



**Hairy four o' clock**  
*Mirabilis hirsuta* (Four p' clock family) native.

Easily overlooked inconspicuous flowers on small stems with few leaves. The small flowers delicate lavender with protruding stamens.



**Prickly poppy**

*Argemone hispida* (Poppy family) native.

Large flowers with a long blooming season. Very prickly foliage. Attracts a number of insects

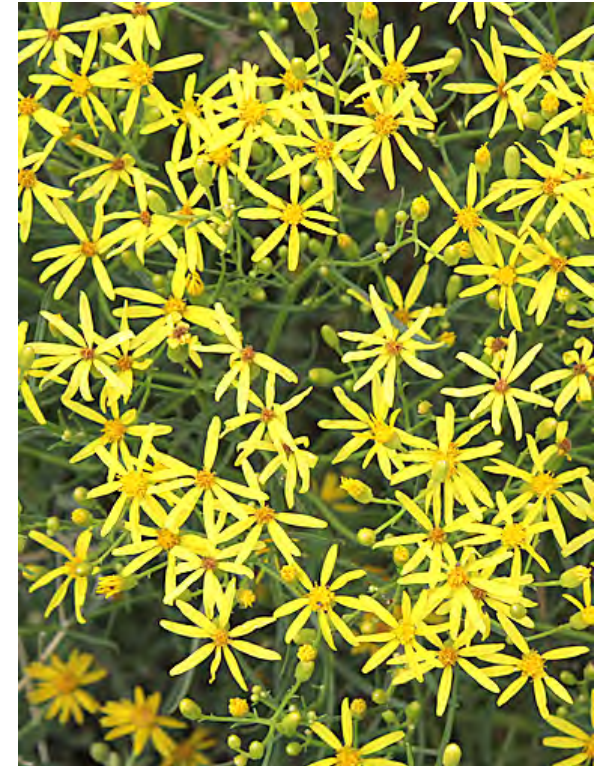


**Skunkbush**

*Rhus trilobata* (Sumac family) native.

Common shrub with three lobed leaves. The fuzzy red berries can yield a lemonade-like drink. Native Americans split the stems for basketry and used the leaves in tanning leather.

## Soapstone Prairie Plants Early August



**Broomlike ragwort**

*Senecio spartioides* (Aster family) native.

Moderately tall with sparse thin yellow rays

Native Americans used it for dye and medicine





### **Hairy goldenaster**

*Heterotheca villosa* (Aster family) native.

Often fairly low plants with closely spaced small leaves. Foliage covered with fine hairs and often scattered longer ones.



### **Dotted gayfeather**

*Liatris punctata* (Aster family) native.

Iconic purple prairie flowers with glandular dots on flowers and foliage.



### **Indian ricegrass**

*Achnatherum hymenoides* (Grass family) native.

Native Americans used small seeds for grain.