	EARLY	WHITE	FS	L	1	HP
WHITE SAGE ( <i>ARTEMISIA LUDOVICIANA</i> )	LATE	SILVER, GREEN	FS	L	1-2	FR, HP
WHITE WILD INDIGO ( <i>BAPTISIA ALBA</i> )	EARLY	WHITE	FS	M	2-3	HP
CARDINAL FLOWER ( <i>LOBELIA CARDINALIS</i> )	MID	CRIMSON	FS	M	2	HP
SPIDERWORT ( <i>TRADESCANTIA OFFICINALIS</i> )	EARLY	PURPLE	FS	M	1	HP
JOE PYE WEED ( <i>EUTROCHIUM MACULATUM</i> )	MID-LATE	PINK	FS	M	4-6	HP, FR
DOWNY WOODMINT ( <i>BLEPHARIA CILIATA</i> )	EARLY	PURPLE	FS	M	1	HP, FR
OBEDIENT PLANT ( <i>PHYSOSTEGIA VIRGINIANA</i> )	MID	PINK	FS	M	3-4	HP, FR
SHOWY BEARDTONGUE ( <i>PENSTEMON GRANDIFLORIS</i> )	EARLY	PURPLE	FS	L	3-3	HP
STIFF GOLDENROD ( <i>SOLIDAGO RIGIDA</i> )	LATE	YELLOW	FS	L	3-4	HP
SHOWY GOLDENROD ( <i>SOLIDAGO SPECIOSA</i> )	LATE	YELLOW	FS	L	3-4	HP
GIANT GOLDENROD ( <i>SOLIDAGO GIGANTEA</i> )	LATE	YELLOW	FS	L	5-7	HP, SH
MISSOURI GOLDENROD ( <i>SOLIDAGO MISSOURIENSIS</i> )	LATE	YELLOW	FS	L	2-4	HP
OZARK BLUESTAR ( <i>AMSONIA ILLUSTRIS</i> )	EARLY	BLUE	FS	M	3	HP
NODDING ONION ( <i>ALLIUM CERNUUM</i> )	MID-LATE	PURPLE	PS	M	1-2	FR, HP