

Mid-Late Summer Flowers of the Wet Prairie and Seep 1

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1 *Asclepias incarnata*
Swamp milkweed: Pink flowers < 5 mm long. One of two wetland milkweed species in Illinois.



2 *Chelone glabra*
Turtlehead: Leaves sessile; square stems; host plant for the Baltimore checkerspot butterfly.



3 *Cirsium muticum*
Fen thistle: No spines on floral bracts; leaf undersides green. Compare to white undersides and spines of *C. discolor*.



4 *Doellingeria umbellata*
Flat-top aster: Stems often purple or brown; leaves often hairy, margins smooth.



5 *Eutrochium maculatum*
Spotted Joe Pye weed: Purplish stems, usually hairy; flat-headed flower panicles. Compare to *E. purpureum*.



6 *Hasteola sauveolens*
Sweet Indian plantain: Arrow-shaped leaves; spreading bracts at base of flowerheads.



7 *Helenium autumnale*
Sneezeweed: Stems are winged; rays of flowers are notched. Compare to *Verbesina alternifolia* (wingstem).



8 *Impatiens capensis*
Orange jewelweed: Translucent stems. Nectar spur on back of flowers. Attracts ruby-throated hummingbirds.



9 *Liatris pycnostachya*
Prairie blazingstar: Recurved bracts on flowerhead; compare with appressed bracts of *L. spicata*.



10 *Lobelia cardinalis*
Cardinal flower: Leaves usually broadest at or below middle; leaf surface often hairless. Flowers red.



11 *Lobelia siphilitica*
Great blue lobelia: Leaves usually broadest above the middle; upper surface of leaves usually hairy. Flowers blue.



12 *Mimulus ringens*
Monkey flower: Square, hairless stems, leaves sessile. Flowers with long stalks.



13 *Pedicularis lanceolata*
Fen betony: Leaves opposite or subopposite; not deeply lobed. Stems smooth or mostly smooth.



14 *Physostegia virginiana*
Obedient plant: Square stem, smooth leaves. Flowers can be moved to new positions and will stay in place.



15 *Verbena hastata*
Blue vervain: Square stems; violet flowers, more than 3 flower spikes. Compare to *V. stricta*.



16 *Vernonia fasciculata*
Common ironweed: Hairless stems; leaves 1 cm or less across—compare with larger leaves of *V. gigantea*.