

Soapstone Prairie Natural Area

Late July Plants 2012



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Gayfeather

Liatrix punctata
(Sunflower family)

native

A nice purple contrast to the many yellow flowers this time of year



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Bush sunflower

Helianthus pumilus
(Sunflower family)

native

Bushy plant with rough leaves and stems. Seeds eaten by Native Americans.



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Broom groundsel

Senecio spartioides
(Sunflower family)

native

Native American dye plant. Toxic to and unpalatable to livestock.



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Blanketflower

Gaillardia aristata
(Sunflower family)

native

One of the brightest flowers on the prairie



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Curly-cup Gumweed

Grindelia squarrosa
(Sunflower family)

native

Very sticky buds. Very drought and poor soil tolerant. Can be used to make a yellow dye.



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Common Vervain

Verbena bracteata
(Flax family)

introduced

common prostrate weed with very tiny purple flowers