

Mid-Late Summer Flowers of the Mesic Prairie 1

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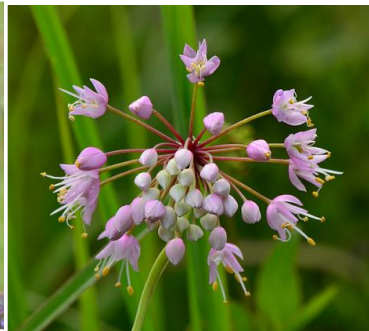
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1 *Amorpha canescens*

Leadplant: Shrub, < 1 m tall. Compound leaves up to 1.5 cm long, greyish-green. Stems and leaves hairy.



2 *Allium cernuum*

Nodding onion: Nodding, white to pink flower umbels. Wide, flattened leaves with onion-like scent.



3 *Asclepias sullivantii*

Sullivant's milkweed: Leaves opposite, hairless on underside (compare to *A. syriaca*). Flower stalks glabrous.



4 *Chamaecrista fasciculata*

Partridge pea: Pinnately compound leaves, with flowers in axils. Nectararies at base of leaves attract insects.



5 *Monarda fistulosa*

Bee balm: Square stems. Grey-green aromatic foliage. Flowers lavender.



6 *Dalea purpurea*

Purple prairie clover: Leaflets usually < 2 mm wide. Foliage darker green than that of *D. candida*.



7 *Eryngium yuccifolium*

Rattlesnake master: Blue-green leaves with toothed margins and parallel venation. Prickly flower clusters.



8 *Gentiana alba*

Cream gentian: Flowers white. Leaves clasping, with smooth margins. Earlier bloom time than other gentians.



9 *Liatris pycnostachya*

Prairie blazingstar: Recurved bracts on flowerheads; compare with appressed bracts of *L. spicata*.



10 *Lobelia spicata*

Pale spiked lobelia: Leaves > 3 mm wide. Flowers blue or white with 2-lobed upper lip and 3-lobed lower lip.



11 *Parthenium integrifolium*

Wild quinine: Greyish green leaves with rough texture. Distinctive flowers resemble cauliflower heads.



12 *Ratibida pinnata*

Yellow coneflower: Drooping yellow ray flowers. Larger leaves pinnately compound.



13 *Rudbeckia hirta*

Black-eyed susan: Hairy foliage and stems. Upper stems leafless. Yellow ray flowers and brown disk flowers.



14 *Silphium laciniatum*

Compass plant: Rough, deeply lobed leaves. Can grow up to 12' tall when flowering! Leaves tend to orient N-S.



15 *Solidago juncea*

Early goldenrod: Stems and leaves hairless, or nearly so. Flower panicles arching. The earliest-blooming goldenrod!



16 *Veronicastrum virginicum*

Culver's root: Leaves in whorls of 3-7 with serrated margins. Narrow flower spikes that bloom from the bottom up.