

Common Prairie Plants

There are over 900 species of grasses and forbs found in Minnesota prairies. Some of the common plants in our prairies are listed below. Photos can be found at <http://www.nps.gov/miss/restoration/mnprairs.html>.

Grasses

Little Bluestem	<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>
Big Bluestem	<i>Andropogon gerardii</i>
Indiangrass	<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>
Switchgrass	<i>Panicum virgatum</i>
Canadian Wild Rye	<i>Elymus Canadensis</i>
Side Oats Grama	<i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i>
Porcupine Grass	<i>Stipa spatea</i>

Forbs (Wildflowers)

Black-eyed Susan	<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>
Bergamont	<i>Monarda fistula</i>
Anise Hyssop	<i>Agastache foeniculum</i>
Blazingstar	<i>Liatris species</i>
Gray-headed Coneflower	<i>Ratibida columnifera</i>
Butterflyweed	<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>
Wild Lupine	<i>Lupinus perennis</i>
Common Oxeye	<i>Heliopsis helianthoides</i>
Round Headed Bush Clover	<i>Lespedeza</i>
Purple Prairie Clover	<i>Dalea purpurea</i>
White Prairie Clover	<i>Dalea candida</i>
Silky Aster	<i>Aster sericeus</i>
Golden Aster	<i>Heterotheca villosa</i>
Azure Aster	<i>Aster oolentangiensis</i>
Stiff Goldenrod	<i>Solidago rigida</i>
Showy Goldenrod	<i>Solidago speciosa</i>
Prairie Coreopsis	<i>Coreopsis palmata</i>
Prairie Phlox	<i>Phlox pilosa</i>
Yarrow	<i>Achillea millefolium</i>