

June-July
8in-2ft •



PALE LOBELIA
Lobelia spicata
Slender, erect stems, smooth near the top. Leaves alternate, narrow, shallowly toothed. Small pale blue tubular flowers in a raceme. Flower 2-lipped, with 2 erect lobes on the upper lip and lower lip deeply cleft into 3 lobes. Milky sap in stem and leaves.

Mid Aug-Mid Oct
1-3ft •



SMOOTH BLUE ASTER
Aster laevis
Erect stems, with distinctive bluish green cast to the leaves and stems. Leaves alternate, smooth, and almost waxy, with fine sawtooth edges as felt from tip to stem. Flowerheads numerous with blue-violet ray flowers and yellow disk flowers.

Mid May-June
4-10in •



BLUE-EYED GRASS
Sisyrinchium albidum
Slender, wiry, flattened stems. Grasslike foliage. Grows in tufts. Flowers attached to tips of stems, with blue petals and sepals sometimes notched at the tips with hairlike points.

Late May-July
1-3ft •



TALL SPIDERWORT
Tradescantia ohioensis
Smooth, bluish green, spindly stems with mucous-like sap. Leaves alternate, narrow, and long, folded lengthwise and curved downward. Deep blue flowers emerge in a cluster at the top of the stem, each with 3 round petals. Flowers close in bright sunlight.

May-Early June
8-16in •



WILD HYACINTH
Camassia scilloides
Leafless stems. Long basal grasslike leaves have a prominent midrib on the underside. Leaves disappear by early summer. Flowers with 3 petals and 3 sepals, all pale purple, are in a raceme.

July-Aug
2-4ft •



WILD BERGAMOT-(BEEBALM)
Monarda fistulosa
Stems square and slightly hairy. Leaves opposite, lanceolate, and sharply toothed. Pale purple, two-lipped, tubular flowers are in dense, rounded heads. Stem and leaves secrete aromatic bergamot oil.

Early June-Early July
18"-3ft •



PALE PURPLE CONEFLOWER
Echinacea pallida
Multiple stout, bristly stems each with a single terminal flower. Large basal leaves are hairy and strongly 3-veined. Large pale purple flowerheads droop to form inverted cones.

Mid July-Aug
3-5ft •



PRAIRIE BLAZING STAR
Liatris pycnostachya
Slender, unbranched stems closely set with spirals of grasslike leaves near the base that progressively get shorter toward the flower spike. Stem and leaves are hairy. Topped with cylindrical spike crowded with small purple flowers.

Mid Aug-Sept.
2-5ft •



ROUGH BLAZING STAR
Liatris aspera
Unbranched stems are hairy. Leaves alternate and sparser than Prairie Blazing Star. Purple flowerheads are alternate, and larger than Prairie Blazing Star but not as numerous. Small leaves at the base of the flowers appear cup or button shaped.

Aug-Sept
2-5ft •



PRAIRIE IRONWEED
Vernonia fasciculata
Stout, smooth stems, often reddish. Leaves alternate, finely toothed, and smooth on both sides. Red-violet flowerheads appear flat topped.

2-3ft •

June-July



LEAD PLANT

Amorpha canescens
Grayish shrubs with woody stems. Leaves alternate, divided into many small leaflets, and covered with fine hairs. Small purple flowers with orange stamens in dense, spikelike clusters along upper stems.

1-3ft •

July



PURPLE PRAIRIE CLOVER

Dalea purpurea
Stems slender, erect, and wiry. Leaves alternate and compound with usually 5 shiny, narrow segments. Firm, cylindrical spike of crowded, small purple flowers at the tops of stems and branches.

2-4ft •

June-July



MARSH PHLOX

Phlox glaberrima
Stems slender, erect, and smooth. Leaves opposite, stiff, narrow, and tapered. Deep magenta tubular flowers with 5 broad lobes are in loosely branched clusters.

4-8in •

May-Early June



VIOLET WOOD SORREL

Oxalis violacea
Leaves are smooth blue-green on top and reddish purple beneath; divided into 3 heart-shaped leaflets with a center crease and a notch at the tip. Leaves fold downward at dusk. Stalks extend above leaves to carry several pink flowers.

2-4ft •

Aug-Oct



NEW ENGLAND ASTER

Aster novae-angliae
Tall leafy stalks protrude in all directions. Leaves alternate, lanceolate, and hairy. Pinkish purple or pale lavender flowerheads are in open, rounded clusters at tops of main stem branches.

3-5ft •

Aug-Sept

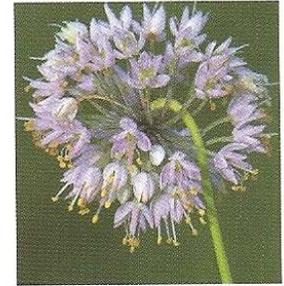


OBEDIENT PLANT

Physostegia virginiana arenaria
Stems square, smooth, and stout. Leaves opposite, thick, narrow, and sharply toothed. Pink or lavender tubular flowers are borne in terminal leafless spikes.

12-18in •

July-Aug



NODDING WILD ONION

Allium cernuum
Stems are smooth, tubular, and leafless, nodding at the top and with several shorter, grasslike, flattened leaves at the base. Pale pink flowers are borne at the tip of the stalks in rounded, drooping clusters. Mild onion fragrance and taste.

1-2ft •

May-Early June

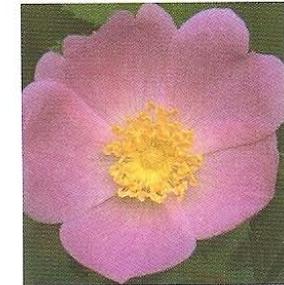


SHOOTING-STAR

Dodecatheon meadia
Stems stiff and green, rising from a rosette of long, straplike pale green basal leaves with reddish midribs. Pink, white, or purplish flower clusters are each on a long stalk and are uniquely shaped with five recurved petals.

1-2ft •

June-July



PASTURE ROSE

Rosa carolina
Stems slender, woody, and with weak prickles. Leaves alternate, and divided into 5-7 oblong leaflets with toothed edges. Pink flowers are fragrant, with 5 showy petals. Red hips develop below the sepals.

2-5ft •

June-July



PRAIRIE MILKWEED

Asclepias sullivantii
Stems thick and smooth. Leaves opposite, thick, and point upwards, with conspicuous pink veins and midrib. Reddish pink flowers are in large, rounded clusters. Milky sap in stems and leaves.

Late June- Mid July

2-5ft ●



TURK'S CAP LILY

Lilium michiganense
Stems stout, smooth, and erect. Leaves smooth, tapered at both ends, and grow in whorls of 4-12 encircling the stem. The large orange flowers have several purplish spots and face downward, with both petals and sepals strongly recurved.

July-Sept.

2-10ft ●

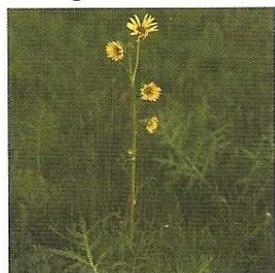


PRAIRIE DOCK

Silphium terebinthinaceum
Tall smooth stalks rise from basal cluster of very large leaves. Leaves are thick, coarsely toothed, spade shaped, and rough and cool to the touch. Flower buds appear as small green balls opening to yellow flowerheads in open clusters at tops of stalks.

July-Aug.

3-8ft ●



COMPASS PLANT

Silphium laciniatum
Stems stout and bristly. Basal leaves very large, deeply divided, and rough to the touch. Leaf edges often aligned north-south, so that leaf surfaces face the sun throughout the day. Large yellow ray flowers with central yellow disk flowers grow at the tops of the stalks.

July-Aug.

3-5ft ●



YELLOW CONEFLOWER

Ratibida pinnata
Stems slender, clustered, and branching. Leaves are alternate, smooth, and deeply dissected into 3-7 leaflets. Flowerheads appear at tips of stalks with drooping yellow ray flowers and central brown or greenish-gray disk flowers.

May-June

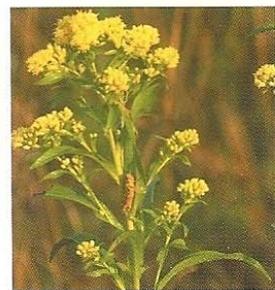
1-3ft ●



GOLDEN ALEXANDERS

Zizia aurea
Stems erect, smooth, and branched. Basal and lower leaves alternate, compound with 3 leaflets and finely toothed edges. Tiny golden yellow flowers grow in bouquet arrangements.

2-4ft ●



Sept-Oct.

3-7ft ●



July-Sept.

1-4ft ●



Aug-Sept.

1-2ft ●



June-Sept.

1-2ft ●



June-July

RIDDELL'S GOLDENROD

Solidago riddellii

Stems stout and smooth. Leaves shiny, somewhat folded lengthwise, tend to curve away from the stem, and have rough edges. Yellow flowers in a short, dense, domed cluster at the tops of the stems.

TALL COREOPSIS

Coreopsis tripteris

Stems tall and smooth, branching at the top. Leaves opposite, smooth, and divided to the midrib into 3 leaflets. Yellow ray flowers with brown central disk flowers are very showy at the tips of the stems. Foliage turns reddish orange in the fall.

PARTRIDGE PEA

Chamaecrista fasciculata

Leaves alternate, numerous, and compound, each divided into as many as 20 pairs of leaflets with small, bristle-like tips. Flowers with 5 bright yellow petals and 10 dark red stamens. Fruits are small flat pods.

BLACK-EYED SUSAN

Rudbeckia hirta

Stems stiff, hairy, and highly branched. Leaves are alternate, parallel veined, and shallowly toothed, with stiff hairs. Orange-yellow ray flowers with central brown-black disk flowers grow at the tips of multiple stems.

PRAIRIE SUNDROPS

Oenothera pilosella

Stems slender, stout, and softly hairy. Leaves alternate and hairy. Bright yellow flowers have 4 petals. Distinctive crosses appear at tips of stalks extending from center of flower.

May-June

4in-2ft •



BALSAM RAGWORT

Senecio pauperailus
Stems erect and unbranched. Leaves alternate. Basal leaves are long stalked and toothed. Upper leaves have deeply jagged and serrated lobes. Flat topped flower clusters at top of stems have yellow ray and central disk flowers.

May-June

1-2ft •



HOARY PUCCOON

Lithospermum canescens
Stems single or multiple, and hairy. Leaves alternate, covered with short stiff hairs, with a prominent midrib. Small golden yellow tubular flowers have 5 rounded lobes, carried in flattened clusters at the top of the plant. Seeds like tiny pieces of polished ivory.

Aug-Sept.

2-5ft •



PRAIRIE SUNFLOWER

Helianthus rigidus
Stems rigid, erect, rough, and often tinged with purple. Leaves opposite, stiff, rough, and 3-veined. Flowerhead with yellow ray flowers and purplish-brown disk flowers.

Aug-Sept.

1-2ft •



SULLIVANT'S CONEFLOWER

Rudbeckia fulgida sullivantii
Leaves concentrated at the base and bristly. Leaves smooth edged or toothed. Rich yellow ray flowers surround dark brown disk flowers. Stems smoother than Black-Eyed Susan.

June

1-3ft •



PRAIRIE ALUM ROOT

Heuchera richardsonii
Leafless stems are hairy and rise from dense basal cluster of scalloped, hairy, geranium-like leaves. Small, green, bell shaped flowers are in elongate clusters at the top of the stems, and have orange tipped stamens.

May-July

1-2ft •



SHORT GREEN MILKWEED

Asclepias viridiflora
Leaves opposite with wavy edges. Rounded, stalked clusters of small green flowers grow from junctions of leaves with the stem. Milky sap in stems and leaves.

June-Aug.

1-3ft •



WILD QUININE

Parthenium integrifolium
Stems sturdy and rough. Leaves alternate, rough, firm, toothed. Large basal leaves. Flowerheads are in a nearly flat, branching cluster at the top of the plant. Tiny white flowers each have five petal-like ray flowers in a dense head of disk flowers.

June-Aug.

18in-3ft •



WHITE PRAIRIE CLOVER

Dalea candida
Stems few to several, smooth, and upright. Leaves alternate, delicate, and compound with 5-9 narrow leaflets. Firm cylindric spike of crowded, small white flowers at the tops of stems and branches.

June-July

3-5ft •



WHITE WILD INDIGO

Baptisia leucantha
Stems smooth, stout, and widely branched at the crown. Leaves are smooth, with short stalks and 3 leaflets. White pea flowers grow on elegant raceme standing tall above the bushy plant. Entire plant turns black when dry.

July-Aug.

3-5ft •



CULVER'S ROOT

Veronicastrum virginicum
Stems tall, erect, with leaves whorled around each node. Leaves long and pointed with sawtoothed edges. Tiny white flowers are in dense clusters of tapering candle-like spikes at the top. Fragrant.

2-4ft •

July-Aug.



RATTLESNAKE-MASTER
Eryngium yuccifolium
Solitary stem. Waxy straplike leaves resemble yucca, with weak spines along the edges. Tiny white flowers carried in open, flattened clusters of dense, prickly ball-like flowerheads.

2-5ft •

Aug-Sept.



ROUND-HEADED BUSH CLOVER
Lespedeza capitata
Stems erect and silvery pubescent. Leaves alternate, compound with 3 narrow leaflets, and silvery pubescent beneath. White pea flowers are in clustered, rounded heads at the top of the stems. Brown seedheads persist.

4-8in •

July-Aug.



GREAT PLAINS LADIES TRESSES
Spiranthes magnicamporum
Stems erect. Leaves smooth, strap shaped, and all basal. Tubular white flowers in a spiral along the upper part of the stem. Extremely fragrant.

4-12in •

May-June



FALSE TOADFLAX
Comandra umbellata
Stems smooth and erect. Leaves smooth, thick, and leathery, with a prominent midrib beneath. Numerous small white flowers with 5 "petals" grow in clusters at the tips of the stems.

2-4ft •

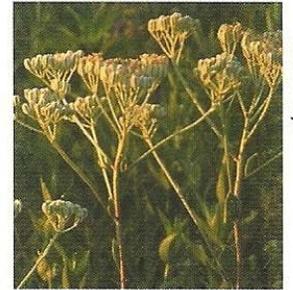
July-Aug.



MOUNTAIN MINT
Pycnanthemum virginianum
Stems square and hairy along the edges. Leaves opposite, narrow, and numerous. Tiny white flowers have purple spots and grow in dense heads in clusters near the tops of branches. Strong mint odor when crushed.

3-5ft •

June-July.



PRAIRIE INDIAN PLANTAIN
Cacalia plantaginea
Stems smooth, erect, and abundantly branched at the top. Basal leaves rubbery and thick with prominent parallel veins. Upper leaves alternate and toothed toward the tip. Flat-topped clusters made up of flowerheads each with 5 tubular white flowers

1-4ft •

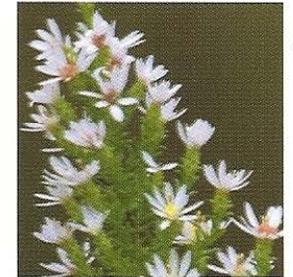
July-Aug.



FLOWERING SPURGE
Euphorbia corollata
Stems slender and smooth. Leaves in a whorl at the base, and scattered alternately along the stem or in whorls of 3 near the flower branches. Flower clusters are abundant at the tops of multiple branches, carrying little white flowers with 5 "petals" surrounding tiny yellow center flowers. Milky sap.

18in-3ft •

Sept.



HEATH ASTER
Aster ericoides
Stems hairy and very branched and leafy. Leaves alternate, small, and hairy. Tops of plants in pyramidal arrangements of flowerheads and tiny leaves. Tiny flowers have white ray flowers around center yellow disk flowers.

1-2ft •

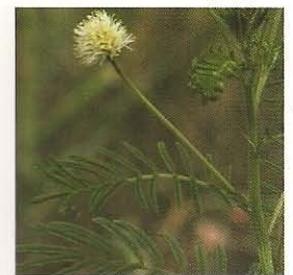
June.



MEADOW ANEMONE
Anemone canadensis
Leaves have deep irregular lobes and prominent veins. Basal leaves grow in whorls of 3 on long stalks, while upper leaves are paired and clasp the stem. Single white flowers appear at the tips of the stalks, with 5 white sepals and numerous yellow stamens.

3-5ft •

June-July.



ILLINOIS BUNDLE FLOWER
Desmanthus illinoensis
Stems tough, slender, and grooved. Leaves alternate and doubly compound, with a fern-like appearance. Tiny white flowers are in spherical heads. Long yellow-tipped stamens shoot out beyond the 5 small white petals, creating a powder puff effect.