



# Prairie paintbush

*Castilleja sessiliflora* (Figwort family)

Native

Not as brightly colored as some of its mountain relatives but still a beauty

# Howard's Evening Primrose

*Oenothera howardii* (Evening Primrose family)

Native

Large yellow flowers open in the evening and are gone by mid morning the next day



# Stork's bill

*Erodium cicutarium* (Geranium family)

Introduced

A common early weed with tiny flowers. The fruit pods look like a stork's bill. They open suddenly to catapult the seeds





# Sidebells penstemon

*Penstemon secundiflorus* (Pea family)

Native

Abundant right now. Called sidebells because the flowers are mostly on one side of the stalk

# Two grooved milkvetch

*Astragalus bisulcatus* (Pea family)

Native

Colors white to deep magenta.  
Leaves are smooth, pods have two longitudinal grooves



# Sweetclover

*Melilotus officinale* (Pea family)

Native

Introduced as forage crop, now an escapee along trails and roads.  
Bees love this for honey making



# Cheatgrass

*Anisantha tectorum* (Grass family)

Introduced

Weedy grass with little forage value when dry and with sharp parts that hurt animals mouths -- and stick terribly to your socks!

# Japanese brome

*Bromus japonicus* (Grass family)

Introduced

Close relative of cheatgrass. It is still green while cheatgrass has turned red brown. The parts on this are not harmful to grazers.



# Salsify

*Tragopogon dubius* (Sunflower family)

Introduced

Single blooms on long stem. A weed, but an attractive one.

