SUPPLEMENTARY APPENDIX 1: List of Plants Native to Nebraska for Pollinators

A highly diverse planting will provide numerous nectar, pollen, foraging, and shelter sources for pollinators during multiple seasons. While not inclusive of every plant that pollinators may use, this list of flowering herbaceous perennials and annuals, shrubs, trees, grasses, ferns, sedges, rushes, and bulrushes offers some useful suggestions for native plants that will attract pollinators to gardens and restorations in Nebraska. Choose plants appropriate to ecosystems. Common and scientific names are listed as given in the U. S. Department of Agriculture's PLANTS database (USDA 2016). Additional information about growth habits was derived from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (2017a,b), Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center (2016), Wisconsin State Herbarium (2016), Hilty (2015), Müller (2009), and experts as given in the acknowledgments section. Plants are listed in alphabetical order by Family and scientific name under growth habit (i.e., herbs/forbs, graminoids, shrubs, trees). Although all of the plants in this table are native to Nebraska, a very limited number of species may be listed as invasive by county; it is advisable to compare your plans for pollinator plots with your county noxious weed list to avoid violations. Also, some plants have mechanical and/or chemical defenses against herbivory that can cause reactions in people or animals. Make your selections accordingly if you think you, young children, pets, or livestock will be highly susceptible to plant defenses or if you have other concerns.

Herbs/forbs:							
Arum Family							
Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^b	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
Jack in the pulpit	Arisaema triphyllum	S-P	A-W	sand, loam, clay	1–2	Mar–Jun	Pulpit-like flower provides red berries in late summer; woodland plant
bearded beggarticks	Bidens aristosa	P-F	A-W	various soils except very sandy	1–4	Jul-Sept	Flowers yellow; 2-pronged bur

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Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^b	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
bearded beggarticks	Bidens aristosa	P-F	A-W	various soils except very sandy	1–4	Jul-Sept	Flowers yellow; 2-pronged bur
white doll's daisy	Boltonia asteroides	F	Α	clay- tolerant	3-5	late Jul– Oct	Flowers are white rays with yellow center; rays sometimes tinged pink to purple; tolerates standing water for short periods of time
false boneset	Brickellia eupatorioides	F	D	tolerates poor soil; limestone, clay, sand, gravel	1-3	Sept-Nov	White, yellow, or red flowerheads
tall thistle	Cirsium altissimum	F-P	A-W	fertile loam, clay- loam, sandy- loam	4–5	late Jul– Oct	Flower light to dark purple, occasionally white florets

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Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^b	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
prairie thistle	Cirsium canescens	F	A-D	sand, gravel, disturbed sites	1–3	May–Aug	Flower cream, occasionally pale lavender
Flodman's thistle	Cirsium flodmanii	F	A-D	disturbed sites	1-3	late Jun- Sept	Flowers dark purple, sometimes pink, rarely white
yellowspine thistle	Cirsium ochrocentrum	F	D	sand, gravel, disturbed sites	1–4	Jul-Aug	Flowers purple to rose-colored, rarely white
wavyleaf thistle	Cirsium undulatum	F	A-D	sand, loam, clay; disturbed sites	1–3	Jun–Jul	Flowers purple to pinkish- purple or white
blue mistflower	Conoclinium coelestinum	F-P	М	moist loam, sand, or clay; disturbed sites	1–3	Jul-Nov	Flowers blue to purple; may become weedy

<u>Herbs/forbs</u>:

Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^b	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
stiff tickseed	Coreopsis palmata	F	D-A	loam, clay- loam, sandy loam, or some gravel	1-3	May-Sept	Medium-large yellow flower heads
parasol whitetop	Doellingeria umbellata	F–P	W-A	calcareous, sandy- loam, slightly acidic	2-4	Aug-early Oct	Flower heads with white rays and yellow center, clustered inflorescence flat- topped
blacksamson echinacea	Echinacea angustifolia	F	A-D	clay loam, med. loam, sandy loam, clay, sandy	1–2	Jun–Jul	Flower is a pinkish ray that droops from a dark cone- shaped center
pale purple coneflower	Echinacea pallida	F-P	A-D	sand, loam	3-5	Jun–Jul	Narrow drooping flower petals; pale purple

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Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^b	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
tall thoroughwort	Eupatorium altissimum	F-P	D-A	loam, clay, or gravel; high pH tolerated; disturbed sites	2–5	late Jul– Sept	Flowers in branching clusters, white, star-shaped with 5 triangular petal-like lobes
common boneset	Eupatorium perfoliatum	F–S	W-A	sand, loam, clay	3-6	Jun-Oct	Flowers pure white
lateflowering thoroughwort	Eupatorium serotinum	Р	А	sandy, sandy loam, med. loam, clay loam, clay; disturbed sites	2–5	late Aug– early Oct	Small white flowers form larger heads
spotted joe pye weed	Eutrochium maculatum	F-P	W-A	mineral rich, silty or sandy loam	3-6	Aug-Sept	large, purple, domeshaped inflorescences; tolerates water- logged conditions, sandy wetlands

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sweetscented joe pye weed	Eutrochium purpureum	F–S	А	sand, loam, clay	2-6	Jun-Sept	Pale pinkish- lavender florets
Indian blanket	Gaillardia pulchella	F-P	А	sandy or calcareous; often disturbed sites	1–2	May–Aug	Flowers magenta to red with yellow border and reddish center
Spanish gold	Grindelia papposa	F	A-D	disturbed sites	2–5	Aug-Sept	Yellow flower head
curlycup gumweed	Grindelia squarrosa	F	D	disturbed sites	1–3	Jul-Oct	Flowers yellow; plant that is researched for its use as biofuel

<u>Herbs/forbs</u>:

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sneezeweed	Helenium amarum	Р	D	acid-based, calcareous, limestone- based, sand, sandy loam, med. loam, clay loam, clay; disturbed sites	1–3	Apr–Sept	Flowers yellow, occasionally with purple center, aromatic
common sneezeweed	Helenium autumnale	F-P	A-W	moist clay	2–5	late Jul– early Oct	Flowers yellow; despite its name, causes very few allergies because not wind- pollinated
common sunflower	Helianthus annuus	F-P	D-A	sand, loam, clay	1–9	Jul-Oct	Large, showy flower heads

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sawtooth sunflower	Helianthus grosseserratus	F	А	Prefers fertile loamy soil but tolerant of other soil types	3-12	Aug–Nov	Large yellow flowers with saw-toothed petals
cheerful sunflower	Helianthus ×laetiflorus	F	D	sand, loam, clay	3-6	Aug-early Oct	Flowers yellow; naturally occurring hybrid
Maximilian sunflower	Helianthus maximiliani	F	D-A	various soils; clay- like but tolerant of limestone- based, sandy, sandy loam, med. loam, clay loam, clay	3-10	Aug–Nov	Numerous yellow flowers; enjoyed by livestock

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stiff sunflower	Helianthus pauciflorus	F	A-D	loam, clay loam, sand, or gravel	2-6	late Jul– Sept	Flower yellow; leaves mostly opposite, nearly stalkless, gray- green, mostly on lower half of plant
Jerusalem artichoke	Helianthus tuberosus	F	D-A	well- drained, sand, loam, clay	3-6	late Jul– Oct	Flower heads are large, golden yellow
smooth oxeye	Heliopsis helianthoides	F	Α	sandy	3–5	late Jun- Oct	Flowers yellow with golden center
tall blazing star	Liatris aspera	F-P	A-D	sand, loam	1–4	Jul-Sept	Flowers in spike-like cluster of purple to pink; long style emerges from center of flower

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Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^b	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
dotted blazing star	Liatris punctata	F	A-D	well- drained, sandy, calcareous	1–2	Aug-Oct	Flowers pink to purple
prairie blazing star	Liatris pycnostachya	F	A-W	rich loam or clay loam, rocky	2–5	Aug-early Oct	Flowers pink to purple, cylindrical
stiff goldenrod	Oligoneuron rigidum	F	D-W	various; tolerates nutrient poor, acidic, or neutral soil	1–5	Aug-Oct	Dark yellow, bell-shaped flower-heads in terminal cluster

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Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^b	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
upright prairie coneflower	Ratibida columnifera	F	Α	various well- drained, often calcareous; limestone- based, caliche type, clay, clay loam, med. loam, sandy loam, sandy	1–3	May-Oct	Red or yellow petals droop from red-brown central disk
pinnate prairie coneflower	Ratibida pinnata	F–P	Α	various; sandy to clay and calcareous	3–5	late May– Sept	Yellow flower petals droop from center grayish-brown cone
blackeyed Susan	Rudbeckia hirta	F-P	A-D	clay, loam, peat, sand	1-3	late Jun- Sept	Flowers bright yellow with dark center; typically easy to grow

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lambstongue ragwort	Senecio integerrimus	P-F	W-A	fine to coarse- textured	1–2	late Mar– late May	Flowers yellow; grows well in riparian areas; drought- intolerant
Riddell's ragwort	Senecio riddellii	F-P	D	sand	1-3	late Jun– late Sept; or spring	Flowers yellow; sub-shrub
broom-like ragwort	Senecio spartioides	F	D	rocky, disturbed sites	<3	Jun-late Sept	Flowers pale yellow; drought- tolerant but also tolerates poor drainage; sub- shrub
wholeleaf rosinweed	Silphium integrifolium	F	А	well- drained; sand, loam, clay	2–6	Jul-Sept	Flowers bright yellow

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Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^b	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
compassplant	Silphium laciniatum	F	D-A	various; well- drained; sand, loam, clay	3-12	Jul–early Sept	Name refers to the deeply incised leaves, which tend to orient in a north-south direction
cup plant	Silphium perfoliatum	F-P	D-W	sand, loam, tolerates clay	3-6	Jul-Sept	clasping leaves around stem form a rain- catching cup that provides a water source for wildlife
Canada goldenrod	Solidago canadensis	F-P	Α	caliche type, sandy, sandy loam, med. loam, clay loam, clay	3-6	late Aug- early Nov	Showy yellow flowers

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Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^b	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
gray goldenrod	Solidago nemoralis	F–S	А	sandy, sandy loam, med. loam, clay loam, clay, caliche, rocky	1–2	Aug–Sept	Arching spikes of small yellow flowers
downy ragged goldenrod	Solidago petiolaris	F-P	A-D	sandy to rocky, slightly acidic soil	3-4	Aug-early Nov	Flowers golden yellow rays; flower heads have a floral bract
showy goldenrod	Solidago speciosa	F-P	A-D	sand, loam, clayey, rocky	1–5	Aug-Sept	Small yellow flowers form showy spikes up to 1' long
common blue wood aster	Symphyotrichum cordifolium	F	W	sand, loam, clay	2-4	Jul-Oct	Ray flowers light blue to purple, sometimes white, yellow center

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white heath aster	Symphyotrichum ericoides	F	A-D	disturbed sites	2-3	late Aug– early Oct	Flower heads white rays with yellow center
smooth blue aster	Symphyotrichum laeve	F	D-A	loam, clay- loam, sandy loam, some rock	2-4	mid Sept– Oct	Showy ray flowers, violet to purple with yellow centers
skyblue aster	Symphyotrichum oolentangiense	F–S	A	well- drained, dry, sandy or rocky sites	1–3	late Aug- early Nov	Flowers deep- blue to lavender around center yellow disk
New England aster	Symphyotrichum novae-angliae	F-P	A	sand, loam, clay	2-6	Aug-Oct	Pink, purple, or blue flowers in a ray with yellow- orange centers; clustered stems
hairy white oldfield aster	Symphyotrichum pilosum	F	А	sandy	1–3	Aug-early Nov	White showy ray flowers surround yellow center

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willowleaf aster	Symphyotrichum praealtum	F–S	А	loamy	3-5	late Aug- Oct	Flowers light blue with yellow center
golden crownbeard	Verbesina encelioides	F	D	sandy, gravelly areas, disturbed sites	2-3	Apr-Oct	Flower heads yellow with 3- toothed rays
Baldwin's ironweed	Vernonia baldwinii	F	A	rocky, sandy, clay, clay loam, med. loam, sandy loam, sandy, limestone- based, caliche type	3–5	Jul-Nov	Flowers pink to purple; spreads by rhizomes

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Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^b	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
prairie ironweed	Vernonia fasciculata	F-P	A-W	fertile; loam, peat, sand	3-6	Jul–Sept	Densely clustered, rose- purple flowers on sturdy stems

<u>Herbs/forbs</u>:

Bellflower Family

Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^b	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
cardinalflower	Lobelia cardinalis	F-S	A-W	humus- rich; med. loam, clay loam, limestone- based, sandy, sandy loam, clay	1–6	May-Oct	Showy flowers red in terminal spikes; good choice for riparian areas
great blue lobelia	Lobelia siphilitica	F–S	W-A	sand, loam, clay	2-3	late Jul– early Oct	Tubular flowers, lavender-blue; upper lip of flower has two segments and lower lip has three

Herbs/forbs:

Borage Family

Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^b	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
hoary puccoon	Lithospermum canescens	F–S	D-A	well- drained soils; disturbed sites	2	Mar–Jun	Tubular flowers yellow-orange to orange
soft-hair marbleseed	Onosmodium bejariense	S	D	sandy or rocky, well- drained	1-3	late May– Aug	Tubular, white, cream, or yellowish-green

Herbs/forbs:

Buckwheat Family

Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^b	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
water knotweed	Polygonum amphibium	F	W	hydric, muddy	1-2	Jun-Sept	Flowers bright pink in spike; can grow in water or on land
swamp smartweed	Polygonum hydropiperoides	F-P	W-A	hydric, muddy	<3	Jun–late Oct	Flowers white; in shallow water or on moist soils
Pennsylvania smartweed	Polygonum pensylvanicum	F-P	А	dark, moist, loamy	1–4	Mar-Oct	Flowers pinkish- red in dense cluster

Herbs/forbs:

Buttercup Family

Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^b	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
yellow marsh marigold	Caltha palustris	P–S	A-W	muddy, humus- rich	1–2	Apr-May	Flowers shiny yellow; good choice for riparian areas
Carolina larkspur	Delphinium carolinianum virescens	F-P	A-D	sandy, sand loam, med. loam, clay loam, clay; acid-based, calcareous	1–2	Apr–Jul	Flowers with spur, white to blue-violet in spike-like cluster
dwarf larkspur	Delphinium tricorne	Р	А	rich, moist soil	1–3	Apr-May	Flowers spurred, blue or white
purple meadow-rue	Thalictrum dasycarpum	Р	Α	rich, sandy or calcareous loams; sandy, sandy loam, med. loam, clay loam, acid- based, calcareous	3-7	Apr–Jul	White, yellow, green, or purple flowers occur in loose delicate, terminal clusters

<u>Herbs/forbs</u>:

Calamus Family

Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^b	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
sweetflag	Acorus americanus	F-P	A-W	mucky, silty	2-3	May–Jul	Grows best in water depth <1'; good for soil stabilization and preventing bank erosion; cinnamon-like aroma

<u>Herbs/forbs</u>:

Caper Family

Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^b	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
yellow spiderflower	Cleome lutea	F	A-D	sandy, rocky	1–3	May–Aug	Showy, 4- petaled yellow flowers
Rocky Mountain beeplant	Cleome serrulata	F-P	D	well- drained, sandy	4–5	Jul-Sept	Flowers pink to reddish-purple, rarely white
narrowleaf rhombopod	Cleomella angustifolia	F	A	heavy alkaline clay or sand	2-7	Jun-Sept	Flowers yellow orange and fragrant

<u>Herbs/forbs</u>:

Carrot Family

Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^b	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
button eryngo	Eryngium yuccifolium	F	A-D	sandy, loamy	4-6	Jun-Aug	Flowers turn purplish in the fall; yucca-like foliage
hemlock waterparsnip	Sium suave	F-P	A-W	sandy or mucky	2-6	Jul-Sept	Clusters of tiny white flowers, fragrant; semi- aquatic plant
golden zizia	Zizia aurea	P-S	A-W	sandy, sandy-clay, loam	1–2	May–Jul	Leaves are food source for swallowtail larvae

Herbs/forbs:

Cat-tail Family

Common name	Scientific name	Sun	Soil	Soil	Height	Bloom	Notes
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broadleaf cattail	Typha latifolia	F-P	W	hydric,	4-8	Apr–Jun	Spike of small
				rich, mud,			male flowers
				saline			above cylindrical
							brown female
							flowers

Herbs/forbs:

Dogbane Family

Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^b	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
spreading dogbane	Apocynum androsaemifolium	F–S	D	sand, gravel	2–5	Jun-Aug	Relative of milkweed; small groups of tiny pink, bell- shaped flowers near branch tips; flowers striped with darker pink inside bell; lilac- like scent; important nectar source for adult monarchs
Indianhemp	Apocynum cannabinum	P-F	Α	various	3–5	May–Aug	Relative of milkweed; small tubular flowers white; fibers can be used to make rope

<u>Herbs/forbs</u>:

Evening Primrose Family

Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^b	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
broadleaf enchanter's nightshade	Circaea lutetiana	P–S	A–W	sand, loam, clay	1–2	late May– Aug	Flowers white, sometimes faded pink; two stamens project from center of flower
common evening primrose	Oenothera biennis	F	A-D	well- drained; disturbed sites	2–6	Jul-Oct	Lemon-scented yellow flowers open at dusk and close mid- day; blooms may open on shady days as well
fourpoint evening primrose	Oenothera rhombipetala	F	A-D	sandy	1–4	Jul-Sept	Lemon-scented yellow flowers open at dusk and close mid- day; may bloom on shady days as well

<u>Herbs/forbs</u>:

Figwort Family

Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^b	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
Canadian lousewort	Pedicularis canadensis	P-S	А	limey	1–3	late Apr– Jun	Tubular, 2- lipped flowers yellow and red; gets some nourishment from other plant roots
meadow lousewort	Pedicularis crenulata	P-F	A-W	requires continually moist soil	1	May–Jul	Flowers usually purple; often grows near streams
swamp lousewort	Pedicularis lanceolata	P-F	W	limey	1–3	Aug-Oct	Long creamy white to light yellow flowers

<u>Herbs/forbs</u>:

Figwort Family

Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^b	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
foxglove beardtongue	Penstemon digitalis	F-P	A-D	fertile, well- drained loams, clay loams, and sand; prefers acidic but tolerates lime	2–5	May–Jul	Stalked clusters of white, tubular, unevenly five- lobed flowers which rise in pairs from upper leaf axils; purple lines inside flowers attract bees
large beardtongue	Penstemon grandiflorus	F	D	sandy, rocky	2-3	May-Jun	Tubular flowers pink to purple
Culver's root	Veronicastrum virginicum	F-P	A-W	moist, rich	3-6	Jul-Sept	Small white to cream-colored elongate inflorescences

Herbs/forbs:

Fumitory Family

Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposure ^a	Soil moisture ^ь	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
dutchman's breeches	Dicentra cucullaria	F-S	A-W	humus- rich, acidic to neutral; tolerates limestone	1	Mar–May	Distinctive flowers white, double-spurred; leaves fern-like

Herbs/forbs:

Geranium Family

Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^ь	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
Carolina geranium	Geranium carolinianum	F-P	A-D	gravel, clay	usually <1, up to 2'	Apr-Aug	Flowers white to pink
spotted geranium	Geranium maculatum	F-S	A	rich, acidic, but may tolerate poorer soil	1-3	Mar-Jul	Flowers range in color from white to lavender- purple

Herbs/forbs:

Iris Family

Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^b	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
prairie blue-eyed grass	Sisyrinchium campestre	F-P	D-A	sandy	1–2	May–Jun	Dainty member of the iris family with white to blue flowers; named for its slender grass- like leaves

<u>Herbs/forbs</u>:

Lily Family

Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^b	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
meadow garlic	Allium canadense	F	A	moderately rich, neutral soils	1–2	late Apr– early Jul	Flowers star- shaped, pink or whitish; emits onion-like scent; edible bulb
Michigan lily	Lilium michiganense	F-P	W-A	loamy, sandy loam	2–5	Jun–early Aug	Dangling orange to red-orange flowers with light spots
smooth Solomon's seal	Polygonatum biflorum	P-S	A-D	rich, acid soils, but also calcareous; prefers high humus; sandy, sandy, sandy loam, med. loam, clay loam, clay	1–5, usually 2'	Mar–Jun	Flowers typically pale green to white

Herbs/forbs:

Mallow Family

Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^b	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
light poppymallow	Callirhoe alcaeoides	F	А	dry, sandy or clayey; calcareous	2	late Apr– Jul	Flowers white, pink, or magenta

Herbs/forbs:

Mangosteen Family

Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^b	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
great St. Johnswort	Hypericum ascyron	F-S	A-W	loam, clay- loam, rocky	2-6	late Jun- Aug	Flowers with 5 yellow petals and very bushy stamens; leaves dark green

<u>Herbs/forbs</u>:

Milkweed Family

Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^b	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
clasping milkweed	Asclepias amplexicaulis	F	D	sandy	2-3	May–Jul	Flowers variable in color: green, pink, to purple; extremely fragrant; leaves typically clasp stem
sand milkweed	Asclepias arenaria	F	D	sandy	1–3	May-Aug	Greenish-white flowers
spider milkweed	Asclepias asperula	F	D-W	rocky, sandy	1–2	Mar-Oct	Flowers white and green
Engelmann's milkweed	Asclepias engelmanniana	F	A-D	sandy, calcareous	1–4	Jun-Sept	Flowers green, tinged purple

<u>Herbs/forbs</u>:

Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^b	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
swamp milkweed ^c	Asclepias incarnata	F-P	W-A	rich, wet, muddy; mucky clay soils; prefers neutral to slightly acidic soil, tolerates heavy clay	2-4	late Jun– early Sept	Pink to purple- colored flowers; white variants; good choice for riparian areas
sidecluster milkweed	Asclepias lanuginosa	F	D	sandy, gravelly, rocky	1	late May– Aug	Flowers white and green
broadleaf milkweed	Asclepias latifolia	F-P	D-A	sandy, well- drained	2-3	Jul-Oct	Numerous large leaves lack branches; flowers yellowish, pale- green

Herbs/forbs:

Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^b	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
plains milkweed	Asclepias pumila	F-P	D-A	sandy, clayey, or rocky calcareous or gypseous soil	<1	Jul-Aug	Flowers in white or pink umbel
purple milkweed	Asclepias purpurascens	F	D	sandy	2-3	May–Jul	Flowers deep magenta; associated with oak-hickory savanna
showy milkweed ^c	Asclepias speciosa	F	D-W	sand, loam, clay	2-4	May-Sept	Flowers in rose- colored cluster
slimleaf milkweed	Asclepias stenophylla	F	D-A	rocky or sandy limestone	1–3	Jun–early Aug	Flowers showy; pale greenish- white to pale yellowish, sometimes tinged with purple

Herbs/forbs:

Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^b	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
horsetail milkweed	Asclepias subverticillata	F-P	D	sandy	2-4	May-Sept	Star-like flowers greenish-white, sometimes tips are tinted purple
prairie milkweed ^c	Asclepias sullivantii	F	A-W	variable	2-3	Jun-Aug	Clusters of pink or pinkish-white flowers; also known as Sullivant's milkweed
common milkweed ^c	Asclepias syriaca	F	Α	med. to fine sandy, clayey, or rocky calcareous; also well- drained loamy soil	3–5, up to 8	Jun-Aug	White to purple- colored blooms; not shade- tolerant; needs plenty of light
butterfly milkweed ^c	Asclepias tuberosa	F	D-A	sand, loam	2-3	Jun-Aug	Brilliant orange blooms

Herbs/forbs:

Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposure ^a	Soil moisture ^b	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
whorled milkweed ^c	Asclepias verticillata	F-P	D	sandy, clayey, or rocky	1-3	Jun-early Sept	Flowers small, greenish-white; narrow leaves whorl around stem
green comet milkweed	Asclepias viridiflora	F	D	sandy	1–3	Jun-Aug	Flowers greenish-white; thinly oblong (comet-shaped)
green antelopehorn ^c	Asclepias viridis	F	A-W	disturbed ground, limestone soils	1–3	Apr–Sept	Flowers greenish to yellow-white, with slight reddish purple center, clustered in umbel; named for horn shape of seed pods

Herbs/forbs:

Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposure ^a	Soil moisture ^b	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
honeyvine	Cynanchum laeve	F-P	D-W	prefers fertile, moist soil	stems 10' at maturity	Jun-Sept	Honeyvine can easily spread and is very difficult to eliminate; carefully evaluate your landscape plans before planting; extremely valuable plant to monarchs; sweet scent

<u>Herbs/forbs</u>:

Mint Family

Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^b	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
blue giant hyssop	Agastache foeniculum	F-S	А	well- drained, sandy	2-4	Jul-Aug	Native mint; showy bluish- purple flowers in terminal spike
yellow giant hyssop	Agastache nepetoides	F-P	А	med., well- drained	4-6	Jul-Sept	Showy flowers creamy yellow in terminal spike
purple giant hyssop	Agastache scrophulariifolia	F–S	А	rich, moist	2–5	Jul–Sept	Flowers purplish-red in terminal spike
hairy pagoda-plant	Blephilia hirsuta	F-P	А	well- drained	2-3	May-Sept	Flowers blue to purple
wild bergamot	Monarda fistulosa	F-P	D-W	sand, loam, clay	2–5	Jul-early Sept	Cluster of lavender flowers, rarely white

<u>Herbs/forbs</u>:

Mint Family

Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^b	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
obedient plant	Physostegia virginiana	F-P	Α	humus- rich; loam, sand	2–4	Aug-Nov	Flowers snapdragon-like, but square stem typical of mints; pink to purple blooms; tolerates drought and poor drainage; easily moved
Virginia mountainmint	Pycnanthemum virginianum	Р	A-W	moist, calcareous soils	2-3	Jul–Aug	Clusters of white flowers; mint aroma; can grow prolifically but less so in drier soils
pitcher sage (azure blue sage)	Salvia azurea	F-P	A-D	limestone- based, sandy, sandy loam, med. loam, clay loam, clay	3–5	Jul-Oct	Two-lipped, blue or white flowers, whorl around square stem and form a terminal spike- like cluster

<u>Herbs/forbs</u>:

Pea Family

Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^b	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
groundplum milkvetch	Astragalus crassicarpus	F–S	D-A	any but clay	1–3	late Apr– Jun	White, blue, and purple flowers
partridge pea	Chamaecrista fasciculata	F-P	D-A	deep, sandy, well- drained; clay, clay loam, med. loam, sandy loam, sandy, acid-based, calcareous	1–3	Jun-Oct	Flowers showy yellow with red center
white prairie clover	Dalea candida	F	A-D	sandy or rocky	1–2	May-Sept	Dense, white cylindrical flowers
roundhead prairie clover	Dalea multiflora	F	D	limestone, calcareous clays	1–3	Jun–Jul	Flowers white

<u>Herbs/forbs</u>:

Pea Family

Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^b	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
purple prairie clover	Dalea purpurea	F	A-D	sand, loam, clay	1-2	May-early Sept	Dense, bright purple cylindrical flower spikes
silky prairie clover	Dalea villosa	F	D	sandy	1–2	Jul-Aug	Flowers pink to pale purple
showy ticktrefoil	Desmodium canadense	F	A-D	pH adaptable; sand, loam, clay, rocky	2-6	late Jun- early Sept	Showy flowers pink to purple; good for nitrogen fixation
roundhead lespedeza	Lespedeza capitata	F-P	A-D	sandy, loamy, or gravelly	2-4	Jun-Aug	Flowers cream with a pinkish throat
Great Basin lupine	Lupinus ×alpestris	F-P	D	well- drained	1-3	Apr–Jul	Slender flowers purple and white in clusters and spikes; good for nitrogen fixation
Nuttall's sensitive-briar	Mimosa nuttallii	F	A-D	various	vine may grow 4'	Jun-Sept	Flowers form pink globes

<u>Herbs/forbs</u>:

Phlox Family

Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^b	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
prairie phlox	Phlox andicola	F	A-D	dry, sandy or gravelly	<2	Apr–Jun	Flowers star- shaped, white, or faintly bluish; dense growth under ideal conditions
wild blue phlox	Phlox divaricata	P-S	A	rich, moist, acidic, but also calcareous; sandy, sandy loam, med. loam, clay loam, clay	<2	Apr–Jun	Flower with 5 petals fused at base; pale blue to blue-violet to reddish purple, occasionally white
fall phlox	Phlox paniculata	F	A-W	organic, loam	2-4	Jun- early Sept	Showy flower clumps of pink to lavender, rarely white

<u>Herbs/forbs</u>:

Pondweed Family

Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^b	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
largeleaf pondweed	Potamogeton amplifolius	F	W	hydric	2-3	Jul-Sept	Flowers green; aquatic plant
waterthread pondweed	Potamogeton diversifolius	F	W	hydric	2-3	Apr–May	Flowers red; aquatic plant
leafy pondweed	Potamogeton foliosus	F	W	hydric	<3	Jun-Aug	Flowers green; aquatic plant
Fries' pondweed	Potamogeton friesii	F	W	hydric	<1	Jul-Aug	Flowers green and brown; aquatic plant
variableleaf pondweed	Potamogeton gramineus	F	W	hydric	<3	Apr-May	Flowers green; aquatic plant

Herbs/forbs:

Rose Family

Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^b	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
Virginia strawberry	Fragaria virginiana	F-P	A-D	various; tolerates moderately acidic soil	<1, ground- hugging	mid Apr– Jun	Flowers white; edible berries; red fall color

APPENDIX S-1. (cont.) Herbs/forbs: Spiderwort Family Soil Soil Height Bloom Sun Scientific name Common name Notes moisture^b description (ft) period exposure^a longbract spiderwort May-early Flowers bluish-Tradescantia bracteata F-P A-D sandy <2 purple with 3 Jul petals and bright yellow anthers

<u>Herbs/forbs</u>:

Spurge Family

Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^b	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
flowering spurge	Euphorbia corollata	F-P	A-D	various; loam, clay, sand, gravel, rocky; tolerates poor soil	1–3	late Jun- Aug	Flowers white with green or yellow center

<u>Herbs/forbs</u>:

Verbena Family

Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^b	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
Dakota mock vervain	Glandularia bipinnatifida	Р	Α	well- drained sand, loam, clay, caliche, limestone	2	Mar-Oct	Flower clusters in shades of pink to purple
swamp verbena	Verbena hastata	F–S	A–W	moist, moderately acidic	2–5	Jun-Sept	Flowers small tubular, blue- violet clusters; good choice for riparian areas
hoary verbena	Verbena stricta	F	A-D	sand, loam	2-4	May-Sept	Flowers purple, lavender

Herbs/forbs:

Violet Family

Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^b	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
Nuttall's violet	Viola nuttallii	F	D-A	well- drained; sand, gravel	<1	Apr–Sept	Flowers yellow with back of upper petals often tinged with purple; lance-shaped leaves
birdfoot violet	Viola pedata	F–S	D-A	well- drained; shallow, sandy, rocky	<1	Mar–Jun	Large showy flowers pale to dark violet with deep orange anthers; named for leaf shape; tolerates drought
prairie violet	Viola pedatifida	F-P	A–D	well- drained; sand, loam	<1	mid Apr– early Jun	Flowers purple to blue-violet, 2 of the 5 petals have white hair- like tufts (bearded)

APPENDIX S-1. (cont.) Herbs/forbs: **Violet Family** Soil Soil Height Bloom Sun Scientific name Common name Notes moisture^b description (ft) period exposure^a common blue violet F-P W–A Mar-May Flowers purple Viola sororia moist, rich <1 with white throat; leaves

heart-shaped

Herbs/forbs:

Waterleaf Family

Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^b	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
eastern waterleaf	Hydrophyllum virginianum	P-S	A-W	rich soils but may tolerate shallow soils and gravel	1–2	May–Jun	Flowers range in color from white to pale violet
silverleaf phacelia	Phacelia hastata	Р	D-A	rocky	1–3	May–Jul	Flowers small white or pale purple in tight coiled cluster

Herbs/forbs:

Water-plantain Family

Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^b	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
broadleaf arrowhead	Sagittaria latifolia	F-P	W	hydric, mud	3	Jul–Sept	Three-petaled flowers white with yellow center, arrowhead- shaped leaves

Herbs/forbs:

Wood Fern Family

Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^b	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
ostrich fern	Matteuccia struthiopteris	P–S	A	moist, cool, sandy	2-8	N/A	Larval food source well- suited in
							riparian areas

<u>Graminoids</u>:

Grass Family

Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^b	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
big bluestem	Andropogon gerardii	F-P	A-D	sand, loam, clay; acid or calcareous	4-8	Aug–Nov	Tan to maroon color in fall; drought- tolerant; can survive periodic flooding
sideoats grama	Bouteloua curtipendula	F-P	A-D	med. textured, well- drained; disturbed sites, igneous, limestone- based sand, loam, clay	2–3, rarely taller	Jun-Nov	Flowers hang from only one side of stem; drought-tolerant

<u>Graminoids</u>:

Grass Family

Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^b	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
American mannagrass	Glyceria grandis	F	W	cannot tolerate high alkalinity	3–5	late May– early Sept	Cool-season grass; flowers purple; good choice for riparian areas and increasing soil stability; grows rapidly in spring and fall
little bluestem	Schizachyrium scoparium	F	A-D	well- drained; sandy, sandy loam, med. loam, clay loam, clay, limestone- based	2-3	Aug-Oct	Blue-green bunchgrass turns bronze and red in fall; larval food source
prairie dropseed	Sporobolus heterolepis	F	D	dry, sand, loam	2-4	Jul-Sept	Blooms of pink, yellow, green , or brown; fine- textured bunchgrass

<u>Graminoids</u>:

Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^b	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
river bulrush	Bolboschoenus fluviatilis	F-P	W-A	hydric, sand, loam, clay	5–7	late Jul– mid Aug	Yellowish- brown nodding flowers in spikelet
cosmopolitan bulrush	Bolboschoenus maritimus	F–S	W-A	hydric, fine clay, silt loam, sand, clay; tolerates pH up to 9.0	4–5	late Jul– Sept	Good choice for wetland erosion control
upright sedge	Carex stricta	F-P	A-W	sand, loam, peat	1-3	late May– Jul	Greenish or brownish spikes of inconspicuous flowers; actively grows when soil is cool during spring and fall

<u>Graminoids</u>:

Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^b	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
needle spikerush	Eleocharis acicularis	F	W-A	silt, sand, mud	<1	Apr-Sept, fruit	Small spikerush; grows in shallow water or wet ground
purple spikerush	Eleocharis atropurpurea	F	W	silt, sand, mud	<1	Jun-Oct, fruit	Small spikerush
flatstem spikerush	Eleocharis compressa	F	W	mucky, sandy, peaty, gravelly, rocky	1	Jun–Aug, fruit	Suitable for wetlands but may also grow in degraded sites
Engelmann's spikerush	Eleocharis engelmannii	F	W	sandy, peaty, muddy	1	Jun–Sept, fruit	Suitable for wetlands
bald spikerush	Eleocharis erythropoda	F	W-A	calcareous, alkaline pH of 7 to 8	<3	early Jun- Aug, fruit	Suitable for wetlands
pale spikerush	Eleocharis macrostachya	F-P	W	sand, loam, clay	1–3	Jun-Aug, fruit	Suitable for wetlands

<u>Graminoids</u>:

Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^b	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
blunt spikerush	Eleocharis obtusa	F-P	A-W	various; average, clay, sand, gravel, rock, acid, neutral, alkaline	<2	Jun–Oct, fruit	Suitable for wetlands
common spikerush	Eleocharis palustris	Р	W	organic, silty clay, fine loam, often alkaline	1–3	Jun–Aug, fruit	Suitable for wetlands
fewflower spikerush	Eleocharis quinqueflora	F	W	sand, peat	<1	May–Aug, fruit	Suitable for wetlands
slender spikerush	Eleocharis tenuis	F	A-W	limestone; disturbed- sites	1-3	May-Jul, fruit	Suitable for wetlands
Wolf's spikerush ^d	Eleocharis wolfii	F	A-W	sand, silt, loam, clay, rock	<2	late May– Jul	Suitable for wetlands, wet prairies

<u>Graminoids</u>:

Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^b	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
Hall's bulrush ^d	Schoenoplectiella hallii	F	W-A	fluctuating moisture, sandy, peaty	<2	Sept-Oct (fruit)	Flower clusters with 1–6 oval spikelets
hardstem bulrush	Schoenoplectus acutus	F	W	peat, coarse	5	Jun-Aug	Reddish-brown flowers; good choice for wetland soil stabilization
softstem bulrush	Schoenoplectus tabernaemontani	F-P	W	hydric	4-9	late May– Jul	Flowers nodding orange-brown spikelets
green bulrush	Scirpus atrovirens	F-P	W-A	hydric, clay, gravel, sand, organic material	2–4	Jun-Aug	Inflorescence dark brown, nearly black

<u>Graminoids</u>:

Rush Family

Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^ь	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
common rush	Juncus effusus	F-P	W	hydric, clay, loam, sand	2–4	Jul-Sept	Good choice for rain gardens and wetland soil stabilization
Torrey's rush	Juncus torreyi	F	W-A	sand, mud, clay	2-3	Jun-Aug	Yellowish-red flowers in starburst shape

Shrubs and sub-shrubs:

Aster Family

Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^b	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
yellow rabbitbrush	Chrysothamnus viscidiflorus	F	A-D	well- drained med. to course soil types	<4, 3' typical	Aug-Oct	Flowers golden; good food source for bees in fall; drought- tolerant
rubber rabbitbrush	Ericameria nauseosa	F	D	tolerates coarse, alkaline soils; disturbed sites	2–5, rarely 7	Aug-Oct	Flowers small yellow heads in dense cluster at end of stem; foliage white- gray; valuable food source for pollinators in fall

Shrubs and sub-shrubs:

Birch Family

Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^ь	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
American hazelnut	Corylus americana	Р	A-D	variable; moist to dry, well- drained soils	6-12	Apr–Jun	Edible nuts; suckering

Shrubs and sub-shrubs:

Buckthorn Family

Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^b	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
New Jersey tea	Ceanothus americanus	P-S	D-A	well- drained, mesic sand, loam, or limey; sandy, sandy, sandy loam, med. loam, limestone- based	3', up to 5'	late Apr– May	Flowers white

Shrubs and sub-shrubs:

Buckwheat Family

Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^b	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
spreading buckwheat	Eriogonum effusum	F	D	well- drained; sandy, rocky	1–3	Jul-Sept	Flowers small white
alpine golden buckwheat	Eriogonum flavum	F	D	well- drained; sandy, rocky	1-2	Jun-Aug	Flowers bright yellow; can grow well in rock gardens

Shrubs and sub-shrubs:

Dogwood Family

Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^b	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
roughleaf dogwood	Cornus drummondii	P-S	D-A	limestone- based, sandy, sandy loam, med. loam, clay loam, clay, acid-based, calcareous	up to 16'	Apr–Jun	Flowers creamy- yellow
silky dogwood	Cornus obliqua	F-P	W-A	clay, loam, sand	8–10	Jun	Greenish-white flower clusters; berries transform from white to blue

Shrubs and sub-shrubs:

Honeysuckle Family

Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposure ^a	Soil moisture ^b	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
limber honeysuckle	Lonicera dioica	P–S	D-A	various	5-10	May–Jun	Flowers arranged in whorl and reddish tubular with long yellow stamens; climbing vine- like shrub
American black elderberry	Sambucus nigra canadensis	S-F	А	prefers rich, moist, slightly acidic soil; tolerant	10-12	May–Jun	Showy white flowers in summer; edible fruit in Sept
coralberry	Symphoricarpos orbiculatus	F	A-D	well- drained sand, loam, clay	4-6	Apr–Jul	Large coral-pink to purple berries ripen in fall and persist through spring

Shrubs and sub-shrubs:

Madder Family

Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^b	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
common buttonbush	Cephalanthus occidentalis	P–S	A-W	limestone- based, sandy, sandy loam, med. loam, clay loam, clay	6-12	Jun-Sept	Good choice for riparian areas; quick-rooting for soil stabilization

Shrubs and sub-shrubs:

Mustard Family

Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^ь	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
desert princesplume	Stanleya pinnata	F	D-A	sand, stone; thrives on selenium-	1–6	Apr–Aug	Flowers lemon yellow racemes

Shrubs and sub-shrubs:

Pea Family

Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^b	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
leadplant	Amorpha canescens	F-P	D-A	sand, loam	2-3	Jun–Jul	Spikes of iridescent purple flowers; drought-tolerant and long-lived
false indigo bush	Amorpha fruticosa	F-P	Α	acid-based, calcareous, pH adaptable; sandy, sandy loam, med. loam, clay loam, clay	5-12	May–Jul	Tubular-looking flowers small, purple to dark blue with long yellow stamens
dwarf false indigo	Amorpha nana	F	A-D	rocky or sandy soil	1-3	May–Jul	Dense tufts of fragrant purple flowers in late spring

Shrubs and sub-shrubs:

Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^b	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
common serviceberry	Amelanchier arborea	S-F	А	moist, well- drained, acid soil	15–30	Apr–May	White flowers in spring; yellow, orange, and red- colored leaves in fall
common ninebark	Physocarpus opulifolius	F–S	А	clay, loam	3-10	May-Jun	White and pink flowers
chokecherry	Prunus virginiana	F–S	А	rich, moist soil; limestone- based, sandy, sandy loam, med. loam, clay loam, clay	20-30	May	White flowers become edible fruit with strong bitter flavor but rich in antioxidants

Shrubs and sub-shrubs:

Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^b	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
prairie rose	Rosa arkansana	P-F	A-D	prefers well- drained; sandy, loamy, and heavy soils; tolerates heavy clay; acid, neutral, and basic (alkaline) soils	1–3	late May– Jul	Flowers white to deep pink
smooth rose	Rosa blanda	F	D	rocky	2–5	Jun-Aug	Pink to white flowers; few thorns
Allegheny blackberry	Rubus allegheniensis	F-P	Α	various; well- drained, sand, loam, clay	3-6	late May– Jul	Flowers white; edible fruit

Shrubs and sub-shrubs:

Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^b	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
northern dewberry	Rubus flagellaris	F–S	W-D	various; loam, clay- loam, sandy or rocky	1 or up to 4 if erect	May–Jun	Flowers white, vine-like

Shrubs and sub-shrubs:

Sumac Family

Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^b	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
smooth sumac	Rhus glabra	F	D	dry, sandy, sandy loam med. loam, clay loam, clay, caliche	10-20	May–Aug	Velvety red fruit on female plants persist into winter

Trees:

Beech Family

Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^b	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
white oak	Quercus alba	F	A-D	deep, moist, well- drained, loam, sand, med. loam, clay loam, clay, acid- based		Mar-May	Brown to red wine-colored leaves in the fall
bur oak	Quercus macrocarpa	F	A-D	variable soils	80-100	Mar-May	Mild yellow- brown leaves in the fall
Northern red oak	Quercus rubra	S-P	А	well- drained, loamy sand	75–100	Mar–May	Russet to bright red color in the fall; grows rapidly

Trees:

Birch Family

Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^ь	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
hophornbeam	Ostrya virginiana	S-P	А	well- drained; variable, tolerates rocky soil	30-50	Apr	Cream-colored fruit looks like hops; yellow color in fall

Trees:

Elm Family

Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^ь	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
common hackberry	Celtis occidentalis	F	А	rich, moist soil	60-100	Feb-Apr	Yellowish in fall

Trees:

Horse-chestnut Family

Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^ь	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
Ohio Buckeye	Aesculus glabra	F-P	A	rich, deep soil	50-100	Mar–May	Greenish-yellow flowers in spring, yellow to orange flowers in fall

Trees:

Linden Family

Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^b	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
American basswood	Tilia americana	Р	Α	moist, rich, well- drained, loamy soil	60-80	Apr–Jul	Fruit is round and hangs in cluster, ripening in the fall; attracts bees that use the flowers to make strongly- flavored honey

Trees:

Maple Family

Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^ь	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
silver maple	Acer saccharinum	F-P	W-A	alluvial deposits	75-100	Mar–Apr	Delicate maple- leaf foliage; first of the maples in North America to bloom

Trees:

Olive Family

Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^b	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
white ash	Fraxinus americana	F-P	A	any deep, moist soil	75–120	Apr–May	Produces yellow, deep purple, and maroon fall color
green ash	Fraxinus pennsylvanica	F	А	sand, loamy to clayey	50-75	Apr–Jun	Yellow fall color; grows rapidly

Trees:

Pea Family

Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^b	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
eastern redbud	Cercis canadensis	S-P	A–D	moist, fertile, well- drained	15-30	Mar–May	Clusters of rosy- pink flowers in spring
Kentucky coffeetree	Gymnocladus dioicus	F	А	deep, rich, moist sandy loams or silty clays	75–100	late May– Jun	Greenish-white flowers are fragrant on the female plant; drought- resistant

Trees:

Plane-tree Family

Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^b	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
American sycamore	Platanus occidentalis	F-P	W-A	moist, sandy loam or silty clay	60-100	Mar–Apr	Produces round, brown 1" fruit; mottled white bark; leaves drop throughout summer

Trees:

Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^b	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
downy hawthorn	Crataegus mollis	F-P	A-D	variable	35-50	May–Jun	White spring flowers become orange-red fruit
prairie crab apple	Malus ioensis	F	A-D	well- drained loam	20-35	May–Jun	Fragrant white to pink flowers become very tart fruit; suckering
American plum	Prunus americana	F-P	A-D	moist, rich, well- drained loam	20-35	Apr–May	Fragrant white flowers in spring; yellow to red fruit in summer
black cherry	Prunus serotina	F-P	А	well- drained, variable	25–110; variable size classes	Mar–Jun	Small edible berries in summer

Trees:

Walnut Family

Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^b	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
shagbark hickory	Carya ovata	F-P	А	any well- drained fertile soil	60-80	Mar–Jun	Yellow to golden-brown in fall
black walnut	Juglans nigra	F-P	A	moist, rich soils; sandy loam, med. loam, clay loam, acid- based, calcareous	50–75, up to 150	Apr–May	Fruit consists of three layers; tree produces chemical that can be toxic to other plant species if planted too close

Trees:

Willow Family

Common name	Scientific name	Sun exposureª	Soil moisture ^b	Soil description	Height (ft)	Bloom period	Notes
eastern cottonwood	Populus deltoides	F	W-A	moist soils; sandy, sandy loam, med. loam, clay loam, clay	80-100	Feb–Apr	Cottony ¼ "- long seeds mature over summer; leaves are dark green in summer and fade in fall to shades of light green, yellow, and brown
Missouri River willow	Salix eriocephala	F	A-W	sandy	<20	Feb–Mar	Good choice for riparian areas; quick rooting for soil stabilization

^a Sun exposure: F = full sun, P = part sun, and S = shade.

^b Soil moisture: W = wet, A = average, and D = dry.

^c Species of milkweed recommended because of local occurrence, availability for planting, and appeal to monarchs.

^dTier I at-risk species in the Nebraska Natural Legacy Project (Schneider et al. 2011).