

Plant a Prairie

The background features stylized orange silhouettes of various prairie plants. On the left, there are several tall, thin stems with small, rounded buds or flowers. In the center and right, there are more complex plant structures with multiple stems and small, pointed leaves. At the bottom, there are dense, vertical blades of grass, also in orange silhouette.

Planted in the fall of 2024, this garden is intended to provide a glimpse of the native plants of the prairie.

Throughout the year it will provide a habitat for insects and birds.

As you look at the garden, use the guide for a deeper understanding of each plant!



Eastern Beebalm

Monarda Bradburiananower



Habitat: rocky, wooded hillsides and thickets

Blooming time: May, June, July

Commonly used for: tea

Height: 10-24 inches

Mostly found in southeast 1/4 Kansas

Pollinated by bees and butterflies



Rattlesnake Master - *Eryngium Yuccifolium*

Height: 2-3 feet tall

Family: Apiaceae - Parsley Family

Flowering Period: June, July, August, September

Habitat: Moist meadows, wet or dry prairies, and rocky open woodlands

Distribution: East 1/3 of Kansas.

Uses: Early pioneers used plant for toothaches, kidney disorders, nosebleeds, and snakebites



[Rattlesnake Master/*Eryngium Yuccifolium*](#)



Royal Catchfly

Silene Regia



Silene regia is a species of flowering plant in the family Caryophyllaceae. It is native to the central United States.

A perennial herb, it grows from a fleshy taproot and has several erect stems growing up to 1.6 meters tall.

Bouteloua Curtipendula

SIDE OATS GRAMA



Needs sun and part shade
soil should be dry or moist
very drought and extreme
temperature tolerant

Grass with fibrous roots
usually grows to 1-3 feet high
leaves are green blue and red or
purple in fall
blooms from June-November





Silky Aster

Symphotrichum Sericeum



Type: Herbaceous perennial

Family: Asteraceae

Native Range: Central and eastern United States

Height: 1 to 2 feet

Spread: 1 to 2 feet

Bloom Time: August to October

Bloom Description: Lavender-purple with yellow center

Tolerate: Drought, Dry Soil, Shallow-Rocky Soil



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SPIDER MILKWEED

ASCLEPIAS VIRIDIS

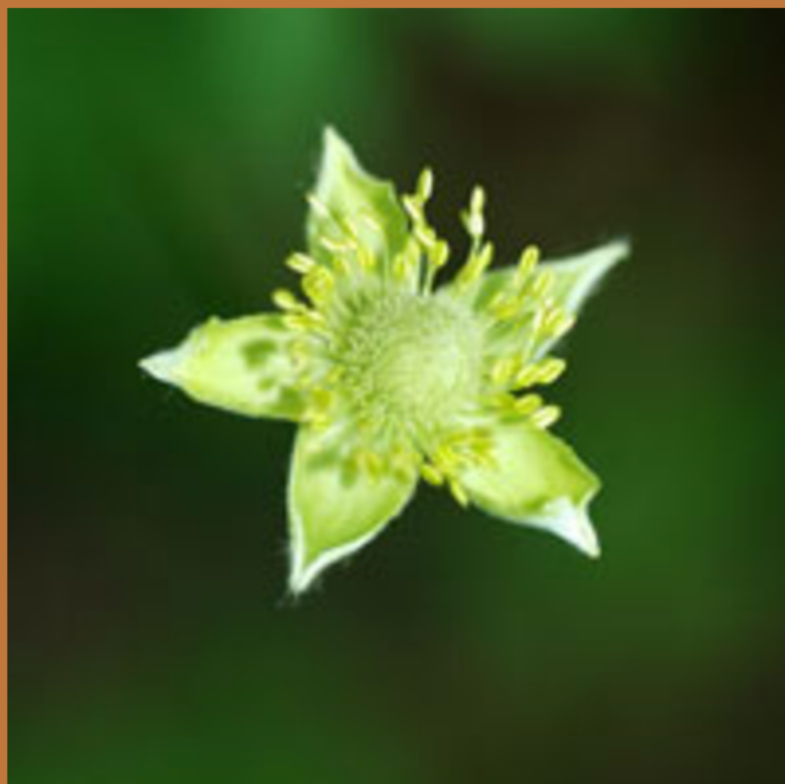


- A host plant for the Monarch Caterpillar - and attractor of pollinators
- It is also called Green Antelopehorn
- height of 8-26 inches
- Flowers during May, June & July



Tall Thimbleweed

Anemone Virginiana



Facts

Habitat: Found in woods, prairies, and river banks

Height: 1-4 feet tall

Distribution: East 1/3 Kansas

Uses: Native Americans steeped the roots and took the liquid to treat whooping cough

Time: It takes 12-15 weeks to fully mature

Flowering period: from the earliest days of spring into the fall months

Height:
8-36 inches

Asteraceae -
Sunflower
Family



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Western
Achillea millefolium
Yarrow



Flowering Period:
June, July, August,
September

Named after Achilles,
who is said to have
used it to treat battle
wounds.

Western Yarrow is
hardy, surviving well
during drought
conditions.