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Plant List and Photo Guide

Native Wildflowers & Grasses



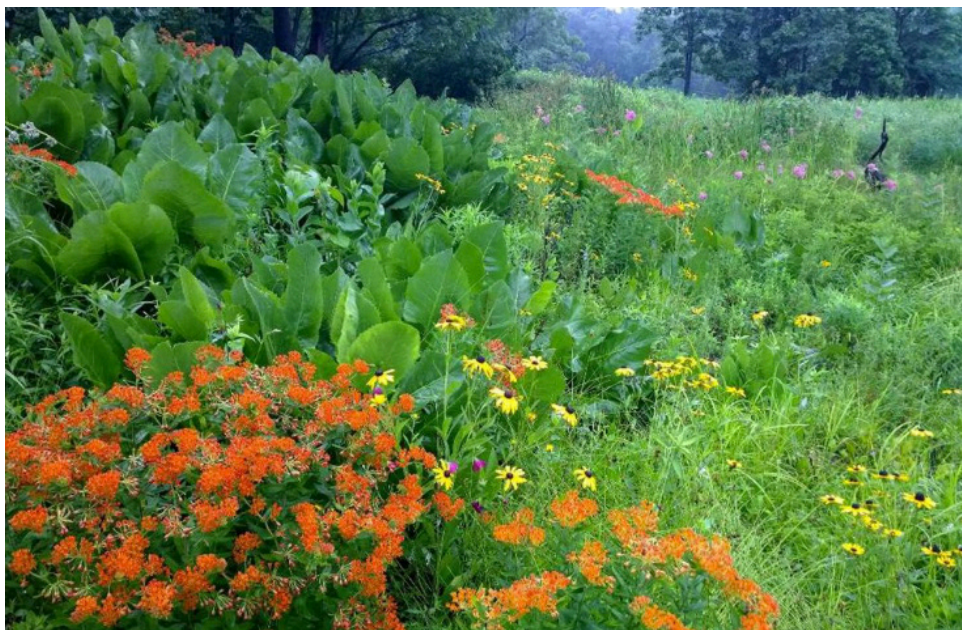
(Photos and descriptions: Missouri Botanical Garden)



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Butterfly Milkweed / *Asclepias tuberosa*

- Grows 1 to 2 ½ feet tall
- Blooms yellow/orange June to August



Lanceleaf coreopsis / *Coreopsis lanceolate*

- Grows 1 to 2 feet tall
- Yellow daisy-like flowers bloom May to June
- Likes to be deadheaded – Feel free to pick a bouquet



White Coneflower / Echinacea purpurea white

- Any of a number of white coneflower varieties (two types are below)
- Grows 1 ½ to 2 feet tall
- Blooms June to August



Magnus Coneflower / Echinacea purpurea Magnus

- Grows 2 ½ to 3 feet tall
- Blooms June to August



Goblin Blanket Flower / Gaukkardua x grandiflora

- Grows 2 to 3 feet tall
- Blooms June to September



Perennial Sunflower / *Heliopsis helianthoides*

- Grows 3 to 6 feet tall
- Blooms June to August



Plains Sunflower / *Helianthus annuus*

- Grows 3 to 10 feet tall
- Blooms July to August
- State Flower of Kansas



Rough Blazing Star / *Liatris aspera*

- Grows 2 to 3 feet tall
- Blooms August to October



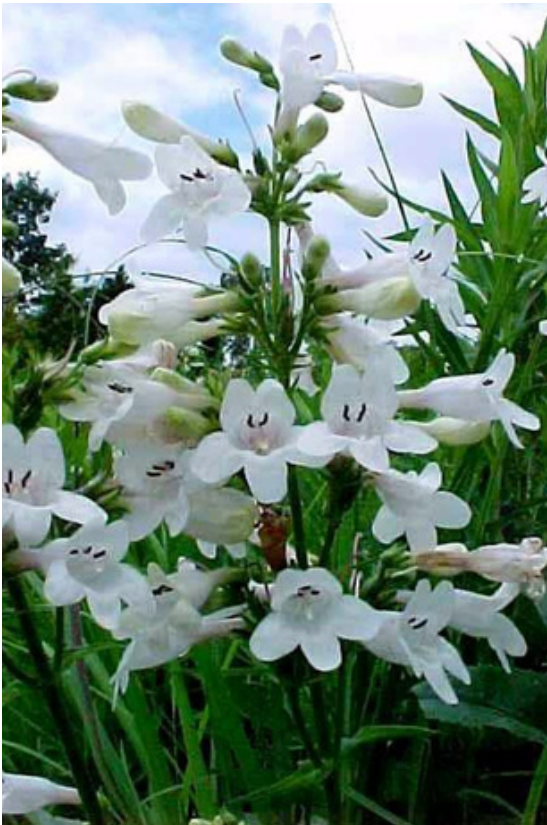
Beebalm / *Monarda didyma*

- Grows 2 to 4 feet tall
- Blooms July to August



Smooth Penstemon or Beardtongue / *Penstemon digitalis*

- Grows 3 to 5 feet tall
- Blooms April to June



Mexican Hat Coneflower / *Ratibida columnifera*

- Grows 1 to 3 feet tall
- Blooms June to September



Goldsturm Black Eyed Susan / *Rudbeckia fulgida* var. *sullivantii* Goldsturm

- Grows 2 to 3 feet tall
- Blooms June to September



Gray Headed Coneflower / *Ratibida pinnata*

- Grows 3 to 5 feet tall
- Blooms June to August



May Night Salvia / *Salvia x sylvestris*

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- Grows 1 ½ to 2 feet tall
- Blooms May to June



Big Bluestem / *Adropogon gerardii*

- Grows 4 to 9 feet tall
- Grass tops look like turkey claws
- Turns orange or red in fall



Sideoats Grama / *Bouteloua curtipendula*

- Grows 1 ½ to 2 ½ feet tall
- Purplish flowers bloom July to August
- Native grass with oat-like seed spikes
- Bluish-gray leaf blades up to 1/4 “ wide
- Turns golden brown with hues of orange and red



Switch Grass / *Panicum virgatum*

- Grows 3 to 6 feet tall
- Similar to Johnson grass, but Johnson grass has a white stripe down the middle of its leaves



Indian Grass / *Sorghastrum nutans*

- Grows 3 to 5 feet tall
- Blooms September to February



Little Bluestem / *Schizachyrium scoparium*

- Grows 2 to 4 feet tall
- Blooms purplish bronze from August to February
- Bronze-orange fall color
- Kansas State Grass (named by Shawnee Mission South students)



Prairie Dropseed / *Sporobolus heterolepsis*

- Grows 18 to 30 inches tall
- Very thin emerald green leaves





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