Western Nebraska's

# Flowers for Pollinators

Nebraska Statewide Arboretum

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# Spring

## Top Garden Picks



### Pasque Flower
*Pulsatilla patens*



### Basket of Gold
*Alyssum montanum*



### Prairie Smoke
*Geum triflorum*



### Pineleaf Penstemon
*Penstemon pinifolius*



### Blue Flax
*Linum lewisii*



### Prairie Spiderwort
*Tradescantia occidentalis*

## Diversify! More to Try

| sun | 6" to 18" height | latin name |
|---|---|---|
| ○ | Textile Onion | *Allium textile* |
| ○ | Plains Pussytoes | *Antennaria neglecta* |
| ○ | Tufted Milkvetch | *Astragalus spatulatus* |
| ○ | Western Wallflower | *Erysimum asperum* |
| ○ | Spintystar Cactus | *Escobaria vivipara* |
| ○ | Star Lily | *Leucocrinum montanum* |
| ○ | Fringed Puccoon | *Lithospermum incisum* |
| ○ | Showing Evening Primrose | *Oenothera speciosa* |
| ○ | Bigroot Pricklypear | *Opuntia macrorhiza* |
| ○ | Plains Pricklypear | *Opuntia polycantha* |
| ○ | Slender Penstemon | *Penstemon gracilis* |
| ○ | Rocky Mountain Penstemon | *Penstemon strictus* |
| ○ | Plains Phlox | *Phlox andicola* |
| ○ | **Pasque Flower** | ***Pulsatilla patens*** |
| ○ | Wild Begonia | *Rumex venosus* |
| ○◑ | **Basket of Gold** | ***Alyssum montanum*** |
| ○◑ | **Prairie Smoke** | ***Geum triflorum*** |

| sun | 18" to 36" height | latin name |
|---|---|---|
| ○ | Winterfat | *Krascheninnikovia lanata* |
| ○ | Large Beardtongue | *Penstemon grandiflorus* |
| ○ | **Pineleaf Penstemon** | ***Penstemon pinifolius*** |
| ○ | Prairie Thermopsis | *Thermopsis rhombifolia* |
| ○◑ | Prairie Larkspur | *Delphinium carolinianum* |
| ○◑ | **Blue Flax** | ***Linum lewisii*** |
| ○◑ | Narrowleaf Penstemon | *Penstemon angustifolis* |
| ○◑ | **Prairie Spiderwort** | ***Tradescantia occidentalis*** |

| sun | 36" to 48" height | latin name |
|---|---|---|
| ○◑ | Plains False Indigo | *Baptisia australis* |
| ○◑ | Cream Wild Indigo | *Baptisia bracteata* |

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## Early Summer

### Top Garden Picks



**Yellow Sundrops**
*Calylophus serrulatus*



**Showy Milkweed**
*Asclepias speciosa*



**Catmint****
*Nepeta xfaasenii*



**Leadplant**
*Amorpha canescens*



**Jupiter's Beard****
*Centranthus ruber*



**New Jersey Tea**
*Ceanothus americanus*

### Diversify! More to Try

| sun | 6" to 18" height | latin name |
|---|---|---|
| ○ | White Poppy Mallow | *Callirhoe alcaeoides 'Logan Calhoun'* |
| ○ | Cowboy Mallow | *Sphaeralcea coccinea* |
| ○ | **Yellow Sundrops** | ***Calylophus serrulatus*** |
| ○ | Yellow Nipple Cactus | *Escobaria missouriensis* |
| ○ | Gumbo Lily | *Oenothera caespitosa* |
| ○ | Low Pricklypear | *Opuntia humifusa* |
| ○ | Prairie Turnip | *Pediomelum esculentum* |
| ○ | Prairie Petunia | *Ruellia humilis* |
| ○◑ | Missouri Primrose | *Oenothera macrocarpa* |
| ○◑ | Purple Poppy Mallow | *Callirhoe involucrata* |
| ◑● | Rocky Mountain Columbine | *Aquilegia coerulea* |
| ● | Tall White Violet | *Viola canadensis* |

| sun | 18" to 36" height | latin name |
|---|---|---|
| ○ | Dwarf Leadplant | *Amorpha nana* |
| ○ | **Showy Milkweed** | ***Asclepias speciosa*** |
| ○ | Hairy Golden Aster | *Heterotheca villosa* |
| ○ | **Catmint**** | ***Nepeta x faasenii*** |
| ○ | Spreadfruit Thermopsis | *Thermopsis divaricarpa* |
| ○◑ | **Lead Plant** | ***Amorpha canescens*** |
| ○◑ | **Jupiter's Beard**** | ***Centranthus ruber*** |
| ○◑ | White Prairie Clover | *Dalea candida* |
| ○◑ | Purple Prairie Clover | *Dalea purpurea* |
| ○◑ | Aspen Daisy | *Erigeron speciosus* |
| ○● | Silvery Lupine | *Lupinus argenteus* |

| sun | 36" to 48" height | latin name |
|---|---|---|
| ○◑ | **New Jersey Tea** | ***Ceanothus americanus*** |
| ○◑ | Apache Plume | *Geum fallugia* |
| ○◑ | Bush Morning Glory | *Ipomoea leptophylla* |
| ○◑ | Wild Beebalm | *Monarda fistulosa* |
| ○● | Wood's Rose | *Rosa woodsii* |

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## Late Summer

### Top Garden Picks



**Blanket Flower**
*Gaillardia aristata*



**Narrowleaf Coneflower**
*Echinacea angustifolia*



**Rabbit Brush**
*Ericameria nauseosa*



**Yarrow**
*Achillea millefolium*



**Fragrant Hyssop**
*Agastache foeniculum*



**Russian Sage****
*Petrovskia atriplicifolia*

### Diversify! More to Try

| sun | 6" to 18" height | latin name |
|---|---|---|
| ○ | Nodding Onion | *Allium cernuum* |
| ○ | Pussytoes | *Antennaria parviflora* |
| ○ | Fringed Sage | *Artemisia frigida* |
| ○ | Upland Aster | *Aster ptarmicoides* |
| ○ | Yellow Sundrops | *Calylophus lavandulifolius* |
| ○ | **Blanket Flower** | ***Gaillardia aristata*** |
| ○ | Star Flower | *Mentzelia decapetala* |
| ○◑ | Green Milkweed | *Asclepias viridiflora* |
| ○◑ | Harebells | *Campanula rotundifolia* |

| sun | 18" to 36" height | latin name |
|---|---|---|
| ○ | **Narrowleaf Coneflower** | ***Echinacea angustifolia*** |
| ○ | **Rabbit Brush** | ***Ericameria nauseosa*** |
| ○ | Scarlet Gaura | *Gaura coccinea* |
| ○ | Soapweed Yucca | *Yucca glauca* |
| ○◑ | **Yarrow** | ***Achillea millefolium*** |
| ○◑ | **Fragrant Hyssop** | ***Agastache foeniculum*** |
| ○◑ | Hummingbird Mint** | *Agastache rupestris* |
| ○◑ | Pearly Everlasting | *Anaphalis margaritacea* |
| ○◑ | Prairie Sage | *Artemisia ludoviciana* |
| ○◑ | Rose Milkweed | *Asclepias incarnata* |
| ○◑ | Butterfly Milkweed | *Asclepias tuberosa* |
| ○◑ | Whorled Milkweed | *Asclepias verticillata* |
| ○◑ | Plains Blazing Star | *Liatris squarrosa* |

| sun | 36" to 48" height | latin name |
|---|---|---|
| ○ | **Russian Sage**** | ***Petrovskia atriplicifolia*** |
| ○ | Western Iron Flower | *Vernonia baldwinii* |
| ○◑ | False Sunflower | *Heliopsis helianthoides* |
| ○◑ | Wild Senna | *Senna hebecarpa* |
| ○◑ | Missouri Goldenrod | *Solidago missouriensis* |

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# Autumn

## Top Garden Picks



### My Antonia Aster*

*Aster fendleri 'My Antonia'*



### Golden Baby Goldenrod*

*Solidago canadensis 'Golden Baby'*



### Autumn Fire Sedum**

*Sedum 'Autumn Fire'*



### Dotted Blazing Star

*Liatris punctata*



### Blue Mist Spirea**

*Carypoteris xclandonensis*



### Blue Pitcher Sage

*Salvia azurea*

## Diversify! More to Try

| sun | 6" to 18" height | latin name |
|---|---|---|
| ○ | Ornamental Onion** | *Allium senescens* |
| ○ | **My Antonia Aster*** | ***Aster fendleri 'My Antonia'*** |
| ○ ◑ | Dwarf Aster | *Aster xdumosus* |
| ○ ◑ | **Gold Baby Goldenrod*** | ***Solidago canadensis 'Golden Baby'*** |
| ◑ ● | Prairie Gentian | *Eustoma grandiflorum* |

| sun | 18" to 36" height | latin name |
|---|---|---|
| ○ | Aromatic Aster | *Aster oblongifolius* |
| ○ | **Autumn Fire Sedum**** | ***Sedum 'Autumn Fire'*** |
| ○ ◑ | Heath Aster | *Aster ericoides* |
| ○ ◑ | October Skies Aster* | *Aster oblongifolius 'October Skies'* |
| ○ ◑ | Spreading Daisy | *Erigeron divergens* |
| ○ ◑ | Siskiyou Pink Gaura* | *Gaura lindheimeri 'Siskiyou Pink'* |
| ○ ◑ | **Dotted Blazing Star** | ***Liatris punctata*** |
| ○ ◑ | Blue Lobelia | *Lobelia siphilitica* |
| ○ ◑ | Prairie Coneflower | *Ratibida columnifera* |
| ○ ◑ | Black Eyed Susan | *Rudbeckia hirta* |
| ○ ◑ | Hoary Vervain | *Verbena stricta* |

| sun | 36" to 48" height | latin name |
|---|---|---|
| ○ | **Blue Mist Spirea**** | ***Caryopteris xclandonensis*** |
| ○ | Prairie Sunflower | *Helianthus petiolaris* |
| ○ ◑ | Apple Blossom Gaura | *Gaura lindheimeri* |
| ○ ◑ | Helen's Flower | *Helenium autumnale* |
| ○ ◑ | Maximilian Sunflower | *Helianthus maximilianii* |
| ○ ◑ | **Blue Pitcher Sage** | ***Salvia azurea*** |
| ○ ◑ | Fireworks Goldenrod* | *Solidago rugosa* 'Fireworks' |
| ○ ● | Purple Dome Aster* | *Aster novae angliae 'Purple Dome'* |
| ○ ● | Spotted Joe Pye | *Eupatorium maculatum* |
| ○ ● | Helen's Flower | *Helenium autumnale* |

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