

TOP PRAIRIE FLOWERS AND GRASSES FOR MIDWESTERN GARDENS

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A. Dry Soils (Well-drained sand, gravel, and rocky soils)

Prairie Flowers

<u>Latin Name</u>	<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Color</u>	<u>Height</u>	<u>Bloom Time</u>
Allium stellatum	Prairie Onion	Lavender	1-2'	July-Aug
Amorpha canescens	Leadplant	Purple	2-3'	June-July
Asclepias tuberosa	Butterflyweed	Orange	2-3'	June-Aug
Aster ericoides	Heath Aster	White	1-3'	Aug-Oct
Aster laevis	Smooth Aster	Blue	2-4'	Aug-Oct
Campanula rotundifolia	Harebell	Blue	1-2'	June-Sept
Coreopsis lanceolata	Lanceleaf Coreopsis	Yellow	1-2'	June-July
Dalea purpurea	Purple Prairie Clover	Purple/Yellow	1-2'	June-Aug
Echinacea pallida	Pale Purple Coneflower	Purple	3-5'	June-July
Geum triflorum	Prairie Smoke	Pink	6"	May-June
Helianthus mollis	Downy Sunflower	Yellow	4-6'	Aug-Sept
Liatris aspera	Rough Blazingstar	Purple/Pink	2-5'	Aug-Sept
Liatris squarrosa	Scaly Blazingstar	Purple/Pink	1-2'	Aug-Sept
Lupinus perennis	Lupine	Blue	1-2'	May-June
Penstemon grandiflorus	Beardtongue	Lavender	2-4'	May-June
Downy Phlox	Phlox pilosa	Pink	1-2'	May-June
Rudbeckia hirta	Black Eyed Susan	Yellow	1-3'	June-Sept
Ruellia humilis	Wild Petunia	Violet	1-2'	June-Aug
Solidago speciosa	Showy Goldenrod	Yellow	1-3'	Aug-Sept
Tradescantia ohiensis	Ohio Spiderwort	Blue	2-4'	June-July
Verbena stricta	Hoary Vervain	Blue	2-4'	July-Sept
Viola pedata	Birdsfoot Violet	Blue/Purple	4"	May-July

Prairie Grasses

<u>Latin Name</u>	<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Fall Color</u>	<u>Height</u>	<u>Bloom Time</u>
Bouteloua curtipendula	Sideoats Grama	Straw	2-3'	Aug-Sept
Eragrostis spectabilis	Purple Lovegrass	Pink/Purple	1-2'	July-Sept.
Schizachyrium scoparium	Little Bluestem	Crimson-Red	2-3'	Aug-Oct
Sporobolus heterolepis	Prairie Dropseed	Gold	2-4'	Aug-Sept

B. Medium Soils (Well-drained loam, silt loam, clay loam and sandy loam)**Prairie Flowers**

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Allium cernuum	Nodding Pink Onion	White/Pink	1-2'	July-Aug
Aster novae-angliae	New England Aster	Pink/Purple/Blue	3-6'	Aug-Oct
Baptisia australis	Blue False Indigo	Blue	3-5'	June-July
Baptisia bracteata	Cream False Indigo	Cream	1-2'	May-June
Baptisia lactea	White False Indigo	White	3-5'	June-July
Ceanothus americanus	New Jersey Tea	White	2-3'	July-Aug
Dodecatheon meadia	Shootingstar	White/Pink	1-2'	May-June
Echinacea purpurea	Purple Coneflower	Purple	3-4'	July-Sept
Eryngium yuccifolium	Rattlesnake Master	White	3-5'	June-Aug
Liatris ligulistylis	Meadow Blazingstar	Purple/Pink	3-5'	Aug-Sept
Liatris pycnostachya	Prairie Blazingstar	Purple/Pink	3-5'	July-Aug
Monarda fistulosa	Bergamot	Lavender	2-5'	July-Sept
Parthenium integrifolium	Wild Quinine	White	3-5'	June-Sept
Penstemon digitalis	Smooth Penstemon	White	2-3'	June-July
Ratibida pinnata	Yellow Coneflower	Yellow	3-6'	July-Sept
Rudbeckia fulgida	Orange Coneflower	Yellow	2-4'	July-Sept
Rudbeckia hirta	Black Eyed Susan	Yellow	1-3'	June-Sept
Rudbeckia triloba	Brown Eyed Susan	Yellow	2-5'	July-Oct
Silene regia	Royal Catchfly	Red	2-4'	July-Aug
Silphium laciniatum	Compassplant	Yellow	3-10'	June-Sept
Solidago rigida	Stiff Goldenrod	Yellow	3-5'	Aug-Sept
Tradescantia bracteata	Prairie Spiderwort	Blue	1-2'	June-July
Vernonia fasciculata	Ironweed	Red/Pink	4-6'	July-Sept

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Elymus canadensis	Canada Wild Rye	Straw	4-5'	July-Aug
Panicum virgatum	Switchgrass	Gold	3-6'	Aug-Sept
Schizachyrium scoparium	Little Bluestem	Crimson-Red	2-3'	Aug-Oct
Sorghastrum nutans	Indiangrass	Gold	5-7'	Aug-Sept
Sporobolus heterolepis	Prairie Dropseed	Gold	2-4'	Aug-Sept

C. Moist Soils (Poorly drained soils that retain subsoil moisture all summer long)

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Asclepias incarnata	Red Milkweed	Red/Pink	3-5'	June-July
Camassia scilloides	Wild Hyacinth	White	1-2'	May-June
Chelone glabra	White Turtlehead	White	2-4'	Aug-Sept
Eupatorium fistulosum	Tall Joe Pye Weed	Purple/Pink	5-8'	Aug-Sept
Eupatorium maculatum	Joe Pye Weed	Pink	4-6'	Aug-Sept
Filipendula rubra	Queen of the Prairie	Pink	4-5'	June-July
Gentiana andrewsii	Bottle Gentian	Blue	1-2'	Aug-Oct
Helenium autumnale	Dogtooth Daisy	Yellow	4-5'	Aug-Sept
Hibiscus palustris	Rose Mallow	Pink	3-6'	July-Sept
Iris shrevei	Wild Iris	Blue	2-3'	June-July
Iris versicolor	Blue Flag Iris	Blue	2-3'	June-July
Liatris spicata	Dense Blazingstar	Purple/Pink	3-6'	Aug-Sept
Lobelia cardinalis	Cardinal Flower	Red	2-5'	July-Sept
Lobelia siphilitica	Great Blue Lobelia	Blue	1-4'	July-Sept
Phlox glaberrima	Marsh Phlox	Red/Purple	2-4'	June-July
Rudbeckia subtomentosa	Sweet Black Eyed Susan	Yellow	4-6'	Aug-Oct
Silphium terebinthinaceum	Prairie Dock	Yellow	3-10'	July-Sept
Solidago ohioensis	Ohio Goldenrod	Yellow	3-4'	Aug-Sept
Spiraea tomentosa	Steeplebush	Pink	2-3'	Aug-Sept
Vernonia altissima	Tall Ironweed	Red/Pink	5-8'	Aug-Sept
Veronicastrum virginicum	Culver's Root	White	3-6'	July-Aug
Zizia aurea	Golden Alexanders	Yellow	1-2'	May-July

Prairie Grasses & Sedges

Latin Name	Common Name	Fall Color	Height	Bloom Time
Carex comosa	Bottlebrush Sedge	Green	2-4'	May-June
Carex muskingumensis	Palm Sedge	Golden-Brown	2-3'	May-June
Carex vulpinoidea	Fox Sedge	Golden-Brown	1-3'	May-June
Elymus canadensis	Canada Wild Rye	Straw	4-5'	July-Aug
Hierochloe odorata	Vanilla Sweet Grass	Straw	1-2'	July-Aug.