



Pasque Flower

Anemone patens

- Soil: Dry – Loess Hills Native
- Sun: Full
- Bloom time: early Spring (April, May)
- Height: 6 inches
- Color: White/Purple
- Garden uses and companion plants:
 - Rock gardens, dry prairie gardens – mix with low growing flowers and grasses, **Prairie Smoke**, Blue-eyed Grass, **June Grass**

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Wild Columbine

Aquilegia Canadensis

- Soil: Avg to Dry – Loess Hills Native
- Sun: Full to Part Shade
- Bloom time: Spring (June, July)
- Height: 1-2 feet
- Color: Red and Yellow
- Garden uses and companion plants:
 - Shade gardens or Full Sun – **Wild Geranium**, **Wild Phlox**, beardtongue and **golden alexander**

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Swamp/Rose/Marsh Milkweed

Asclepias Incarnata

- Soil: Moist to Wet – Loess Hills Native
- Sun: Full to Part Sun
- Bloom time: Summer (June, July, Aug)
- Height: 3-5 feet
- Color: Pink
- Garden uses and companion plants:
 - Main attraction or small groupings in rain gardens, along ponds or near the down spout! Grows well with **blazing star**, **culvers root**, **joe pye weed**, **boneset** or **tall ironweed**

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Butterfly Weed

Asclepias tuberosa

- Soil: Dry to Medium - Loess Hills Native
- Sun: Full
- Bloom time: Summer (June, July, Aug)
- Height: 2-3 feet
- Color: Orange
- Garden uses and companion plants:
 - Main attraction or small groupings, dry gardens - mix with short prairie grasses, blazing star, virginia mountain mint, nodding onion, wild bergamot or sniderwort

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White false Indigo

Baptisia alba (B lactea, B leucantha)

- Soil: Medium to Moist - Iowa native
- Sun: Full to Part
- Bloom time: Summer (June, July, Aug)
- Height: 3-5 feet
- Color: White
- Garden uses and companion plants:
 - Plant in groups of three to five in rain gardens, near bird baths or any garden setting. Plant short prairie grasses and flowers around the base to minimize weeds.

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Curly style wood sedge

Carex rosea

- Soil: Wet to Dry- Loess Hills Native
- Sun: Part Sun to Part Shade
- Bloom time: Spring (May, June)
- Height: 1 ft
- Garden uses and companion plants:
 - Looks great in small groups or mixed with a variety of low-growing woodland flowers

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Wild Senna

Cassia or senna hebecarpa

- Soil: Avg to Moist
- Sun: Full to Part
- Bloom time: Summer (July)
- Height: 3-5 feet
- Color: Yellow
- Garden uses and companion plants:
 - Can be a little on the aggressive side, plant with wild bergamot or flowering spurge. Great in bee gardens where it will attract a wide variety of pollinators, especially bees!

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Pale Purple Coneflower

Echinacea pallida

- Soil: Dry to Medium – Loess hills native
- Sun: Full
- Bloom time: Early Summer (May, June, July)
- Height: 3-5 feet
- Color: Purple
- Garden uses and companion plants
 - Butterfly gardens, informal borders, mix with wild quinine and prairie grasses

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Rattlesnake Master

Eryngium Yuccifolium

- Soil: Moist to Dry – Iowa Native
- Sun: Full
- Bloom time: Late Summer (Aug, Sept)
- Height: 2-5 feet
- Color: white/green
- Garden uses and companion plants:
 - Main attraction or small groupings, in just about any garden setting – plant with blazing star for a great midsummer combo, shown here with false sunflower

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Wild Geranium

Geranium maculatum

- Soil: Avg
- Sun: Part to shade
- Bloom time: Late Spring (May, June)
- Height: 1-2 feet
- Color: Purple
- Garden uses and companion plants:
 - Shade Garden, woodland edges, can be a nice ground cover when planted in masses

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Prairie Smoke

Geum triflorum

- Soil: Dry to Medium - Loess Hills
- Native
- Sun: Full
- Bloom time: Spring (May, June)
- Height: 1 ft
- Color: Pink/red
- Garden uses and companion plants:
 - Rock gardens, dry gardens. Plant in foreground between later blooming flowers and grasses, goes well with pussy toes, nodding wild onion and golden alexander

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Prairie alumroot

Heuchera richardsonii

- Soil: Avg to Dry
- Sun: Part Sun, Part Shade
- Bloom time: Summer (June, July, Aug)
- Height: 2-3ft
- Color: Green
- Garden uses and companion plants:
 - Phlox, Pennsylvania sedge, **heart-leaved golden alexander**
 - Woodland gardens, plant in masses as a groundcover or decorative accent

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Southern Blue Flag Iris *Iris virginica*

- Soil: Moist to Wet
- Sun: Full
- Bloom time: Summer (June, July)
- Height: 2-3ft
- Color: Blue
- Garden uses and companion plants:
 - Canada anemone, cardinal flower, boneset



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June Grass *Koeleria cristata*

- Soil: Dry – Loess Hills Native
- Sun: Full
- Bloom time: Summer (May, June, July)
- Height: 2-3 feet
- Color: Green/Yellow
- Garden uses and companion plants:
 - Rock gardens, dry gardens. Mix with low growing dry prairie flowers like **Prairie Smoke** or Purple Prairie clover



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Wild Quinine *Parthenium integrifolium*

- Soil: Avg to Dry
- Sun: Full
- Bloom time: Summer (June, July, Aug)
- Height: 2-3ft
- Color: White
- Garden uses and companion plants:
 - **Rattlesnake master**, purple coneflower, wild bergamot, nodding onion, **butterfly weed**, prairie blazing star
 - Rain gardens, informal gardens, prairie meadows



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Prairie Phlox

Phlox pilosa

- Soil: Dry to Moist
- Sun: Full to Part
- Bloom time: Spring (May, June, July)
- Height: 1-2 ft
- Color: Pink/purple
- Garden uses and companion plants:
 - Mass plantings (will require weeding)
 - ground cover, border edges, informal gardens



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Jacob's Ladder

Polemonium reptans

- Soil: Avg to Moist
- Sun: Part sun to part shade
- Bloom time: Spring (April, May, June)
- Height: 1-2 ft
- Color: Blue/purple
- Garden uses and companion plants:
 - Violets, wild ginger, larger-flowered bellwort, rue anemone
 - Ground cover, woodland garden



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Wild Petunia

Ruellia humilis

- Soil: Dry to Medium
- Sun: Full to Part
- Bloom time: June, July, Aug, Sept
- Height: 1-2ft
- Color: Lavendar
- Garden uses and companion plants:
 - **Prairie smoke**, shooting star
 - Hummingbird garden, informal garden, prairie garden in the foreground



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Royal Catchfly

Silene regia

- Soil: medium
- Sun: Full
- Bloom time: July - October
- Height: 2-4 ft
- Color: Red
- Garden uses and companion plants:
 - Short grasses and flowers to help control weeds
 - Small groups, hummingbird gardens, informal gardens, prairie meadows



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Prairie Dropseed

Sporobolus heterolepis

- Soil: Dry to Moist
- Sun: Full
- Bloom time: Late Summer (Aug, Sept)
- Height: 2-4 ft
- Color: gold
- Garden uses and companion plants:
 - Wild flowers
 - Front borders, transition from garden to lawn, informal gardens, prairie meadows

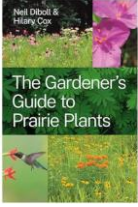


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Heart leaved Golden Alexander

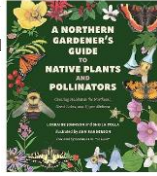
Zizia aptera

- Soil: Medium to Moist
- Sun: Full to Part
- Bloom time: May, June, July
- Height: 1-2 ft
- Color: yellow
- Garden uses and companion plants:
 - **Prairie smoke**, pussy toes, hyacinth, little blue stem, side oats gramma
 - Foreground areas, informal gardens, prairie meadows



References

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 - Friday, May 17: 3pm - 6pm
 - Reduced price per plant
 - First choice of plants
 - Enjoy snacks
 - Grant presentation at 5pm
- **Open to the Public**
 - Saturday, May 18: 9am - noon


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